



WORLD OF INQUIRY SCHOOL NO. 58

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Dear World of Inquiry Families,

Greetings and welcome back! The 2018-19 school year holds great promise and joy in learning! Our theme this school year is “Ubuntu: I am because we are...Crew”. Ubuntu is an ancient African term meaning “humanity” and translated as “I am because we are”. The term can also mean, the belief in a universal bond of sharing that connects all of us one human family. This theme evolved through relevant conversations held in restorative circles with students, and is intended to strengthen our bonds by being more culturally responsive. The theme of Ubuntu will be weaved into various school structures and learning opportunities across the K-12 during the 2018-19 school year.

At World of Inquiry School, we believe in and commit to building the whole child. This includes engaging students in rigorous and relevant academic learning opportunities combined with the development of character. Being a great student is equally as important to being a great person. We hold our Design Principles, Model Citizen Pledge, Griffin Values and Crew Compact near and dear to our heart. Both as individuals and as a collective whole, we must understand, adhere to, and exhibit the values of our school community (see your student’s agenda, visit the school’s website and feel free to contact our parent liaison, Ms. Boyd, for more information about each document noted above).

As a school community, we are deeply committed to building strong relationships. Relationships built on trust and mutual respect are the foundation of any good organization. We regularly devote time to creating and nurturing relationships among and between all stakeholders. This includes teachers, students, parents, administrators, support staff and community members. We are proud to be a school in which our daily work infuses our strong values through implementation of EL Education and Restorative Practice. We believe that all voices matter and that we must work together to achieve goals and solve problems.

In the spirit of our collaborative effort, please take the time to review and sign our World of Inquiry School Crew Compact, and return it to your child’s teacher or Crew Advisor by September 14, 2018. The Crew Compact is a unified pledge among school staff, students and parents to uphold high expectations and to honor our Design Principles, Griffin Values and conviction that education is our future. Additionally, please see the reverse side of this letter and the enclosed content for other important information that will support our work together during this school year.

We greatly appreciate your continued support and cooperation. Please feel free to contact your child’s teacher, crew advisor and/or administrator with any additional questions or concerns. Thank you for sharing your amazing child (children) with us and we look forward to working with you! ~ WE ARE CREW, NOT PASSENGERS ~

Sheela Webster, Principal

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2018-19 ABCD Schedules

A, B, C and D-days will be standard for all schools and student schedules will indicate classes designated for these days. Please look for specific information from your child's teacher (s), crew advisor, and WOIS guidance office as we proceed with implementing schedules.

Arrival/Dismissal:

- Elementary is 9:00am-3:30pm Monday-Friday
- Secondary is 7:00am-2:30pm Monday-Friday
- Please ensure that your child arrives to school on time each day. Secondary students must arrive at 7:00am for breakfast and attend crew at 7:30am. Elementary students must arrive to school at 9:00am.
- Please notify the school if your child will be absent. The phone number is 325-6170.
- You must provide a note stating the reason for the absence when your child returns to school.
- All students will receive student agendas for daily use. The elementary agenda includes the parent handbook. Secondary student handbooks were provided to students at the seventh grade/new student orientation or will be provided in crew during the first week of school. The secondary handbook is posted on the school's website for your convenience.
- Secondary School Wide Morning Meeting is 7:45-8:30am on Wednesdays (alternating between middle and high school)
- Elementary School Wide Meeting is now in the afternoon from 2:40-3:10pm on Wednesdays (alternating between practice sessions for presenting classes and whole school meeting...more details to follow).

Calendar/Forms:

- You will receive the World of Inquiry School calendar. This calendar includes important dates and events for 2018-19 school-year so that you may schedule accordingly. Please post and refer this calendar regularly. The calendar includes a description of our school theme, the "Design Principle" and "Griffin Value" of the month.
- Your child's teacher or crew advisor will send home a variety of required forms over the next few days (Emergency Contact Information, Field Trip Medical Form, Opt-Out Agreements etc.). Please complete and return the forms to your **child's teacher or crew advisor by September 14, 2018.**
- As noted in the letter, please review, sign the WOIS Model Citizen Crew Compact, and return to your child's teacher or **crew advisor by September 14, 2018.**

Administrative Team:

- **Sheela Webster, Principal K-12/ Student Management for Grades K-4**
- **Kim Garlock, Program Administrator for Grades 7-12/Support with Student Management Grades K-4**
- **Charles Smith, Assistant Principal Secondary for Grades 7 and 8/Student Management for Grades 5-8**
- **Kwame Donko-Hanson, Assistant Principal and Student Management for Grades 9 and 10**
- **Jennifer Johnson, Assistant Principal and Student Management for Grades 11 and 12**
- **Donna Enright, Athletic Director (7-12)**
- **Ben Rhodes, Coordinating Administrator of Special Education K-12 (will be at WOIS M-TH each week)**

Administrative Assistants:

- **Nancy Resto, Senior School Secretary**
- **Liz Vinette, Main Office Secretary**
- **Carlina Dunigan, Main Office Secretary**
- **Cathy Batten, 9-10 House Secretary**
- **TBD, 11-12, House Secretary**
- **Paulisa Fisher, 7-8 House Secretary**
- **Shelly Boyd, Parent Liaison**