
Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Dear Parents:

History has always been one of my passions. I have been excited this year to teach History 4 and History 5-6 to our students. We have been memorizing timeline events from US History. The kids memorized 25 of them first semester!



This week's timeline event focuses on the March on Washington on August 28, 1963. Besides the fact that there were roughly one quarter of a million people in attendance, the event is most remembered for a remarkable speech by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The students are listening to the speech today and the older ones will memorize a few paragraphs from it. One poignant section says:

I say to you today, my friends, so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. . . I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. . . This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning, "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of Thee I sing. Land where my fathers died. Land of the Pilgrims' pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring.

And so may it be!

January and February announcements include the following:



January 11: Progress Reports for all grades are scheduled to go home.



January 13: This is the day of our January Mileage Club challenge. It is called "Footprints in the Snow." The first through sixth graders will attempt 3.5 miles in about one hour. They are encouraged to wear a little snow gear.



January 14: This is on our calendar as a Professional Development Day. **Dismissal will be at 2:15.** After care is available for a fee.



January 17: The students and staff at BTCS will observe Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. There will be **no classes** in session.



January 24-28 is National School Choice Week. We traditionally have special “School Spirit” days. More details will follow.



February 17 is slated for our annual Open House for prospective families. Please be thinking of families you could encourage to come.



February 21: We will be **closed** for Presidents Day.



Currently, we are seeing an increase of COVID cases among our staff and students. As we are aware, the omicron variant seems to be generally less serious but much more contagious.



The quarantine protocol from the Indiana Department of Health is now five days from the onset of symptoms and to wear a mask five days following the quarantine. Thank you all for being vigilant about watching for symptoms and asking questions when you are unsure.



In January, we have traditionally conducted a Bottles for Babies campaign for the Life Centers of Indiana. We are encouraging our students and parents to fill a provided baby bottle with loose change. This money will go to help mothers who choose life and are in need. We will want to collect the bottles at the end of January, which has been designated the Right to Life month.

Please enjoy the upcoming three-day weekend!

Mrs. Newton

