

The Quarterly Call



Principal's Corner

Dear Families:

Welcome to Booker T. Washington Public Charter School. We are so excited that you chose us to educate your child this year and we hope to meet your expectations and go beyond. This year we have three goals to accomplish:

1. To increase daily student attendance average to 94%.
2. To increase parent involvement in the school community
3. To increase student performance in DC CAS by 20%.

Our goals are a team effort and we need your support. Here are some ways you can support the goals:

1. Make sure your child is present every day. If an emergency occurs please contact the school immediately.

2. Provide a safe and quiet learning environment for your child at home.
3. Maintain communication with your child's teachers through phone and/or email.
4. Volunteer in the school to assist teachers and the support staff, fundraising and share your talents.

Let's make the home school connection support the student success.

Thank you!

Dr. Daniel Hudson

Principal

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Special points of interest:

- PTA Meeting Saturday, October, 4th at 10am in the library
- Talking with your Teen Student/ Parent Meeting Wednesday, October 8th at 6pm in the library
- Monday, October 13th Columbus Day, No SCHOOL
- PSAT Day for grades 9-11th Wednesday, October 15th
- Friday, October 24th Teacher Workday No School

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The Guiding Corner

Welcome Families to Booker T.!!

My name is Jada Langston and I am the school counselor. I look forward to work with you and your child this year. We have many exciting opportunities for our students to get involved in the vocational trades and college. This year the Guidance Department has four goals to accomplish:

1. Provide academic, career and social counseling to all students
2. Provide opportunities for all students to learn about the technical trades programs and post secondary planning

3. Research, Organize and Implement educational opportunities for all students

4. Provide ongoing support for students, parents and teachers at Booker T.

So far this year our senior class enjoyed going to the DC Mayor's Annual College Fair at the DC Convention Center to meet with College Representatives across the



"The only thing better than education is more education" A.E. Benedict

country. The seniors will also visit Coppin State University and Towson University on October 15th

for College Tours. Our Juniors will shadow at Howard University later this month to experience College life. Our Freshman and Sophomores will begin learning what the college process is like as well as getting exposure to the different career opportunities in the trades. Parent volunteers are welcome!

Our New Teachers!!!!

This year Booker T. has expanded the English Department. We have four outstanding teachers this year. Mr. Gary Williams is a our senior English Teacher. He has a strong background in communications and brings it into the classroom. Senior parents ask your students to discuss soap operas on the radio before they made it to television. Ms. Dana Taylor is the Junior English teacher who has a strong back-

ground in theater. Come to her class and listen to the poetry the students are creating and reading aloud. Ms. Jordon Meredith is the sophomore English teacher and has a passion for writing and developing creative essays. Ms. Eveline Richelieu is the freshman English Teacher and has a passion for literacy and helping students understand the definitions of words in the literature.

This year our math department has two new exciting teachers. Ms. Melanie DuBose, our Algebra II teacher has a passion for math. The students come to class ready to learn due to the energy of Ms. DuBose. Math is not only fun but she helps students understand. Ms. Challis Russell is the new Algebra 1 teacher and has a passion for math as well. She loves helping them show their steps to get the answer.

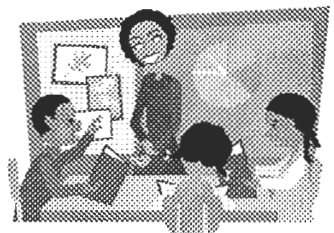
New Teachers Cont.

Ms. Thompson is new Business/Computer Teacher and loves helping students realize that their interests can become career and they can own their own business. Ms. Veronica Matkowski is the new Spanish Teacher and she teaches her students to appreciate and embrace the language. Ms. Elaine Douglas-Noelle our new French Teacher but no stranger to the Booker T. family.*

Special Education

- Psychological consult services are provided weekly Mondays & Tuesdays
- Transition services will be coordinated with RSA for the 2008-09 school year on a monthly basis
- Speech consult services are provided on Wednesdays & Thursdays

