

February 2019 e.Journal

From the Desk of Mr. Awono

February is here! With this month comes the beginning of the second semester and the bitter cold outside. The instructional program is in full swing. Last month, students in K-2 took their Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) in their French classes. The DRA determines the language level of the students. Our students will participate in Model UN after a hiatus of a couple years. We thank Mr. Kwakou for providing that opportunity to our students again.

Model UN “provides students with a forum to hone skills in diplomacy, negotiation, critical thinking, compromise, public speaking, writing, and research.” (MUN.ORG)

Winter is here! It is cold outside. Please make sure that your student brings a warm coat to school everyday. We are still having students show up to school without a coat. We stop students on their way to the bus so they can put on their jackets and coats. Our lost-and-found bin still has some items in them. If your child has misplaced his or her item, please check the bin.

Let's keep warm!

Mr. Awono

From the Desk of Mme. Simms

This month in honor of Black History month we will hold our International Day and Night Festivities. I will be reaching out to the PTA to get some volunteers to help with the activities for the day. The celebration will be on Friday, February 22, 2019.

In addition we will introduce a new reading incentive program called “Books on Wheels”. The goal is to help support student behavior on the bus while reinforcing French language literacy. We will provide reading logs to the students for them to keep track of books read. The student with the most books read on the bus for their grade level will earn a prize.

Finally, DKFI will be conducting many assessments this month. We ask that our students get plenty of rest, eat a healthy breakfast and come ready to rock and roll. Please let me know if you have any suggestions as I look forward to our continued partnership.

Alerts

Weather Alerts: For the latest updates, check out the following:

PGCPS website (www.pgcps.org)

Social media sites ([facebook.com/pgcps](https://www.facebook.com/pgcps), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#): @PGCPS)

- PGCPSTV (Channel 96/38)
- Local media outlets for updates

E-alerts:

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/PGCPS/subscriber/new?qsp=PGCPS_9

PGCPS Weather Line [301-952-6000](tel:301-952-6000) (option “1”)

View [Emergency Weather Codes and Plans](#).



Recognitions

DKFI has been honored with the recognition as being a 5 STAR school within Prince George's County. We are very proud of this distinction, and know that is due to the wonderful work of students, staff, partners, PTA **AND** our parents. It takes all stake holders for DKFI to earn this prestigious recognition. Thank you to all for your continuous support and partnership.

It is with such pride and joy that DKFI announces that our 8th grade class has scored exceptionally well on the PSAT.

We have 18 students who scored 1000 or better, as well as, 11 who scored 900 to 999. These numbers represent more than half of our 8th grade population.



Upcoming Events



Mark Your Calendar

>> UPCOMING EVENTS

Parents there are a few exciting events coming up. Please make sure to mark your calendars, so you can be aware.

- ◇ February 8—Picture Day for **“Clubs/Athletics”** Only
- ◇ February 11—Class Picture Day
- ◇ February 18—No School, President’s Day
- ◇ February 19—Mr. Adjalla’s class to Owen’s Science Center
- ◇ February 20—Dr. Mill’s class to Owen’s Science Center
- ◇ February 21—Mr. Feujio’s class to Owen’s Science Center
- ◇ February 22—Mr. Nguena’s class to Owen’s Science Center
- ◇ February 22—International Day/Night activities and reception
- ◇ February 22-24—Model UN trip to Williamsburg, VA
- ◇ February 27-28—Talent Show Auditions (4:15-6:30pm)
- ◇ February 27—Mr. Biaka’s class to Owen’s Science Center
- ◇ February 28—Mme. Segbor’s class to Owen’s Science Center

Reminders



LOST & FOUND: Parents, the lost and found bin is overflowing with students belongings. We know replacing the items are a cost that you would prefer not to have to pay, so please come and check the bin if your child is missing any items.

LUNCH ACCOUNTS: The cafeteria manger has expressed concern that many students have very low funds on their accounts, or have no funds at all. Please make sure to keep track of your child’s breakfast/lunch account. An easy way to ensure your child will always have enough funds on their account is to sign up for My School Bucks. The process is quick and easy. Create an account by going to: www.myschoolbucks.com

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Clubs/Athletics
Picture Day

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Class Picture
Day

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NO SCHOOL
President's Day

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Owen's Sci Ctr

Dr. Mills
Owen's Sci Ctr

Feujio
Owen's Sci Ctr

Nguena
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Talent Show
Auditions
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