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MCCLINTON- DORLEY WCHS ALUMNI CLASS OF 2019



PLC Parent Leadership Council

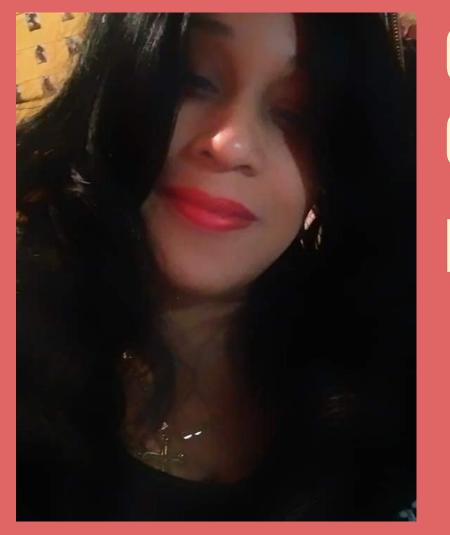




OUR PLC SECRETARY ROXANNE LIVERPOOL

OUR PLC PRESIDENT CHEVONNA HARDY

OUR PLC VICE President Cheryl McFadden



OUR PARENT COORDINATOR MS. MELODY PINK PLC Parent Leadership Council



Quick Virtual Housekeeping With Ms. Liverpool & Ms. Pink

- Please Mute your Screen & Mute your Phones
- Please Do Not Click Present or Hook your Screen to the TV (It Interferes with the Presentation)
- Please Type your Name, Scholar's Name & Email Address in the Comment Section for Attendance ** Families on the phone please email Ms. Pink your name, scholar's name & grade
- Please type any Questions in the Comment Section relating to the Meeting
- NOTE: This PLC Virtual Meeting will be recorded & posted on our school website





MS. MICHAELA BORUTA PROGRAM MANAGER BELIEVE & INSPIRE https:believeandinspire.org/



Making a difference for underserved youths, one youth at a time

Who is Believe \$ Inspire?

 Believe & Inspire is a New York 501 c(3) non-profit organization established in 2018 offering enrichment programs to underserved youth and youth aging out of foster care through the metro and tri-state area.

• Believe & Inspire connects the youths ages 15-21 with the tools and support they need to prepare for the workforce and become self-sufficient.

What we do? What is Believe \$ Inspire's Mission?

• Believe & Inspire empowers underserved youth and youth aging out of the foster care system to successfully enter workforce and life on their own though financial literacy, internship preparation, life skills and college admissions programs.

• Through the programs Believe & Inspire helps underserved youth get ahead and empowers the next generation of leaders.

What is Believe \$ Inspire's Vision?

• Believe & Inspire believes in a vision that all youth deserves the opportunity to fulfill their potential.

• Believe & Inspire aspires to turn compassion into action so that disadvantaged youth are skilled to handle their lives successfully after they leave foster care.

Benefits of taking our programs and what students walk away with, among others:

- Setting up S.M.A.R.T. Goals
- A full resume
- A template of a cover letter
- Knowing how to navigate an interview process
- Learning about professional and workplace etiquette
- Developing communication habits
- Building confidence
- Creating a personal budget

- Understanding spending and saving habits
- Learning how to open a bank account
- Understanding differences between debit and credit
- Using debit vs credit cards
- Navigating college admissions & financial aid
- 2 complete college essays
- A digital portfolio

What do our students say about the programs?

- "I learned how to stand out among applications and research the best options available to one. I also learned how to avoid cliché essays that may lessen one's application for the desired college."
- "I learned that in order to become successful in life, financial stability and knowledge is extremely important."
- "It honestly prepared me for the future. My favorite values would be how to interact in workplace and the resume that I had made for this program is what I am using everywhere. So thanks to you guys!"

Spring 2021 programs

Financial Literacy Program

- Date: January 20 March 17
- Frequency: 1x week, Wednesdays, 8 weeks
- Time: 4pm 5pm
- Virtual, Zoom platform
- Topics: Goal Setting, Managing Money, Personal Finance, Budgeting, Bank Accounts, Credit, etc.
- Free Admission
- Registration Deadline: January 16, 2021

Spring 2021 programs

Internship Preparation Program

- Date: January 26 March 25
- Frequency: 2x week, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8 weeks
- Time: 4pm 5pm
- Virtual, Zoom platform and Google Classroom
- Topics: Goal Setting, Resume and Cover letters, Personal and Professional Development, Interview process, etc.
- Free Admission
- Registration deadline: January 19

