



Parent Update E- Newsletter

March 8, 2016

Remaining Instructional Days of the month: **17**

Theory of Action:

*If we **plan** strategically to intellectually **engage** our students via use of varied data-based **strategies**, along with promoting **student ownership** of the learning process, then we can tailor instruction to meet the **individual needs** of students to demonstrate **mastery of standards**.*

“There is no place like home”.

— **Dorothy, Wizard of Oz**

Thank you all for your supportive and celebratory words about my recent appointment as Principal of Teachers College Community School!

I am truly honored to serve the TCCS community. I look forward to our *continual* partnership in creating and sustaining a learning environment that supports our future leaders to perform at *their* optimal best.

TCCS is a special place that I am so proud to call home.

~ Michelle

Celebrations!!

Our fifth **Parents as Learning Partners** event was a success. We had **over 50** families participate. Here are some of their observations:

- Parents noticed how much growth their children have made in the area of writing. This was evidenced by student’s ability to give details in their writing, growth in sentence length and use of conventions. (K parent)
- A parent commended that class 2-302 was able to write a play on a topic they showed interest in for African American History month. (Grade 2 parent)
- Students were observed to work together in brainstorming how to write an opinion piece by “sprinkling it with sugar” and offering solutions to persuade. (Grade 2 parent)
- Students were working collaboratively in groups to create and execute a plan to use 100 cups to create a partitioned structure. (Grade 3 parent)
- Students were able to ask peers questions during presentations on Revolutionary Battles. (Grade 4 parent)

Announcements

New Staff:

Please join me in welcoming a new member into our TCCS Family: Racander Stevenson. Mr. Stevenson will be servicing our community as a School Aide. He is familiar with many of our students and learning community, as he is a current staff member of Roads to Success (RTS).

Attendance:

Our school wide attendance goal is **98%**. Our overall attendance for the month of February slightly improved to **94.6%** from 94.1% in January. Please make every effort to have your child (ren) here on time and ready to learn. *Showing up counts!*

Please stop by to see our class attendance bulletin board in the main lobby and celebrate our students who have **100%** attendance.

100 Acts of Kindness:

Our 100th day of school was commemorated by our “100 Acts of Kindness” challenge. Students and teachers recorded notes acknowledging the kind behavior of their peers and displayed them in the multi-purpose room. You can view photos of our 100 Acts of Kindness from each classroom on the school monitor in the main entrance.

Student-Led Conferences:

Our student-led conferences were largely successful! Student reflections can reveal a lot about his or her learning and growth. We are striving to improve our students’ reflective practice on their own work to foster ***ownership of the learning process.***

Parents, as an audience, are the most critical piece of this reflective work. Thank you for participating in this focused time with your child (ren).

2016 NYC School Survey

NYC school surveys were distributed during our student led conferences. Thank you to all of our families who have already submitted responses.

If you have not received your survey, please come to TCCS and see Ms. Leona or your child’s teacher to receive your survey. We are aiming to have a 100% return of surveys. Your school, your voice!

All classes with a 100% return will have a pizza party.

Bulletin Boards!

Over the past week bulletin boards were installed in the 2nd - 4th floor hallways. We now have a safe way in

which to display all of our student’s wonderful work. Please be sure to take a look the next time you visit our school.

Safety drills:

Beginning in March, we are mandated to conduct evacuation (fire) and soft lock down drills. The purpose is to ensure that our staff and students know how to safely evacuate the building and follow safety procedures.

Coming Up Soon!

P.A. General Meeting – Thursday, March 17th 5:45 p.m.

Our sixth **Parents as Learning Partners** event will be Friday, March 18th from 8:45-9:30 a.m. We ask that parents wait until classes have gone up and have had a chance to unpack and settle before going to classrooms. An announcement will be made when it is time to go to classrooms.

No school – Friday, March 25th.

TC Music Concert: Before There Was Mozart – Friday, March 31st 5:30-6:30 p.m.