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Weekly Update from Student Affairs **March 2-6** **BLUE Week**

Welcome to March! It is hard to believe we are entering the springtime season already. This year is certainly flying by! This month is jam packed with numerous fun events, competitions, and trips for our students. As we kickstart the month, below are some key reminders and info for families.

Recess Equipment Request

During the class councils a few weeks back, there were some 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!

Uniform Points of Emphasis

We have noticed overall improvement with our uniform points of emphasis in the second semester so far! We will continue to reinforce these expectations as the year continues.

One additional note we would like to continue emphasizing is that students are expected to change into their regular school uniform after PHE classes. Having PHE class does not mean students can wear PHE clothing throughout the rest of 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!

Shelter in Place Drill

Our next emergency drill will be a Shelter in Place Drill, scheduled for this Wednesday, March 4. This is the second in a series of three practice drills, with a Severe Weather drill scheduled for later in March. That too will be announced ahead of time, but any additional drills thereafter 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.

Rite Race Coming Soon - March 10

Students are encouraged to wear their **House colors** for the upcoming Rite Race, benefitting [Scottish Rite for Children](#), on Tuesday, March 10.

We are always very excited about this annual campus-wide event, which is not only fun, but supports a great cause. It encourages our students to get involved and give back to the community. Students will be reaching out to friends and family to donate for participating in this fun run.

Students received donation cards to help them ask friends and family for their support. This card has a QR code to send donors directly to the [donation page](#).

For additional donation cards, please [click here](#) or visit the Reception Desk.

We look forward to seeing you from 1:30-3:20pm on Tuesday March 10!

Core Values Shout Out Series - Responsibility

Next week, be on the lookout for the next installment of our Core Values Shout Outs series. This time the focus is on Responsibility. Can you think of a time where a student or staff member did the right thing or whose attitude and actions reflect the kind of person we strive to be?

If so, be prepared to give them a shout out next week! You'll receive House points for the person you shout out, as well as yourself.

House Standings Update

We have a few different opportunities coming up in March to earn House points, including the Core Values Shout Outs. Additionally, with the Rite Race coming up on Tuesday, March 10, students will

also earn points for their House with the number of laps they run.

As we kickstart March, the **House of Songhai** holds a very narrow lead over the **House of Athens**, but all four Houses still have a chance at winning the House Cup!

House of Songhai: 19,520 points

House of Athens: 18,620 points

House of Middle Kingdom: 14,790 points

House of Tenochtitlan: 14,020 points

Let's make it a great week!



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