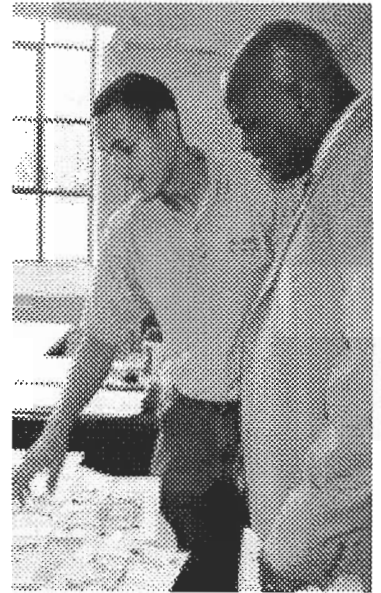
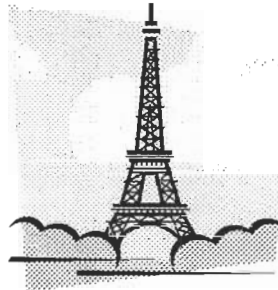
- Mr. Brown and Ms. Martin are working closely with teachers in providing additional instructional support to all students



The Trades

As we continue to expand and offer opportunities for students to learn new trades, we added Computer Assisted Drafting or CAD. Our teacher, Mr. David Mitchell a graduate from Morgan State University with a degree in Architecture, has begun exposing our students to the world of Drafting. Students will learn the basic CAD Language used in industry and technology. Students examine computer aided drafting equipment, and ways this is used in design. Class experiences include preparation of engineering drawing used varied methods, complete coverage of all drafting func-

tions and using different types of drafting equipment. Students will explore graphical representations of major CAD tasks in engineering, architecture, and other technologies related drafting. We are excited to watch this new program grow!



BTWPCS Support Services

Welcome to the 2008-09 school year! It is with hope that that you and your student will have a successful year! The School Mental Health Program is a service provided by the District of Columbia's Department of Mental Health and is located here in the school. The School Mental Health program recognizes that there are many factors that impede on a child's educational success and therefore works diligently to reduce

or eliminate stressors within individuals and/or families. This year we will offer a variety of workshops designed for parent's specific needs. The programs appreciate the input of parents and caregivers and encourages dialogue so that the needs of the family are being addressed. To start the 2008/09 academic year, Dr. Jennifer Joyner will be hosting a parent/caregiver

Workshop "Talking with you Teen on Wednesday, October 8th at 6pm in the library. All parents and caregivers are encouraged to attend.

"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future." Franklin D. Roosevelt

Athletics

As we approach our upcoming seasons, the Athletic department would like to extend an open invitation to all interested parents in joining our Parent Booster Club. Upcoming Dates:

- **Oct. 1st starts our sports conditioning process for all athletic teams**



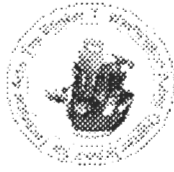
Basketball practice will begin in the gym starting Nov. 1st

Students must have a current physical, parent consent form on file prior to Nov. 1st. Students will

bring home the forms needed for athletic clearance.

All students must maintain a 2.0 GPA to be eligible for athletic teams

Any further questions you may contact the Athletic Director at the school.



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DC CAP CORNER,

Welcome Booker T. family. My name is Melissa Johnson and I am the DC CAP advisor for your school. DC CAP is a non profit organization that supports students in the college application process. This year your senior is eligible for a \$2070 grant called the "Last Dollar Award" that is a supplement to any funds needed for college enrollment. We intend to support the school with all aspects of the application and financial process. I look forward to working with you and your child this year.



Adult Evening Program

The Booker T. Washington PCS would like to share with you information about the Day and Evening Adult Education Programs. These programs provide lifelong learning, educational and employment opportunities and are free to DC Residents over the age of 18. The day program is Virtual Enterprise which consists of computer skills training, Business Development, Adult Basic Education and General Education Development. Registration hours are Monday-Friday from 10am-3pm. The evening program consists of High School Diploma, Adult Basic Education, General Education Development, and Career Electives. Registration hours are Monday-Thursday from 4:30-8:30pm.

For more information on the Adult

Education Program, please contact Ms. Diane Ables or Ms. Orlynn Bevineau at (202)332-8022 or Ms. Nedra Jones at (202) 232-6090 ext.31.

These are rewarding and exciting opportunities that can enrich your educational, personal and employment goals.

