



Issue 3

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December e. Journal

From the desk of Mr. Awono

The end of the calendar year is here! This is a time to celebrate the achievements of 2018. As a Dora Kennedy French Immersion family, there are many things that we can celebrate. Our school has continued to shine. Our students performed well in the PSAT, MAP, DELF, etc. tests. There are many students that I can highlight. I will limit myself to two current 7th grade students who ranked in the 99th percentile in MAP R. They are better than 99% of all peers who took the same test. Such achievement is the fruit of a great deal of efforts from the students, a devoted staff, a culture of learning, and collaboration between staff and parents.

These same factors among others enabled our school to earn a rating of 5 stars by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), the most any school can get. The MSDE assessed the following areas:

- Academic achievement
- Academic progress
- Progress in achieving English language proficiency
- School quality and student success

More information is available <http://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/>

Have a wonderful end of the year festivities! Bonnes fêtes de fin d'année

HAPPY



HOLIDAYS

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From the desk of Mme. Simms

Greetings DKFI Family,

This month our teachers will begin exploring culture and traditions around the world in French countries and territories with our scholars. These activities will aid and support our International Day and Night celebration to come in January.

Our students will also create art using trash or recyclables. This activity will be connected to our curriculum content and will be used as beautification around our school. I am looking forward to an exciting and successful 2nd half of the school year next year! I wish you all a

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Reminders

1. DELF ASSESSMENTS: March 11 -22, 2019
2. TRANSPORTATION CHANGES: No afternoon transportation changes can be made after 2:30 p.m. Please make all necessary arrangements in the morning. Contact teacher via email.
3. GIFTS FOR KIDS: Nov. 29—Dec. 13. Please drop donations in the front office.
4. EARLY DISMISSAL: Dec. 7. Students are dismissed at 1:55 pm
5. CITRUS FRUIT DELIVERY: Tentative delivery date is Dec. 6
6. NO NURSE: Once again DKFI is without a nurse. We hope to receive a replacement.



DKFI — Anti-Bullying Campaign

Our students have taken the initiative to create their own version of an Anti-Bullying Campaign. With words and pictures of compassion, friendship and creating an anti-bullying zone, displayed throughout school, these portraits are a welcomed theme. It is so great to see our students express themselves in this manner and have visual reminders to walk pass on a daily basis. Please join our students in this important dialogue and speak with your children at home. Ask them if they have seen and read the signs they pass in the hallways. Ask them what their thoughts are about bullying. This is a meaningful conversation, and one that can offer a positive change, one student at a time.

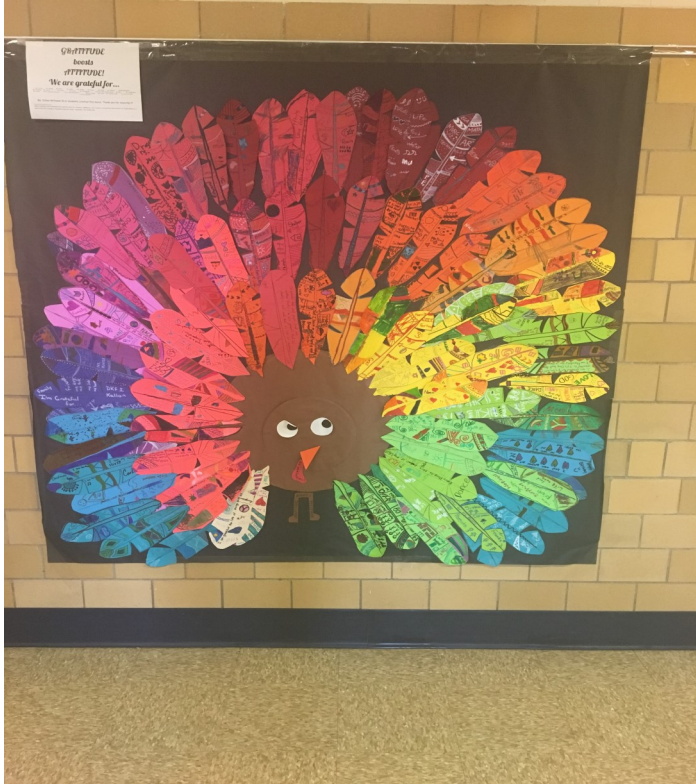


Winter Time at the Bus Stops

The weather is changing. Winter is quickly approaching. Please make sure your student is dressed appropriately before they leave the house in the morning. Often in winter there is a delay with buses when they are trying to navigate the roads in bad weather, resulting in a longer wait at a bus stop. Also impress the importance of coming back home with all the same clothing they left the house with in the morning. Too many times we see students who are leaving without hats, gloves, scarves, even coats, because they left it in class, or elsewhere in the school. Show students how to put their hats, gloves, scarves inside the arm of their coats, where they can't be lost or fall out. Keeping everything together is a great practice, that will help lessen the amount of items that end up in the lost and found.

Through the Eyes of our Students

Words of Thanks

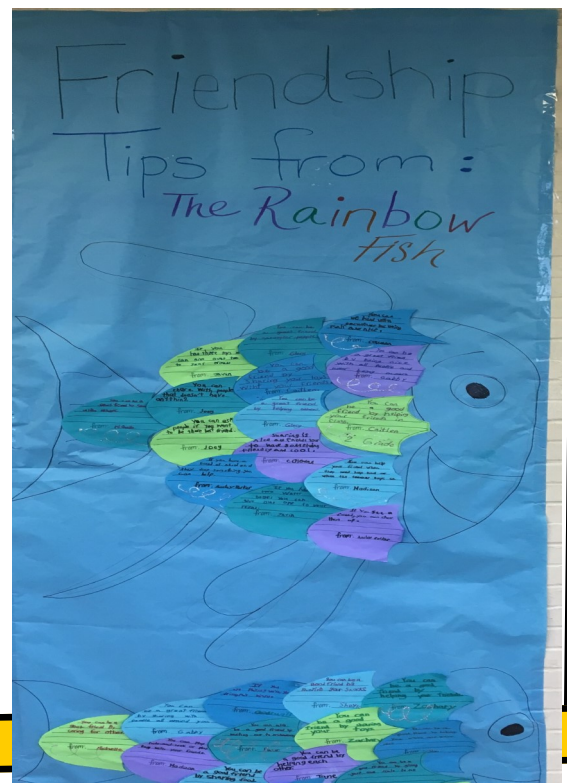


Representations of our DKFI Tribe



The Strength of Friendship

Signs of Compassion





DECEMBER 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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DKFI @ PULLEN

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DKFI @ KENMOOR

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Port Discovery

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2-hr Early
Dismissal
Middle School
Dance (7-9pm)

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IMAGINE@DKFI

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Band Concert

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GREENBELT@DKFI

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PTA Holiday
Book Fair @
Barnes & Noble

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DKFI @ JOHNSON

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WIRT @ DKFI

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Chorus Concert

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WINTER BREAK

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DKFI @ CARROLL

WINTER BREAK

