



PARTNERING FOR SUCCESS

M.E.T.S. Charter School Home of the Mustangs

September 2015

Principal's Message:

Dear M.E.T.S. Family,

Happy Friday, Mustangs! I trust you're well. We also appreciate everyone who like us on Facebook and is following us on Twitter. Spirit day photos attached. Most of the



time when we think of the important lessons of school, we think of the academic lessons we learn. We know how important it

not just in school, but in their workplace, family and friendships.

At M.E.T.S. we make a big deal about punctuality and attendance because jobs and colleges do. For example, Actor Equity's rule for auditions is that if an actor is not present a half hour before an audition, he loses the opportunity to try out for the part. On a more personal level, I find it tremendously disrespectful when friends or family members keep me waiting when we are supposed to meet up for dinner or a movie. Do they think their time is so much more valuable than mine? Timeliness is an area where responsibility and respect for others



is that we can read well to succeed in college or on the job, and we know how the problem-solving skills of math will benefit us in learning how to collect and analyze information to solve other problems in life. While we will need these skills, and so many more, to succeed in college or any profession that pays a decent wage, it is important to remember that the most vital and transferable skill we learn in school is responsibility. Even more than geometry, global politics, or literary analysis, we need to teach students to be punctual, mentally present, hard-working and reliable, no matter what they do in life, ultimately, whether or not they do a particular homework assignment or project or get to school late for a day will not ruin their life, but a pattern of irresponsible behavior will lead failure,

intersects. If students only complete work when they are being watched, have to be threatened to be punctual, and have attendance issues, then they cannot graduate high school. More importantly, these signs of irresponsibility make them less likely to be able to hold a job or be a dependable or supportive friend. All of us at M.E.T.S. need to help each other to become more responsible.

Learning Walks this week. Remember, it is about our learning and reflection as we SEE, TALK, APPLY, and REFLECT when we contribute and learn from others. In a recent learning walk, there were some critical "takeaways" that I would like to share; most recently, I had the opportunity to visit Ms. Shahzadi classroom I enjoyed seeing the Animal Cell Projects, the creativity, detail, and engagement each project showed.

In closing, I just want to remind you how important it is to get your child to school on time. Our first bell rings at Success is the ONLY Option!

xx:xx55AM and students will be marked tardy at xx:00 am. Having your student here on time and ready for instruction is critical for a successful day.

Thank you to all of the parents and community members who support our school. You are such an integral part of the educational process of M.E.T.S. scholars!

Have a fantastic weekend.



Sincerely,
Principal Dennis
wdennis@metscharterschool.org

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Mentoring Program Coming Soon!

Parent Chat :

October 6, 2015 at 5:30-6:30pm

Student of the Month:

Jah-Melia Cookhorn-Grade12

Staff of the Month:

AJ Seepaul

Don't forget to follow us on facebook & twitter:



The Kite Runner Project

Students in Ms. Noel's English class were asked to create a kite based on their knowledge of *The Kite Runner*. Each panel represented one of the following key points:

- Theme
- Character
- Turning points
- Symbols



College Corner : We are Going to College!



Ms. Rikleys College Corner
Room 311

Each floor will be labelled with a banner displaying the name of the college it represents - all proud New Jersey institutions.

Deans Corner

The Dean's Office is encouraging all students to pledge to respect themselves and others by signing a pledge for the Week of Respect to be displayed in the cafeteria.

We would like to congratulate the winners of this month's pizza party - 6th graders with 100%, and 9th graders with 94% in dress code and 6th graders with 98% and 11th graders with 89% arriving to class on time.

Club Corner

Monday:

Chess & Board Game Club

Open: All students

Room: 209

Staff: Dr. Pustilnik – mpustilnik@metscharterschool.org

Mr. Castanheira – pcastanheira@metscharterschool.org

Student Council

Open: All students by election

Room: 203

Staff: Ms. Aronds – caronds@metscharterschool.org

Mr. Urbankowski – durbankowski@metscharterschool.org

Ms. Zamora – szamora@metscharterschool.org

Mr. Flannery – jflannery@metscharterschool.org

Tuesday:

Maker Lab

Open: All Students

Room: 309

Staff: Mr. Shallcross – cshallcross@metscharterschool.org

Ms. Aronds – caronds@metscharterschool.org

Anime Club

Open: All students

Room: 203

Staff: Ms. Aronds – caronds@metscharterschool.org

HS Poetry/Creative Writing

Open: All high school students

Room: 202

Staff: Multiple English staff

Multicultural Club

Open: All students

Room: 200

Staff: Ms. Muhammad-Jones – nmuhammadjones@metscharterschool.org

Ms. Brooks – wbrooks@metscharterschool.org

Wednesday:

No Club Meetings

Thursday:

MS Poetry/Creative Writing

Open: All middle school students

Room: 202

Staff: Multiple English staff

Maker Lab

Open: All students

Room 309

Staff: Mr. Shallcross – cshallcross@metscharterschool.org

Ms. Aronds – caronds@metscharterschool.org

National Honors Society

Open: All high school students per nomination/election

Room: 210

Every other Thursday beginning 10/1

Ms. Lopez – mlopez@metscharterschool.org

Jr. National Honors Society

Open: All middle school students per nomination/election

Room: 210

Every other Thursday

Ms. Sinisi – tsinisi@metscharterschool.org

Friday:

No Club Meetings

Report Card Distribution Dates (tentative)

MP 1	MP2	MP3	MP4
November 25, 2015	February 9, 2015	March 25, 2015	June 28, 2015

We are data informed to focus on instructional improvements...coming soon!

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