



West's Weekly

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Wednesday Newsletter

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Black History Month

February is Black History Month, and we are so excited to celebrate this important time with you and our scholars.

Established by Carter G. Woodson, first as Negro History Week, this celebration was meant not just to highlight Black icons or to share interesting facts but rather to illuminate the proud and often hidden Black history. Dr. Woodson then intended that illumination to lead to an enlightening of American history, for others



to understand Black history as American history rather than see them as two separate stories.

The West community seeks to uphold and honor Dr. Woodson's belief of a unified history throughout the month of February and beyond. While we will be celebrating in many ways throughout the month, we invite all families and community members to our culminating celebration on **Friday, February 24 at 2:15 PM** in the gymnasium. *Em Hotep* (In peace)!

Tuskegee Scholars Go High

From First Grade teacher Hannah Carloni...



“When they go low...we go high!” Each school day during morning meeting, our Tuskegee scholars proudly chant and discuss their class motto, a quote from former First Lady Michelle Obama. While the rest of our school day is filled with letters, numbers, mistakes, “ah-ha” moments and lots of high fives, morning meeting is a special time for our scholars to talk openly, form bonds and tackle the common friendship issues that are developmentally appropriate for their age group.

After discussing this quote for several weeks, I asked my students to explain to me what it meant. I truly was inspired by their answers and their ability to conceptualize such a “grown up” concept—one that adults aren't always able to get right!

Kimberly Bonilla Perez, age 7, explained, “It's important to go high because it makes the world a better place.” Anthony Salazar, age 6, said, “If you go high,

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Meet the Chancellor!

Thursday, February 16 • 6 PM to 7:30 PM • West Learning Center

All West families are invited to **“An Evening With Chancellor Antwan Wilson,”** the new head of **DC Public Schools (DCPS)**. Please join us to hear more about Chancellor Wilson’s vision for our district and for us to share our thoughts with him. The evening will include a brief student performance and refreshments. Childcare will be provided. To accommodate this special event, the **West PSCO meeting** will be held at **9 AM** on **February 16**, instead of in the evening.



Valentine’s Day

Families may send Valentine’s Day cards to school on **Tuesday, February 14**, but we ask that you send one for each student in your child’s class. **Please refrain from sending candy.** We will exchange valentines at the end of the school day. Please see our current class numbers below:

Homeroom (Teacher)	Students	Homeroom (Teacher)	Students
American (Schooler)	14	Johns Hopkins (Bocar)	15
Georgetown (Ballou)	17	GWU (Dubinsky)	15
Howard (Brabham)	18	Hampton (Henderson)	17
Tuskegee (Carloni)	17	Florida A&M (Nemeroff)	16
Fisk (Fishman)	22	Morgan State (Jackson)	23
Cornell (Coles)	19	Brown (Kim)	18
Princeton (Wise-4th Grade)	29	Penn (Liebman-5th Grade)	27
Columbia (Gann)	14	Harvard (Washington)	23
Yale (Biega)	21		

Tuskegee *(continued)*

you say good things to the person who said the bad thing. You should say good things so their heart can be good.” Lakeem Bridgeforth, age 6, explained the quote as meaning, “When someone bullies you like, ‘I don’t like your shirt!’, you say, ‘But I like your shirt!’ If someone goes low, I shouldn’t go low at them. They were teasing you because...because they’re sad in their life.”

At West Education Campus, our four core values drive us not only to achieve the highest academic standards but to become kind, empathetic citizens of the world...citizens who go high.

Athletics Update

Congratulations to the **West Girls Basketball** team, which has an undefeated record of 6-0! Our girls’ attitude, persistence and teamwork keep them ahead of their competitors, and the team is hoping to make it to the playoffs again this year. Keep up the great work Imani, Jaslyn, Jalyn, Laetitia, Zindzhi, Adriana, Janyce, Viyah, Janiece, Dakota, Destiny and Alexandra!

The **West Boys Basketball** team is back for another great season. The boys are off to a good start already, winning three more games than all last season. More important, each student has seen improvements on the court as well as in the classroom. Keep up the great work!

After-school Dance Class

West is pleased to announce a new afterschool program for students in **Kindergarten through Third Grade: Hip Hop Fusion Dance**, taught by **Joy of Motion Dance Center**. Classes will meet on **Wednesdays** from **3:30 PM to 4:30 PM**, starting **February 15**. Tuition for this 10-week program is \$100 per student. **To register, follow the link on the West Home Page (www.westschool.org).** **Questions?** Send a message to Ms. Sears at kathleen.sears@dc.gov, or visit her in the Main Office.



Lost & Found

Please be sure to check our bins of lost-and-found items! The bins are located to the left of the entrance to the Main Office. We would like to all items to find their way back home to their original owners by **February 17**. Anything remaining after this date will be washed and “donated” to our uniform closet or another charity.