**SCHOOL VIRTUE: WISDOM**

**TEACHER CORNER**
Please enjoy the following update from Mrs. McDonald about the recent goings in her classroom (see chalkboard drawing above):

“In December, our class learned about people with golden hearts. These are people who rose above adversity and accomplished their dreams. One of the golden hearts we learned about was Mae Jemison, the first black woman to travel into space.

We also worked on writing opinion pieces that were winter and holiday themed. One of the most popular writing prompts was what their favorite holiday treat is and why.”

As well as the following update from Mrs. Machek’s classroom:

“We are excited to move into measurements for this block—looking at length, volume, and mass. Students will be learning how the concept of a “foot” came to be, and will be measuring things around class with their own “foot”. We will also be measuring out cups, pints, liters, and gallons, as well as ounces and pounds. I’m sure we will all measure up to the task.”

**AT-HOME RAPID TESTS**
If you haven’t heard, all residential households in the U.S. can order on set of 4 free at-home tests through USPS using the link provided below.

Additionally, Blue Oak has received its own shipment of at-home tests for staff and students who are experiencing COVID symptoms. To inquire if your student is eligible to receive an at-home test from Blue Oak, please reach out to our Health Aide, Ms. Kayla, using ext. 2007 or kaylamahanay@blueoakcharterschool.org.

**BOARD GAME DONATIONS**

Dear Blue Oak Community,

As we enter the rainy months, we could use donations of board games, decks of cards, and puzzles for rainy day recess. If you have any that we could have/borrow, we would greatly appreciate it. Please drop your donations off at the front desk. Thank you!

**BOCC PARENT SEAT**

The Blue Oak Charter Council is looking to fill a parent member seat! To qualify for a Parent seat, you need to be the parent or legal guardian of a child currently enrolled at Blue Oak.

Should you be elected, your term will begin the meeting after the application is approved by the board. All seats serve a 3 year term.

To apply, please submit an application to Alex Archer. You will find the application attached and can learn more by visiting www.blueoakcharterschool.org/charter-council.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 01/24 – iReady Testing Begins
- 01/25 – Special Parent Council Meeting (6:00PM)
- 02/01 – Regular Parent Council Meeting (6:00PM)
- 02/02 – School Tour (9:30AM)
- 02/03 – School Tour (4:30PM)