

## **Dorothy L. Bullock School Parent Newsletter**

**October 16, 2023**

Hello Bullock Families. It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the month of October! Please see below for important information and updates for Bullock School.

**CITRS/ Character Education** - As we continue with our district-wide character development initiative CITRS (Character-Integrity-Trust-Relationships-Success), we are paying special attention to increasing the character of our young people. It is the district's firm belief that this will not only improve our schools, but have a life-long benefit for every one of our students. Our character virtue for the month of September was *Wisdom*. Friday, we will announce our Bullock Bulldogs of Character who were selected by our staff for showing *Wisdom*. This month, we are focusing on the virtue, *Integrity*. *We can show integrity by following the rules, being honest, and telling the truth.*

**Bullock Bulldog Buddy Mentors** - Last year, our school received the Promising Practice Character Award for our mentoring program with our fifth and first grade students. We are excited to share that we are continuing with our mentoring activities this year. Students in fifth grade, along with some of our fourth graders, were able to meet with the first grade classes to share what they know about Bullock. Each month we will have a mentoring activity with our students that will focus on our character virtue. This also gives our older students an opportunity to step into a leadership role by working with our younger students.

**Fire Safety Week** – On October 10th, the Glassboro Fire Department came to our school to share important fire safety tips with our students. Our younger students even had a chance to visit the fire truck. We appreciate them coming out to visit us!

**Reporting an Absence** – When calling to report an absence, please call the attendance line at 856-652-2700 ext. 4111 by 9:15 am. We ask that you provide your child's name, teacher's name, and reason for the absence.

**Students Leaving Early** - When a student is going to be picked up early, we ask that you send a note to the classroom teacher to let us know when they will be leaving. It is important that we avoid students leaving right before dismissal as it can be difficult to change transportation at the end of the day. Also, students must be in school for 4 hours to be marked present for the day. We do understand that emergency situations may arise, that could prevent you from being able to give advance notice. We are always willing to assist our families when this occurs. Please remember you must have a valid photo id to show when picking up a student in the office. We do ask that you remain in the vestibule and a staff member will walk the student out to you. Parents that arrive after 2:45 to pick up a student, will be sent to the parent pick-up location for dismissal.

**Visitors to the Building** - We certainly encourage any parent/guardian or community member to reach out if you wish to speak to a member of the Bullock team. Please be mindful that the safety of our students and staff is of the utmost importance. If you wish to meet with a member of the Bullock team, we ask that you call and schedule an appointment in advance. When arriving at the building, be prepared to show identification to our main office. All visitors will be asked to wait in the vestibule.

**Halloween Parade** - Our Halloween Parade will be held on Oct. 31st at 2 PM. We will share important information regarding this event soon.

**Governor's Educator of the Year (GEOY) Nomination Form** - Glassboro Public Schools takes great pride in the talent and dedication of our faculty and staff, and it is our honor to highlight one (1) outstanding classroom teacher from each building and one (1) educational service professional (ESP) each year. There are many members of the faculty who are worthy of distinction, and we are asking for your help in selecting the candidate by contributing to the process through which these distinguished faculty and staff members are identified.

We ask that you please take the time to complete the form below and help us by nominating a "Bulldog" whom you believe is worthy of the title, "*Educator of the Year* and *Educational Service Professional of the Year*." This is your chance to help us shine a light on someone you know who truly represents the spirit of Glassboro and Bulldog Pride. Directions– Please nominate one (1) classroom teacher and one (1) educational service professional (ESP). Please respond no later than November 10th. Thank you in advance for your response! [Governor's Educator of the Year \(GEOY\) Nomination Form](#)

**Bullock Parent Advisory Meeting** - We will have our first Bullock Parent Advisory Meeting on Thursday, October 19th from 6 PM to 7 PM in the Bullock School Media Center. Our Character Council Team will be presenting information on our Character Program. Please use the following link to RSVP. We look forward to seeing you! [Bullock Parent Advisory Sign-up](#)

### **Upcoming Dates**

10/27 - 2 Hour Delayed Opening - 11:00 AM Arrival for students

10/31 - Halloween Parade - 2:00 PM

11/8 - Make-up Picture Day

11/9 - 11/10 - School is Closed for the NJEA Convention

11/13 - First Marking Period Ends

11/14 - Second Marking Period Begins

11/14 - Title 1 Family Night at Bullock - more information coming soon

11/22 - Early Dismissal - 1:15 PM Dismissal will begin

11/23 - 11/24 - School is Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday

11/28 - 12/1 - Early Dismissal Days - Parent Conferences

11/29 - Bullock Evening Conferences 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Don't forget to check the [Bullock School Website](#) for important updates. We are also on Facebook [Dorothy L. Bullock Facebook Page](#)

Thank you for your continued support and we hope you have a great day!

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DLB Principal