Spring 2021 programs

College Admissions and Essay Writing Program

- Date: January 25 March 24
- Frequency: 2x week, Mondays & Wednesdays, 8 weeks
- Time: 4pm 5pm
- Virtual, Zoom platform and Google Classroom
- Topics: navigating college admissions process, recommendation letters, financial aid, and essay writing

Spring 2021 programs

Life Skills Program (2x)

- Date: April 8 29; May 6 27
- Frequency: lx week, 4 weeks
- Time: 4pm 5pm
- Virtual, Zoom platform
- Topics: Goal Setting, Communication, Well-being, Self-confidence, Productivity, Time Management
- Admission: \$60/student
- Registration deadline: April 1



1. To **REGISTER** for the programs, please visit:

2. To **LEARN MORE**, please

- Visit
- Email us at
- Call us at +1 (347) 500-3755
- Fill out a form at

Thank you and we look forward to working with you.

SCHOOL UPDATES WITH OUR PLC SECRETARY MS. ROXANNE LIVERPOOL

The PLC is composed of 3 Parent Volunteers. We meet monthly with school Leadership to discuss topics of concern. At the meeting we had on December 7th, 2020, the following topics were discussed:

We are parents and like you, have questions regarding assignments and grading. In this meeting, we discussed timelines surrounding both to assist our scholars.

- Teacher grading policies there is a 2 week window for teachers to update grades in PowerSchool
 - We encourage parents to follow up with scholars for any missing work which will have an 0 - please make sure scholars are handing their work in
- Assignments are in Google Classroom and we've asked that they are present in PowerSchool where parents can check up on their scholar's progress



- We reviewed the components of the new schedule & Mr. Bashir stated:
 - o Teachers should be instructing students for the first 45 minutes of class
 - o There should be a 5 minute break given
 - o The teachers may use break out rooms for students
 - o The 2nd 45 minutes of class are for independent work with the teacher online to provide assistance
 - Work needs to be completed at the end of the 45 minute independent work session - this work should be appropriate for that time period
- Wednesdays are for scholars to study, complete homework or meet with teachers for additional support during office hours
 - o Scholars need to answer the Question of the Day by 11:45am like every other day
- Finally, we discussed our Toys for Tots Drive



YEAR IN REVIEW FROM MS. LIVERPOOL

The PLC met with School Leadership throughout 2020 to address concerns we had about the education and High School experience the scholars are receiving. Below is a list of some of the requests we've made this year:

- We asked to meet with school leadership [] We now have monthly meetings with leadership
- We asked to get a PLC WCHS email [] After some work, we got an email to communicate with families
- We asked the school to have open meetings around the school reopening [] The school held several meetings to address the reopening plan
- We asked for data for prior year SAT scores [] the school provided requested data
- We asked for SAT Prep [] There is after school SAT Prep on Mondays
- We asked for outreach to the 9th grade on College Readiness [] Now there is outreach
- We asked the school to provide colleges other than SUNY and CUNY [] They now share other private Colleges, Universities and HBCUs with scholars



- We asked for trade school opportunities for scholars as an alternative to College
 TBD
- We asked for Google meeting etiquette [] The school set ground rules for virtual meetings
- We asked for a parent workshop on PowerSchool [] At the back to school night the school featured PowerSchool and Google Classroom
- We asked how will the scholars catch up after the Asynchronous learning in Trimester 3 of 2020 [] The school provided & decided on an extended schedule
- We asked that parents are made aware of the school and scholar status [] Interim Principal Bashir addressed parents at our Mandatory Parent meeting on the state of our school regarding attendance & scholars failing classes
- We asked for updates to the school website [] The school has made and continues to make updates on the school website & Ms. Pink updated the PLC Section on website.
- We asked that the parents have an open line of communication with the school [] the school provided a Parent Concern Form on the Parent Leadership Council page of the school website



COME JOIN US FOR THE NEXT PLC MEETING

January 28th @ 6 pm Being in The Know Part 1

Our Guest Speakers

WCHS Social Emotional Academy Leaders

9th grade Mr. Bao Nguyen

10th grade Mr. Adrian Caballero

11th grade Ms. Shalanda Bailey-Douglas

12th grade Ms. Shante Martin

Topics:



The role of a Social Emotional Academy Leader – Class credits – Regents needed for graduation – Being on track to graduate – SAT- what all scholars and families need to know per grade level

We will have Resources will Ms. Pink, Live Raffle drawing, and other important topics.

