

STUDENT SUPPORT DEPARTMENT



- December 1 **STEP Reading Assessment Round 2**
- December 7 **State of Ivy Hill Town Hall**
- December 16 **Live-Streamed Winter Holiday Show**
- December 17 **Holiday Pajama Day**
- December 20-31 **Winter Break, No School**
- January 4 **School Resumes**

As we approach the end of 2021, many of us become reflective and appreciative of the experiences and people that we have encountered. Using these experiences allows us to imagine even greater possibilities and plan for what is to come both for ourselves and our families. While the abrupt departure of Ms. Johnson truly rocked the entire Ivy Hill Community, I remain encouraged by the solidarity of our families and staff members who constantly show up for our students. Although this time of year looks different for Ivy Hill, we are excited to celebrate our students' hard work and accomplishments at our Annual Winter Show and Pajama Day Party this month. Thank you all for your continued partnership, love, and support. Happy Holidays!

-Ms. Williams

Martial Arts

Grand Rising Warrior Parents,

We were excited to purchase Martial Arts uniforms for students that were true to fashion (pun intended). Not only does having a uniform make warriors look good, but it also emphasizes teachings of hard work, rewards and consequences. Only students who were able to demonstrate their knowledge and retention of Martial Arts principles and techniques were granted a uniform. I am proud to say that all Ivy Hill warriors earned their uniforms by their own merit, hard work and dedication. In a world where children are frequently given everything that they desire and request, I instill in warriors the understanding that we must put in the work to achieve the results that we desire. As our motto states, "excellence is not an accident." This milestone represents the first of many challenges that warriors will have to endure and one that will hopefully remain with them for the rest of their lives.

Kyoshi Burrell

Winter Show

We are excited to announce that we began preparing for our 3rd Annual Winter Show! This year's show is titled "Imani," one of the seven Kwanzaa principles, meaning faith. All scholars have been introduced to the routines and combinations that will be featured in our Streamed Winter Show. Although we are using class time to prepare, it is imperative that your scholar practices their routines at home. Please see Ms. Davis' parent letter for your student's assigned song and costume. Please note, if you do not have a song, your student's class will be showcasing their artwork.



Social Emotional Learning

For the past year, Ivy Hill has been working to create a school culture of respect, caring, inclusiveness, integrity, responsibility and courage. Each of these principles are explored and discussed in great detail throughout the curriculum each month. This month, we are beginning our Kindness Unit that explores each of those principles in greater detail. This curriculum is a Tier 1 evidenced-based curriculum geared to build empathy and kindness in our students. To learn more about the curriculum and review the lesson plans, visit the website:

<https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/kindergarten-grade-5-lesson-plans>

Resources

The Ivy Closet is an initiative to assist families in keeping students warm throughout the change in weather. As children are continuously growing, the Ivy Closet also offers clothing besides coats and scarfs, such as sweaters, t-shirts, and pants to help offset your monthly clothing expenses. All families, regardless of socioeconomic status are eligible to receive items from the Ivy Closet. Inventory items include sweaters, jeans, t-shirts, coats, scarves, shoes, pajamas, and more. To learn more about what we have in stock visit

<https://poshmark.com/closet/ivyhillprep>. To request items please email Ms. Thompson with the specific items and sizes that you would like:

sthompson@ivyhillprep.org

Occupational Therapy

Occupational Therapy has finally begun! We are excited to welcome Ms. Jaffe virtually until we are able to locate and hire an OT that is able to come in person. Currently, various staff members are supporting students throughout their OT sessions, similar to how you would at home during Remote Learning. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Williams: dwilliams@ivyhillprep.org

Staff Spotlight

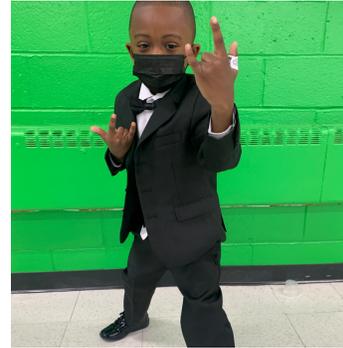


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*The third grade class loves **Ms. Thomas!** She goes above and beyond to ensure that students are supported everyday. Ms. Thomas is open to feedback and always searching for ways to move from good to great. She sacrifices her time after school to prepare for her lessons. Her positive attitude has been a light in our school community.*

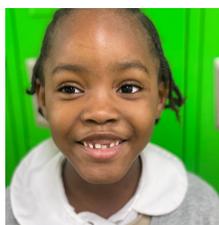
♥ *Ms. Thompson*

Fancy Feast

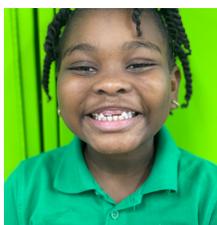




Happy Birthday to all of our special friends who are celebrating a birthday in December. Ms. Yearwood is celebrating her birthday as well. Hooray!!!



Amaya 12/1



Angelica 12/4



Jalen 12/4



Laura 12/5



Kennedy 12/6



Allanah 12/7



Tiana 12/7



Ezra 12/9



Kori 12/10



Joseph 12/12



Serae 12/14



Soleil 12/14



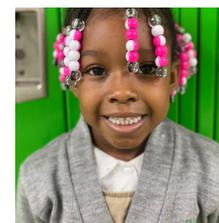
Ms. Yearwood 12/14



Dakota 12/17



Ivaan 12/18



Rosaline 12/22



Rachael 12/22



Jaden C. 12/23



Franklin 12/27



Jaden L. 12/29



Simon 12/30