**Looking Ahead to May**

*“Confidence is something you create within yourself by believing in who you are.” - Unknown*

The attitude of the month for May is **confidence**. Confidence is a feeling of certainty or a belief in oneself. We show confidence in our ability as learners, having the courage to take risks, apply what we have learned and make good decisions and choices. In school, students show confidence by making good decisions, participating in class, and using positive self-talk.  As we approach the end of the year, students can show confidence in what they have learned in order to approach their tests with a positive attitude. There are many ways to develop the attitude of confidence, such as putting yourself in leadership positions, doing things that you didn’t think you could, and being assertive and self-aware. Encourage your child to speak up at appropriate times, try new things and to understand their strengths and needs.

**Last Call for Summer School**

Please don’t forget to register your child for summer school by **Friday, May 5th**. The warm summer days are just ahead. As you make your summer plans, please know that our summer school registration is open! We really hope that your child can join us from July 10 – August 11. Sessions will run daily from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Our summer school site is **Hoffman-Boston Elementary School**. Transportation will be provided each day from Randolph to Hoffman-Boston. The bus will return students to Randolph immediately after summer school. **For those families choosing to remain at Hoffman-Boston for Extended Day, afternoon transportation will be the responsibility of the parents.** There are also many other summer school opportunities and programs available! Additional information can be found in the 2017 APS Summer School Catalog. Please call the main office at Randolph if you have any questions at 703-228-5830. We are hoping to prevent the dreaded “summer slide” by having students actively engaged with learning experiences throughout the summer.

**Join us for our May PTA Meeting**

We’d love to have our parents and guardians join us for our May 2nd PTA meeting. If your schedule permits, please plan to attend our monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, May at 7:00 p.m. Come hear about recent updates from our PTA as well as upcoming events planned for our students. Interpreters will be available.

**Lost and Found**

Is your child missing a sweatshirt, gloves or a coat? Be sure to check out the lost and found near the gym.  **Any items that are remaining after Monday, May 1st will be donated.**

**Testing, Testing… 1-2-3…**

Standards of Learning (SOL) Tests are almost here! Your child’s path for college and career readiness starts now, with the SOL tests. The score students receive on the SOL assessments will travel with them from elementary school, to middle school, to high school. Our students have been working hard this year, and we are excited for the Randolph Stars to demonstrate their knowledge. You can help us with testing preparation! Please follow the tips below to assist your child in doing his/her very best on the test.

* It is important that students come to school on time.
* Make sure your child is well-rested and well-nourished.
* Encourage your child to do his or her best work possible.
* Please do not remove your child from school on days we are testing or schedule appointments during this time period.

SOL testing is from May 15 – June 13 (including re-takes). We will provide specific grade level schedules in the next newsletter. Thanks for your assistance!

**Thank You to Our “Superheroes”**

Our annual Volunteer and Partner Appreciation Reception, “You Are Superheroes,” will take place on Wednesday, May 3, 3:30-5:00pm in the library. We are so excited to celebrate the wonderful people who commit their time, energy and resources to be a part of the Randolph family. At the event we will serve light snacks and soft drinks and will have a short program. Expect to participate in some fun activities, interact with other volunteers, enjoy yummy snacks, and maybe win a raffle prize! We hope you can join us. Babysitting will be provided.

**Beautiful Music Abounds**

We love this time of year when we have the honor of listening to our talented music students perform for parents, students, staff and community members. This year, our annual spring instrumental concert will be held on **Thursday, May 4th at 9:30 a.m. in the gym**. Later that evening, we will proudly host both our chorus and instrumental concert at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. **Student performers are asked to return to school by 6:15pm.**

To round out or musical tribute, we will showcase the chorus during a school assembly on **Friday, May 5th at 9:00 a.m. in the gym**. We hope that you will be able to join us for one, two or all three of these magnificent musical events!

**Parent Training Continues!**

PARTICIPA is a parent involvement and leadership course designed for immigrant parents who want to deepen their understanding of how the American school system works to be able to navigate it effectively and strengthen their ability to support and advocate for their children’s education. Our 2nd session is scheduled for **Monday, May 1st from 8:15 – 10:15 a.m. in the library**. The subject is “Knowing Your Rights”.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**May 1:** Club de Madres, 8:15-10:15 a.m., Library/Cafeteria: PARTICIPA Workshop

**May 2:** PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**May 4:** Spring Instrumental Concert, 9:30 a.m., Gym

**May 4:** Spring Concert (chorus and instrumental music), 7:00 p.m., Gym

**May 5:** Spring Concert (chorus), 9:00 a.m., Gym

**May 5:** Interpreters available for Report Card translation, 10:00a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**May 6:** Math Dice Tournament at Discover Elementary School, 8:30a.m. – 12:00p.m.

**May 8:** Club de Madres, 8:15-10:15 a.m., Library/Cafeteria: PARTICIPA Workshop

**May 8:** Interpreters available for Report Card translation, 8:30-11:00 a.m. **and** 3:00-5:00 p.m.

**May 8:** Honor Roll Luncheon, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

**May 9:** Kindergarten field trip to National Zoo, 9:30a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**May 10:** Principal’s Coffee, 8:15-9:30 a.m., Library

**May 10:** 1st grade field trip to Long Branch Nature Center, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**May 11:** 1st grade field trip to Long Branch Nature Center, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**May 11:** 4th grade field trip to Pamplin Historical Park, 7:00a.m. – 6:00p.m.

**May 15:** Club de Madres, 8:15-10:15 a.m., Library/Cafeteria: PARTICIPA Workshop

**Quarter 3 Report Card Interpreter Request**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Language:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Please choose your options below. Each appointment is 10 minutes. \*\***

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| **Friday, May 5, 2017** | **10:00am – 12:00pm** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Monday, May 8, 2017** | **8:30 – 11:00 am** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Monday, May 8, 2017** | **3:00 – 5:00pm** |  |  |  |  |  |

**\*\*PLEASE RETURN TO THE MAIN OFFICE BY MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017\*\***