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November Newsletter



A Message from Principal Sanders

Building 21 families, we hope that you all are well at this time. We want to thank you all for your support as we continue to engage in virtual learning. While this has been an adjustment, I am excited to share some of the great things that we have been able to achieve while working remotely. Please take a moment to see some of the great things that are happening at Building 21 and the some of the accomplishments of our students.



College Acceptances



Dontae Adams - Ohio Technical College

Dakai Bailey - Community College of Philadelphia

Lisett Caballero - Bloomsburg University, Community College of Philadelphia, East Stroudsburg University, Mansfield University, Manor University

Carliya Davenport - Community College of Philadelphia, Neumann University

Sadie Davis - Bloomsburg University

Destiny Oliver - Cabrini University, Community College of Philadelphia, Indiana University of PA, Kutztown University, Manor University, Point Park University

Hafis Purvis - Kutztown University

Jasmine Goldsborough - Community College of Philadelphia

Christian Hill - Slippery Rock University

Kaliah Hoyte-Blackwell - Community College of Philadelphia

Keisha James - Neumann University

Lawrence Jennings-Withers - Manor University

Anwar Knox - Bloomsburg University, Cheyney University, East Stroudsburg

Dartanyon Royce - Indiana University of PA

Current Progress Towards School Benchmarks

At least 5% of 9th graders and 8% of 10th-12th graders will be at or above benchmark on STAR Math Cycle 1.

Benchmark Met

At least 15% of 12th grade students will be firmly on track for graduation, earning As and Bs in all core courses by the end of Quarter 1.

Benchmark Met

At least 10% of 10th graders and 25% of 11th-12th graders will be at or above benchmark on STAR Reading Cycle 1.

Approaching Benchmark

At least 9% of 9th grade students will be firmly on track for graduation, earning As and Bs in all core courses by the end of Quarter 1.

Approaching Benchmark

No more than 6% of students will attend less than 85% of school days by the end of Quarter 1.

Benchmark Not Met

At least 80% of students will attend school 95% or more of school days by the end of Quarter 1.

Benchmark Not Met

What's in the News?

Providing students with Alternate Pathways for Virtual Learning

Over the past 5 weeks, we have had the opportunity to be one of the only schools in the city of Philadelphia, to open our doors to students for virtual learning. We determined that there were students who were in need of support at a higher level and we used our POWER to make this happen. We went through a strategic process to identify students who we believed would benefit from this most, and worked with our families to get this off the ground. It has been an absolute pleasure working with these 25 students and families and we are proud of the progress that many of these students have made. While this program is currently on hold due to the rising cases of COVID-19, we look forward to reopening our doors soon.

School Spirit Week

The first event of the school year focused on strengthening school joy, pride and interconnectedness among our community. School Spirit week took place October 12th-October 16th. This event was a ton of fun where staff and students came together to celebrate fun activities. We want to thank all students and staff members who participated in spirit week. Here are a few of our Beautiful Building 21 Babies. Guess who they are!

Holiday Baskets for Building 21 Families

Friday, December 4th from 10am-3pm, we will be giving out holiday baskets to Building 21 students and families. Baskets will be filled with food items and gift cards to support our families during this holiday season. Each year, Building 21 hosts its annual Thanksgiving Feast with students, staff and alumni. Unfortunately with schools closed, we are not able to do our traditional event, but still wanted to show our love and appreciation for our students and families.



Progress Report Card Conferences

Mark Your Calendars

November 19th, Last day of "In the building" virtual learning

November 23rd-25th, Report Card Conferences

November 26th-27th, Thanksgiving Holiday Break

December 2nd-4th, Senior Pictures

Please join us for our quarter one report card conference. While we are not able to share this evening with our families in person, we will facilitate report card conferences virtually. We are overjoyed to bring our B21 family together and hope that you all can make it. Details to follow.

When are Report Card Conferences

Tuesday November 24th

4:00pm-6:00pm

Wednesday November 25th

10:30am-12:30pm

1:30pm-3:30pm

Please Sign Up for Your Child's Grade Level

9th Grade [Sign Up Here](#)

10th Grade [Sign Up Here](#)

11th Grade [Sign Up Here](#)

(Including Mr. Whetzel for 11th/12th Grade Computer Science)

12th Grade [Sign Up Here](#)

(Including Mr. Hitchner for all Creative Writing Courses)

Links to All Teachers Can be found below

[Click Here](#)

***Please reach out with any questions by calling 215-400-7450**

Raffle! Raffle! Raffle!

3 LUCKY people will win a \$25 Gift Card to the Grocery Store of their Choice

That's right, all parents who attend a parent-teacher conference with their child's teacher will be entered into a Building 21 Raffle! We will be giving away three special prizes. Raffle winners will be announced the week following the Thanksgiving break. **Make sure to sign up using the links above.**

We are looking forward to meeting with you virtually during these conferences!

Parent Resource Corner

Frequently Asked Questions

My child was absent. How do I submit an absent note?

All absent notes are submitted online. It is very simple and takes just a few seconds. Complete the form below if your child is absent from school. Requests will go directly to our secretary Ms. Heath.

[Absent Note Form](#)

I moved and need to update my address. How do I submit this?

All change of address requests should be submitted by completing the form below. It will go directly to our secretary Ms. Heath.

[Change of Address Form](#)

I need to see how my child is doing in class. How do I access my child's Personalized Learning Plan (PLP)?

There are 3 ways to access your student's PLP

Email	Building 21 Account	Google Account
<p>Families can be added to our weekly email that will provide you with your student's current PLP. If you are not receiving this email, please complete the form</p> <p>Update Contact Information</p>	<p>You can ask your student to pull up his/her PLP at any time. This is a live document with the most current data</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Go to https://building21.philasd.org/2. Click "students", "My PLP"3. Your student MUST be logged in to their Building 21 account	<p>If a parent has a google account, they can be added as a collaborator to their student's account.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. You will receive an email from Building 21 Admin Console with a link to your child's PLP.2. Click "open in sheets" . BOOKMARK this sheet. You can open at any time. This is a live document and will update automatically.
		