



Menta Academy North

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First Quarter

From the Principal

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically.

Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.”

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

It's hard to believe we are almost three months into the school year! We hope that the next quarter will bring even greater growth in our students, and progress in reaching their academic goals. The Menta Academy North school community believes that a love of learning, high academic achievement and parental involvement are keys to a lifelong education.

Please remember that

you play a vital role in your child's success at school.

You can help by asking your child about his/her day, encourage them to have a positive attitude about learning, and for our younger students, reading to or with your child every night. You would be amazed what 20 minutes of reading with your child each night will do her his/her language



development and reading skills.

Thank you for all your support at home!

Curriculum Highlights

Over the last two months our students have been given the opportunity to further develop their reading, writing and math skills, while deepening their knowledge and understanding of the world around them through the study of social studies and science. As a result of quality teaching, designed to meet the individual needs of all of our learners, we have seen academic improvement in our students. We are continuing to conduct benchmark assessments and using this data to drive our instruction.

School Garden

Our students have been working hard over the last few weeks to create a school garden. We have already seen some of the fruits of our labor with the production of tomatoes, cucumbers, squash to name a few. This has been a great way to incorporate science education into a hands on project. We hope to continue to produce more fresh vegetables that we can share!



Cultural Fair—Sierra Leone

Our school will be participating in Menta’s Annual Cultural Fair. The cultural fair is an opportunity to highlight the cultural diversity in the world we live in and learn more about different countries beliefs, traditions and customs. Menta Academy North is learning about Sierra Leone. Sierra Leone is a country in West Africa. It is bordered by Guinea to the northeast, Liberia to the south-east and the Atlantic Ocean to the southwest.



Iron Chef- Secret Ingredient- PUMPKIN!!

This year’s secret ingredient for the Iron Chef competition was **PUMPKIN**. Students decided what recipes to make with the secret ingredient and then got busy crafting those recipes to perfection!

This event was extra special for the staff and students of Menta Academy North as we hosted this event at our school!



PBIS UPDATE

We have been working with our Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) lessons to ensure safe, responsible and respectful learners. Whether we are in the classroom, in the halls, outside on field trips, or in another area of the school, we have spent time reviewing our school's expectations and how it should look and sound to be appropriate in our

school.

As a project, students from all grades created a PowerPoint highlighting the PBIS standards that was then shared and discussed with every class. Each class took a different area of the matrix



Let's Celebrate!

Reason to CELEBRATE!

Our high school students participated in our Annual Menta Spelling Bee. Congratulations to our students that came in **SECOND PLACE!!**

A special congratulations to our Elementary Spelling Team as well.

They took 3rd Place in the Competition!

Lastly, the Menta North high school flag football team has made it to the playoffs! Good luck!



News you can USE!

Promote Learning at home with These FUN APPS:

Duolingo- Learn Languages for Free – Want to start your child on another language or brush up on one yourself? This app provides practice for Spanish, French, German, Portuguese, Italian and English. There are fun ways to challenge friends and family in your learning of the language of choice. What a fun app to try for enrichment for the whole family!

New Staff

We would like to welcome our new staff to the Menta Academy North TEAM!

Antoinette Costa-Teaching Assistant
 Joan Coleman-Almond- Social Worker
 Elizabeth Olomoniyi- Middle School Teacher
 Mary Ahrendt- Teacher
 Vanessa Leguizamon- Curriculum Coordinator
 Kathy Peoples-Nurse



A Note from our Social Worker:

I am excited to have joined the Menta Academy North team as the school social worker. It has been exciting working with all of your children and I will continue to focus on skills to help them continue to grow academically and within their social-emotional development. Should you have questions or are looking for resources, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I look forward to a wonderful school year.

- Joan Coleman-Almond



Nurse's Station:

Good nutrition can help kids fight off cold and flu season. We can strengthen their immune system with a balanced diet. Snack time is a great opportunity to sneak in some extra nutrients; try dried and fresh fruits, sliced raw vegetables, whole-wheat crackers with cheese, or yogurt.



Tips from the CDC:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- [Wash your hands](#) often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an [alcohol-based hand rub](#).
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.



Open House: November 14, 2018 from 3pm-6pm

Come out and join us for our 1 semester Open House! This is a great opportunity to meet your child's classroom staff, see about the exciting projects they've done

Upcoming Events

November 9– Teacher Institute Day (No School)

November 12– Veteran's Day (No School)

November 14– Parent Teacher Conferences (3:00-6:00 pm)

November 15-Cultural Fair

November 22 and 23– No School (Thanksgiving)

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Menta Academy North will be closed from Thursday 22- November 25 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We look forward to returning to your student on Monday, November 26.



The staff at Menta Academy North wishes you a very Happy Thanksgiving. We are thankful for all you do for your student. We are thankful for the relationships we've developed with you and our students.