The PLC invited the Academy Leaders to speak at this meeting to help us as parents have a better understanding of the High School process

You and your scholar should attend this informative meeting together



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW PART 1 Trimester 1 & Trimester 2 (Ms. McFadden) Trimester 1

 Check in PowerSchool to see what your scholar's final grades are for trimester 1.
 Scholars that received an incomplete should have a conference with their Academic Counselor. As a parent or guardian if

you are available. You should request to attend as well.

Trimester 2

- Scholars should be answering the advisory question for attendance M-F between 8 am -11:45 am.
- On Wednesdays, scholars still must answer the advisory between 8 am – 11:45 am. If they are not required to receive additional support on Wednesdays. They should be completing homework assignments, studying, or attending scheduled online office hours with teachers if they need additional support.
- Scholars no longer should be assigned Asynchronous assignments from their teachers. Asynchronous are assignments scholars teach themselves. If this is happening contact your scholar's Academy Leader.







- Scholars should not be assigned classwork they did not complete for homework nor being told to submit by 3pm. If this is happening contact your scholar's Academy Leader.
- Scholars should receive instruction from their teacher for the first 45 minutes. The remaining class time scholars should be working on assignments and in breakout rooms with the teacher to receive additional support. Your scholar should not receive instruction from their teacher for the entire 95 mins or in breakout rooms without the teacher. If this is happening email your scholar's Academy Leader.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING-

The December Board of Trustees Meeting will occur on December 15 at 6 pm via Google Meets. The link to the Board meeting is on the school's website <u>www.thewcs.org</u> under Board of Trustees. It is important to attend the Board meetings to gain a better understanding of how the school operates. All are welcome at these meetings.

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TOYS FOR TOTS

ONLINE TOY DRIVE

Jaden White Fundraiser with the support of the The National Honor Society



Toys for Tots collects new unwrapped toys and distribute those toys to less fortunate children at Christmas.

To make a donation to Toys for Tots on behalf of the Williamsburg Charter High school Community. Go to www.toysfortots.org. Enter WCHS in the find a team search bar under PEER TO PEER FUNDRAISING

Every Dollar you give will put a smile on the face of a child in need



It's that time of the year for us to open our hearts and wallets and give to a worthy cause. We the Williamsburg Charter High School Community are Fundraising for Toys for Tots. Our 2020 Fundraising campaign was initiated by one of our National Honor Society scholars Jaden White. Jaden will explain to us the Mission and Goal of Toys for Tots.







MISSION: The mission of the Marine Toys for Tots Program is to collect new unwrapped toys and distribute those toys to less fortunate children at Christmas.

GOAL: The primary goal of Marine Toys for Tots is, through the gift of a new toy, to help bring the joy of Christmas and send a message of hope to America's less fortunate children.

Toys for Tots is a not-for-profit charity.

100% of what you donate to the WCHS Fundraiser goes directly to Toys for Tots to help purchase a Toy for a child that probably would not get one without your help.



During a time like this when so many people are unemployed and are in need of help. We together can bring some happiness and a smile to the children of those families. Please help us reach the fundraising goal of \$500. We would like to reach the goal by December 22, 2020. We are a school family of over 900 scholars. If we all give a few dollars each. Together we can bring joy to some kids that really need and deserve it. So please open your hearts and donate to Toys for Tots. We will email and post the information on social media on how you can make your online donations.

MESSAGE FROM MS. PINK

- MY EMAIL ADDRESS IS: <u>MPINK@THEWCS.ORG</u>
- I'M AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY Mon Thurs 9am-2pm
- IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH ME, JUST SEND AN EMAIL & I WILL SEND A LINK FOR AN INSTANT GOOGLEMEETS MEETING.
- FAMILIES PLEASE ATTEND ALL SCHOOL MEETINGS VIRTUALLY & PARENT WORKSHOPS, IT'S ALL FOR YOU
- LIKE US ON INSTAGRAM & FACEBOOK FOR UPDATES, RESOURCES & MORE



MS. PINK'S RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES DURING THE *PANDEMIC

KNOW TENANTS' RIGHTS YOUR DURING THE COVID-19 RIGHTS CRISIS

A Virtual Workshop Presented by Brooklyn Defender Services in partnership with NYC Council Majority Leader Laurie A. Cumbo

Monday, December 14th 4PM on Zoom & Facebook Live RSVP: https://bit.ly/TenantsKYR



Join lawyers and advocates from Brooklyn Defender Services' Housing Team for a Know Your Rights workshop presented in partnership with NYC Council Majority Leader Laurie A. Cumbo about Tenants' Rights during the COVID-19 Crisis.

