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January 2021 Newsletter

Registration for School Year 2021-22

Reminder: *If you have not already done so,* Friday, January 15th is the last day to register new students for next year. If your currently enrolled scholar has a sibling (brother or sister living in the same household) whom you would like to enroll next year, please complete an application on-line at belovedccs.org/apply. Under our sibling preference policy, the sibling will be admitted without having to participate in the lottery, but you must complete an application so that we know how many seats to reserve for siblings. *Any seat not reserved by January 15th will be assigned to an applicant in the lottery, so it is very important that you submit an application by January 15th, if you have not already done so.*

This only applies to NEW students who are not currently enrolled. En-

rolled students do not have to apply each year.

Invention Convention Winners

<u>K-5:</u>

Most Useful: Tanuj Vijayasekar (1A) Most Creative: Arya Bhide (3D) Best Presentation: Aditii Karthik (4C)

Middle School:

Most Innovative: Shrihan Chourikar Most Creative: Alexander De-Paz Most Artistic: Eduardo De-Paz

High School:

Most useful: Iashia Hodges & Yanise Edmond Most Creative: Sylvia Aguayo-Olivares &

Vhyel Nicdao

Best Presentation: Ny'Sean Freeman & Maya

Santos

Most Unique: Fatima Faisal & Faith Marasigan

Best invention for students: Bola Zakhary & Jasminefaye Beroy Best invention for all ages: Ayman Dydouh & Janrex Panlilio

Most expressive: Chris Chavez & Farba Ndiaye Most convincing: Maya Santos & Harley Alvarado Best Invention for survival: Ariana Persaud

Best Invention for Adults: Keshav Anandapadmanaban Honorable Mention: Joshua Okah and Sahara Martin

Congratulations to this year's winners!!!

Dates to Remember

Jan 15 1/2 day Staff PD

Jan 15 last day to register for SY21-22

Jan 18 MLK Day No School

Jan 20 Lottery for SY 2021-22

Jan 25-29 School Choice Week

Jan 25 Yellow Day

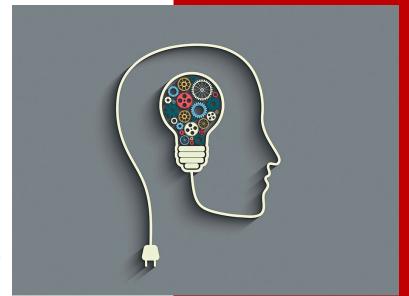
Jan 26 College Day

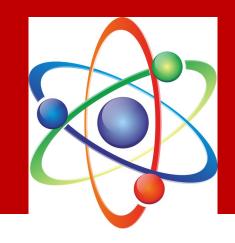
Jan 27 I Love BelovED Day

Jan 28 Dress like your Hero Day

Jan 29 Freedom to choose Day

Jan 28 MS/HS end of O2







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BelovED Reads LIT Corner

Prior to Winter break, Ms. Torres shared a Winter Challenge that is open to all scholars grades K-10! Join our Winter Reading Challenge and be entered to win some cool BelovED Reads LIT swag!

Here are the rules:

- Participants must read/listen to a book in each category
- Participants must take a picture of themselves with the book or being read to **OR** have a picture of the book
- Participants must submit a collage of the pictures be creative! You can make a Google slide collage or make it on paper.

<u>Last day to enter is January 15! Please email submissions to Ms.</u> <u>Torres at jtorres@belovedccs.org</u>

Need books? You can get a library card from the Jersey City Free Public Library and access their digital services by visiting https://www.jclibrary.org/.

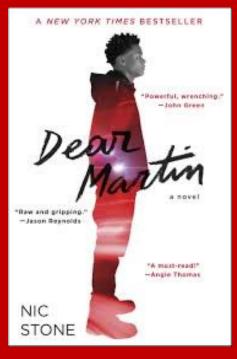
Wellness Wednesday LIVE Book Talks

Don't forget, Ms. Torres will be hosting two book rooms during Wellness Wednesday! There will be challenges, activities, read alouds and more! All students K-10 are welcome to participate! Our picture book read aloud time will be from 2pm - 3pm. From 3pm - 4pm, we will be discussing the Book of the Month "Prairie Lotus"!

On January 18th, we will begin reading "Dear Martin "as part of our community book club initiative. This book is geared towards scholars in grades 6 - 10. We have 20 copies of the book, first come, first served!

"Justyce McAllister is top of his class and set for the Ivy League—but none of that matters to the police officer who just put him in handcuffs. And despite leaving his rough neighborhood behind, he can't escape the scorn of his former peers or the ridicule of his new classmates. Justyce looks to the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for answers. But do they hold up anymore? He starts a journal to Dr. King to find out. Then comes the day Justyce goes driving with his best friend, Manny, windows rolled down, music turned up—way up, sparking the fury of an off-duty cop beside them. Find out what happens to Justyce after this pivotal moment!"







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Virtual Family Wellness Night

Our Family Wellness Night Committee worked hard on creating an amazing event that provided our community with activities, strategies, resources and information to support our community during Winter Break and in their family's daily activities and routines!

Events included:

- Physical Fitness with our PE team (including bachata with Mr. Rodriguez)
- Yoga with Mrs. Conner
- Meditation with Coach Waldron
- Self-Care Emergency Plans, Anxiety Managements and Virtual Activities with our counseling team.
- Cooking class with Ms. O'Connor
- FAQ's with Nurse Eric (and resources provided by Nurse Kleckner) for Parents

This event was extremely successful and informative for our community members and we are grateful to all who organized and attended the event!

STAR Winter Benchmark

During the week of 12/7 - 12/11, our scholars in grades K-10 took the STAR Winter Benchmark and **demonstrated tremendous growth!** The purpose of the STAR assessment is to help teachers better understand what students know and can do in the areas of early literacy, reading, and math. By pinpointing exactly what your child knows, teachers can personalize your child's practice to keep them growing. In addition, the STAR assessments see how students are progressing toward the ACT, SAT, and NJSLA, allowing us to identify students who need additional support to get everyone on track for college and career readiness.

If you would like access to your scholar's STAR report, please reach out to their ELA and Math teacher, or homeroom teacher for grades (K-3).



THIRD...

- Make a list of positive things to say to yourself when you are stressed or upset.
 Positive framing can change your whole outlook
 - What would you tell a friend if they were telling themselves those negative things?
- Examples:
 - I work hard, This circumstance does not mean
 I am a bad parent and I am a great parent, I







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Elementary School Scholars of the Month of December

| KA | Malayiah White | 2A | Kevin Goodman |
|----|---------------------|----|---------------------|
| KB | Hunter Milton | 2B | Skyler Smith |
| KC | Ariana Brown | 2C | Maryse Saleb |
| KD | Mackenzie Garcia | 2D | Mishika Kapur |
| KE | Ayansh Bannurmath | 2E | Ahmed Ayoub |
| 1A | Aiden Gomez | 3A | Anish Kanamarlapudi |
| 1B | Aya Abdelhadi | 3B | Julissa Poblete |
| 1C | Siddarth Hanmantgad | 3C | Ryan Fersha |
| 1D | Hifza Mahwood | 3D | Arya Bhide |
| 1E | Leah Bridgemohan | 3E | Ali Elsakhawi |

Akanksha Patel

| 4B 4C 4D | Jordyn Horton Hamad Mujtaba Kennedy Oliver |
|----------------|--|
| 5A | Fareda Ahmed |
| 5B | Muskan Ashfaq |
| 5C | Jordan Vesey |
| 5D | Rodaina Hassan |

4A



Nice Job!!!