

THE CONNECTION

OCTOBER 2022

PRINCIPAL'S PEN

As I pen this article, we are 5 days away from the end of our first quarter of learning. Already 25% of the year is behind us. We have had several "wins" in our first quarter:

- Our football team scored our first ever touchdown in program history and didn't stop there...they brought home our very first victory
- During personalized learning period every student in the building is working in a small group to strengthen reading and math skills
- For the first time ever in our history we have a Student Advisory Council with a representative from every Base Camp in our building
- ALL students left the building on three different off campus learning experiences all at the same time
- On October 6th every single student will have completed a PBL project and will present their work before a panel
- For the first time since we opened, we have not had to battle a world pandemic while trying to learn...overall we have been healthy, and our attendance has been exceptional

In Quarter 2 we want to build off the wins of Quarter 1 as we continue to meet expectations of both learning and behavior. We can't wait to see what "wins" are coming our way before the semester ends!

-Mrs. Miller



SPIRIT WEEK AT HOWARD CONNECT

October 3-7 will be Spirit Week at Howard Connect. Each day will have a special dress theme:

MONDAY: PJ pant bottoms and Slippers Day

TUESDAY: Howard Connect School Spirit Day...Maroon and Gold

WEDNESDAY: Twins or Triplets Day

THURSDAY: Sports/Jersey Day

FRIDAY: Dress Down Day

Show out your school spirit!!

PUBLIC DISPLAY OF LEARNING NIGHT

One of the core elements of Howard Connect is our connected units of study and project-based learning opportunities. Our entire building has been working on our Origins and Growth Unit as they have been considering the question, *What impact do core elements play on an origin's identity and growth?* Each grade level has completed a culminating project that displays what they have learned this

quarter. On Thursday, October 6th we will be putting all our work on public display. Students will be making presentations to their classes, to the entire school, and afterhours to all who come to our PUBLIC DISPLAY OF LEARNING EVENING!! We would love to show our parents all we have learned in quarter 1.

YOU ARE INVITED!

When: Thursday, October 6th

Time: 6:00-7:00 pm

Where: Howard Connect Academy

Why: To see our students' work and projects and hear them talk about all they have learned in quarter 1.



FALL BREAK

Enjoy Fall Break. School will be closed from Monday, October 10-Monday, October 17th. We'll see everyone back, ready to being quarter 2 on Tuesday, October 18th.

PARENT CONFERENCE EVENING

As quarter 1 comes to an end, we would like to invite all parents to our Parent Conference Evening on Thursday, October 20th from 3:30pm-6:00pm. Please come to meet your child's teachers and hear how your child did this first quarter. Report cards will be given at conference evening. This is a great opportunity to ensure your child is on track and thriving at Howard Connect Academy. We hope to see all families on Thursday, October 20th.

DRESS CODE AS IT GETS COOL

As the weather gets cooler, be sure your child is set for success with dress code. Our cool weather dress code items include:

- Solid color crew neck sweaters or sweatshirts in maroon, gold, black, white, gray. Collared shirts must be worn underneath.
- Long sleeve, solid color (maroon, gold, white, black, gray) with a collar underneath t-shirts and polos are acceptable
- Jean jackets and solid, code color, light weight jackets are allowed
- Leggings under skirts must be solid, school code colors

NOT ALLOWED: Hoodies, puffy jackets, items not in school approved colors, tops that have large front pockets or extra pockets, cargo pants, no patterns or logos-solid colors only

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HOWARD CONNECT SWAG FOR SALE

Reminder, you can purchase Howard Connect Swag at <https://theathleticshop.chipply.com/howardconnect> We also have HCA sweatshirts for sale in the front office for \$20.

BASKETBALL and SOCCER

It's time for our Fall sports!! We will have tryouts for basketball and soccer...men and women...on Monday, October 3rd and Tuesday, October 4th. Students must have a physical on file to try out. Games for both sports begin the week of October 24th.



PEP SQUAD

Any student who would like to be part of our pep squad for basketball season we will have camps on October 18th and 19th and try outs on October 20th. To be eligible to be part of our varsity cheerleaders next year, students must be a part of the Pep Squad this year.

REPORT CARDS GO HOME

Quarter 1 comes to an end on Friday, October 7th. Report cards will go home with all students on Friday, October 21st. Be looking for report cards to come home! Remember you can also check Power School on Friday, October 21st for grades as well.

PRODUCERS COME TO CONNECT



October 27th was a big day in XProductions. This opportunity was a big one. Producers and writers for Justin Bieber and Chris Brown (amongst a loooong list of others) were at Howard Connect working with the kids. Their team has sold more than 53,000,000 records over the past 10 years and has loads of Grammy awards. One of the core elements of Howard Connect is Authentic Learning...it doesn't get more real than this!

Hispanic
Heritage Month
September 15-October 15



DESIGNER SPOTLIGHTS

Meet more of our amazing learning designers!

JACKSON GRANT-6th and 7th Social Studies



I love teaching social studies because it allows me to have discussions with students about how they can learn from the past, other cultures, and each other to become productive citizens in the future. I also take the role of Athletic Director seriously because sports are a way for some students to recognize their potential and change the trajectory of their futures.

JACK MANNING-Counselor



I have a passion to see students succeed. I do this by creating safe spaces for students to feel unconditional acceptance, support, and love. My focus is the relationships we form throughout our lives, and the power these relationships have over the trajectory of who we become.

KRISTEN PRIVETT-6th SCIENCE



I just moved to Chattanooga this June and I'm loving it here! I'm originally from Alexandria, VA (outside of DC) and I just graduated from Roanoke College. There, I majored in environmental studies and minored in secondary education and art. I LOVE science and I'm so excited to be at Howard Connect this year!

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