Date: Dec 14, 2020 04:00 PM (EST) -5:30 PM (EST)

Topics will include:

Eviction Moratorium ("Is there still a moratorium on evictions?")

Rent ("Are there any protections in place for the millions of New Yorkers who missed rent payments during the pandemic?")

Shelter ("Does the shelter system have new policies in place during the pandemic for anyone who does need to access shelter?")

Relocation ("Advice for apartment hunting and moving in our current state of partial shutdown?")
 Benefits, NYCHA, and more...

Disclaimer: This webinar does not constitute legal advice.



Herbert Von King Park 670 Lafayette Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11216 www.500MenMaking a Difference 917-297-2365

DECEMBER 19, 2020 12 PM - 4 PM

The 79th Precinct

Community Council and 79th Precinct presents their annual

Children

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In Partnership With:

Affinity Health Plan

RESTORATION PLAZA 1360 FULTON ST BROOKLYN NY, 11216

PLEASE WEAR A MASK AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

For more information call Officer Charles at 929-375-7136, Detective Martinez at 929-499-7441, or Dr Kim Best at 917-864-8170 While Supplies Last!

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TITLE I FUNDING FOR STUDENT SUCCESS Workshop

Learn how Title 1 provides opportunities for parents/families to support their children's success



SPEAKERS

Andrea Ferguson, Senior Director, Title I/Family and Community Engagement Office of the 1st Deputy Chancellor

Selina Atteberry Chairperson, D31 Title 1 Parent Advisory Council NYSED ESSA/Title 1 Committee of Practitioners

PASSCODE: 465642 Dial in: 929-205-6099

ZOOM MEETING ID: 871 5112 0593 The Year 2020 has proven to be very challenging. As a community we've had to think outside-the-box to ensure our children have the resources needed to succeed. Opportunities available through Title 1 funds are an important part of that * picture of success.

The Workshop on Monday December 14 is designed to inform, educate, advocate and empower Parents and Families to take an active role in their child's Journey to Success.

HOSTED BY TITLE I COMMITTEE, COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL 17

QUESTIONS? CONTACT Title1CEC17@gmail.com

YOUR MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS.

HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO KEEP YOU GOING STRONG!

Make a gratitude list. Write down all of the things (big and small) that you're grateful for!



Identify people and resources that you can turn to for support. Reach out to them when you need help!



Take a break to notice how your body is feeling. Can you take a few deep breaths? Stretch to relieve tension? Drink a glass of water or eat a healthy meal? Take a power nap? We need to take care of basic needs before we can tackle anything else.

Unfollow social media accounts and people who don't bring you joy! Follow accounts that lift you up!







SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUR PLC COUNCIL PRESIDENT MS. CHEVONNA HARDY





JOIN US FOR THE PLC FIRST RAFFLE OF 2021

A NEW YEAR OF HOPE RAFFLE

If you would like to enter this raffle please send an email to the PLC at plc@thewcs.org

In your email please include the following:

- 1. Your full name
- 2. Your scholar's full name and grade
- 3. The word "HOPE"

One entry per person

The winner will receive an extra special prize from the PLC In the spirit of giving. If you donate to the Williamsburg Charter H.S. Community Toys for Tots fundraiser and submit proof. We will enter your name into the raffle three times instead of Once.

Proof of your donation:

Along with your entry, include on your mail one of the following as proof:

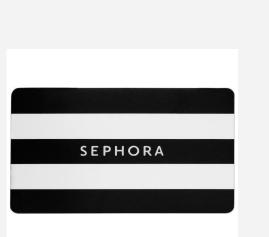
- a copy of your Thank you for your donation page
 - your emailed receipt from Toys for Tots
 - or your confirmation number

You must be present at the meeting during the raffle. If you are not in attendance, another name will be drawn. You can send your email now until January 27th @ 5 pm

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS RAFFLE CONTEST HOME for the Holidays Raffle

Each person will win a \$25 Gift Card











PLC CONTACT INFORMATION

EMAIL: PLC@THEWCS.ORG

CLOSING REMARKS FROM OUR PLC COUNCIL PRESIDENT CHEVONNA HARDY





OUR NEXT PLC MEETING IS ON JANUARY 28TH, 2021 AT 6PM