

EXCELLENT NEWS

Excell Academy for Higher Learning Official Newsletter

"Doing Whatever It Takes" to educate, engage, and elevate our Excell community to "Change Tomorrows for Children Today!"



FEBRUARY EVENTS

FEBRUARY 4, 2019

CITY COUNCIL MEETING W/EXCELL

FEBRUARY 7, 2019

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

FEBRUARY 8, 2019

NO SCHOOL

1:00 - PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

FEBRUARY 18, 2019

NO SCHOOL - PRESIDENT'S DAY

FEBRUARY 28, 2019

2:30 - BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

5:30 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Feb. 5 - 5:00pm Eagles @ Best Academy

Feb. 12 - 5:00pm Eagles vs HOPE

Feb. 14 - 4:30pm Eagles vs CSOE

Feb. 19 - 5:00pm Eagles @ KIPP

**Feb 21 - 5:00pm Eagles @ LIFE Academy
(5/6th only)**

Please contact the Athletic Department for practice schedules.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Due to the school closing for extremely cold weather, the January Birthday Celebration was cancelled and will be combined with the February Birthday Celebration to be held on February 28, 2019. Notices will be re-sent to all January students along with notices to all February students. I apologize for the inconvenience.

If you have any questions regarding the monthly Birthday Celebrations, please call Monica McGill at 763-533-0500.

PARENT PICK UP AND DROP OFF

Here at Excell Academy, we take the safety of our children very seriously. We work very hard to keep your children safe on a daily basis. In order for us to continue to keep our students and staff safe, we are asking our families to please adhere to the pickup and drop off policy that we have had in place since the beginning of each school year.

Parent pick up and drop off is located in the back of the building. Students are allowed to enter the building after 8:45 am at the Student Drop Off location only. Please do not drop your students off at the front door before 9:15 am as the buses are dropping off students between 8:45-9:15 and it is very dangerous to have vehicles driving in the parking lot as students are getting off of the buses.

Also, when you come into the building, please do not park your vehicle in front of the door. Park in a designated stall, sign in at the front desk and please sign out and leave out of the front entrance and not one of the locked doors.

Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.



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THE HISTORY BEHIND BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The precursor to Black History Month was created in 1926 in the United States when historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History announced the second week in February to be "Negro History Week". This week was chosen because it coincided with the birthday of Abraham Lincoln on February 12 and of Frederick Douglass on February 14, both of which dates black communities had celebrated together since the late 19th century.

From the events initial phase, primary emphasis was placed on encouraging the coordinated teaching of the history of American blacks in the nation's public schools. The First Negro History Week was met with a lukewarm response, gaining the cooperation of the Department of Education of the States of North Carolina, Delaware, and West Virginia as well as the city school administrations of Baltimore and Washington, D.C. Despite this far from universal acceptance, the event was regarded by Woodson as "one of the most fortunate steps ever taken by the Association", and plans for a repeat of the even on an annual basis continued apace.

Black History Month was first proposed by black educators and the Black United Students at Kent State University in February 1969. The first celebration of Black History Month took place at Kent State one year later, from January 2, 1970-February 28, 1970.

Six years later, Black History Month was being celebrated all across the country in educational institutions, centers of Black culture and community centers, both great and small when President Gerald Ford recognized Black History Month, during the celebration of the United States Bicentennial. He urged Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history".

This information is courtesy of Wikipedia.

COMMUNICATION

Check our website at excellacademy.org to find out what we are serving for lunch daily.

Also, communications will be sent home with students every Wednesday. **Check your child(ren)'s folder EVERY WEDNESDAY!**

CONTACT INFO

If you need any information regarding upcoming events or want to know what you can do to fulfill your required volunteer hours, please contact Monica McGill at (763) 533-0500 x129 or reach me via email at mmcgill@excellacademy.org.

Also, if you would like to place information in this newsletter, please feel free to contact me and we can spread the "Excellent News" via our newsletter.

PARENT CORNER

Are you receiving our text/email blasts regarding special events or school alerts?

In order to receive the text/email blasts you must inform the school that you would like to give us access to include you in the blast database.

If you would like to be included in the text/email blast database, please call Ms. Garcia at 763-533-0500.