

Good evening! This is Dr. Moore-Lawrence, proud Principal of Bethesda Elementary with the Principal's Weekly Spotlight for the week of February 8th. Happy Super Bowl Sunday! This week, Bethesda continues to celebrate Black History Month. Our theme for this week is "Let's Go to College". During this week, students will explore opportunities and experiences related to going to college. It is our belief that every student at Bethesda can accomplish anything that he/she puts his/her mind to do. Nelson Mandela, a South African anti-apartheid revolutionary, political leader, and philanthropist who served as President of South Africa said it best, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

#### Bulldog Share and Care Starts This Week

This week's Bulldog Share and Care activities are:

**Kindergarten**--African American Inventors

**First**--Ruby Bridges Day

**Second**--Show and Tell Your Hobby

**Third**--Movie Trivia Day

**Fourth**--Virtual Puzzle

**Fifth**--Show & Tell Indoor Activity

This week, Bethesda's Tech Leadership Committee has planned activities to celebrate "National PTA Safer Internet and Device Care Week". Bethesda will host an entire week of digital safety experiences to help students and families create a safer, kinder, more inclusive online community together. Guess What? There is a spirit week as well.

Monday—Keep Cool—Your computer should stay cool just like you. Wear blue & white

Tuesday—Create a Safe Space—Find somewhere safe your computer to stay. Add some decorations to your computer's safe space.

Wednesday—Keyboard Keepers—It's important to take care of your keyboard keys. Wear as many letters or numbers as you can.

Thursday—Protect Your Screen—You wear sunglasses to protect your eyes from the sun. It is important to protect your computer screen too. Wear sunglasses.

Friday—Rest Day—It's important for you computer to rest. Make sure you turn off your computer on the weekends. Rest your feet by wearing comfy socks, shoes, or slippers.

You still have time to order your Bethesda t-shirts, sweatshirts, and other clothing items from FanCloth. Support Bethesda PTA and shop today; the sale ends February 18th. More information can be found on our website.

This week starts the new specials schedule, please check our website, Class Dojo, and Canvas for more information. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher.

#### Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

- Kindergarten, First, and Second will participate in a virtual field trip to the Toronto Zoo to learn more about polar bears.

#### Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

- Don't forget that students are to attend Morning Meeting every day, including Wellness Wednesday activities. This week's Wellness Wednesday Topic is "Let's Go to College". Please check out the school website for the Zoom information and additional details.
- Extra-Curricular Clubs (Each Club Has a Schedule of Dates; Please Note That All Clubs Don't Meet Every Week)

Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

- Third, Fourth, and Fifth will participate in a virtual field trip to learn more about whale and dolphin behavior, communication, and echolocation.

Now it's time for me to shout out some terrific Bulldogs. To learn more about why these Bulldogs were recognized, please check our website for full details.

Ms. Wilder recognized kindergarten student Delyi CG. Thank you for logging into class. Your smile brightens our day. Keep up the good work.

Ms. Wilder recognized kindergarten student Milan A. Milan thank you for being an awesome and outstanding leader in our virtual class breakout rooms. You are kind and respectful to your peers. You can retell stories like a superhero. I am proud of you.

Ms. Wilder recognized kindergarten student Kenya P. Kenya thank you for logging into class everyday and showing kindness to your peers everyday. Keep up the good work!

Mrs. Burgess recognized all of her students & families. A HUGE shoutout to all of my students and their family members for going into other first grade teacher zoom rooms while I was recuperating from an illness. They never complained, they just did as was asked. Thank you to family members for helping them get there and thank you students for being responsible, ready to learn, and respectful to the teachers and their class. I am such a blessed teacher to have family members that support not only their children, but also me, as the teacher. Thank you for all of your support and kind thoughts while I was out.

Ms. White recognized 3rd grade student Justin CJ. I am so proud of all the work you have done in small groups. Justin rules the world!

Ms. White recognized 3rd grade student Jay AT. You have worked super hard in small groups and have done a great job. I am so very proud of you.