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Weekly Update from Student Affairs **February 23 - 27** **RED Week**

We hope everyone had a relaxing break! We are looking forward to welcoming our students back to Waterview campus tomorrow. As we head into the final week of February, below are some key reminders and info for families.

Attendance Reminders

Thanks, everyone, for your cooperation in ensuring our students are punctual and ready to go each day. Please make sure you are including our Waterview attendance email alias, wpattendance@dallasinternationalschool.org, in any and all attendance communications.

Any inquiries regarding absences, tardies, or other denotations in MyDIS should be directed to that email address so our attendance coordinator and high school dean, Ms. Bejleri, may assist you as promptly as possible.

Recess Equipment Request

During the class councils prior to break, there were a few requests about procuring additional recess equipment. While there isn't an unlimited budget for these purchases, we certainly have room to consider a few additional pieces of equipment.

Please email any equipment requests to me, and we'll see what we can do within our budget. Thank you!

Next Fire Drill

Our next fire drill is scheduled for this Wednesday, February 25. This is the first of the next series of drills that will also include Shelter-in-Place and Severe Weather drills. Those too will be announced ahead of time, but any additional drills thereafter this year will be unannounced.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation during these drills, as they are key moments of preparation in the event of a real scenario.

Taking Care of School Property

While we certainly appreciate our students' artistic creativity, we kindly ask students to refrain from any form of drawing on school property, specifically on desks, tables, and chairs. These drawings are difficult to remove from the tables and other furniture and can be damaging to these pieces of school property.

Thanks for your help in making sure our campus remains as clean and presentable to all members of the community.

Uniform Points of Emphasis

Our team will continue monitoring two key points of emphasis in regard to our student uniform rules. While the uniform rules as a whole are expected to be followed on a daily basis, we have noticed two specific areas to emphasize:

- **Collared Uniform Shirts/Polos:** Students must wear their grade-level specific collared uniform shirt/polo. This includes wearing it under their DIS sweatshirt or fleece.
- **Uniform Etiquette:** Shirts must be tucked in at all times. This helps contribute to the overall environment and appearance of our campus, not just for our community but for potential visitors as well.

Please note that these uniform expectations are still applicable after any PHE classes that occur throughout the day. Students have time built into the PHE schedule to change into their school uniform before heading to their next class. We appreciate everyone's cooperation!

Student Supplies in the Classroom

Our wonderful faculty and staff continue to encourage students to come prepared each day with regular supplies such as paper/notebook, pens/pencils, calculator, etc. depending on the subject.

While classrooms have extra supplies, it is not an unlimited inventory available, and bringing these supplies to class ensures students have the chance to participate to the best of their ability in each lesson.

House Standings Update

Our next installment of the Core Values Shout Outs will launch in March, but in the meantime, here is the latest House standings update, which reflects points earned in various classes in February.

House of Songhai: 19,270 points

House of Athens: 18,120 points

House of Middle Kingdom: 14,290 points

House of Tenochtitlan: 13,520 points

Let's make it a great week!



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