



Richardson Campus News

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Spring? Already?!

Wow learners! We've made it to March of 2017! We have been very busy since the start of the new semester. We've had a Blood Drive, Chinese New Year, Black History Month, Teen Dating and Violence month, and much, much more! Now we are gearing up for Spring Break and the long stretch to the end of the school year. Remember, no matter the circumstance, **KEEP MOVING FORWARD!**

TAKS and STAAR tests are coming! Make sure you get plenty of rest the night before each test, eat you a nutritional meal before school, and study, study, **STUDY!**

Remember: "Do what you have to do in order to do what you **WANT** to do!"

-Mrs. Cooper



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Principal's Corner



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Happy almost Spring!! We have passed the 100th day of school and we are entering into the last 13 weeks of school...UNBELEIVEABLE!! What does this mean for your learner? The time has come that the fire needs to start burning and they need to finish semesters. This week and next week, Ms. Manuel and I will be meeting with every student to go over their grad plan. During these meetings, we are setting end of year goals, deadline dates, and what classes they need to focus on for the next three months. It is extremely important that every learner feels successful and confident at the end of the year. If they listen and follow the deadlines and goals I set for them, they will complete a handful of semesters by June 1st.

Learners I know you can reach your goals, so don't give up!! You still have time to complete curriculum, finish classes, and pass your STAAR/TAKS exams. I will always believe in you and be your biggest cheerleader.

With Love,
Ms. Ennis

Counselor's Corner

Greetings Learners!

It's that time of year again! Testing is just around the corner. We have TAKS coming March 6-9, English I & English II STAAR March 28-31, and CBE (Credit By Exam)

April 18-20.

Make sure you all come to school well rested, have a snack before the test, and be prepared! Study, study, **STUDY!**

YOU CAN DO THIS!



STUCO 2017!



"Winfree Academy Richardson Student Council members attended and participated in a Student Council District Conference on February 25th at the Southlake Carroll Senior High School. They participated in breakout sessions to learn more about Teen Leadership and Student Council driven school activities. Our Student Council interacted with over 40 other high schools across North Texas in an event that not only provided education and knowledge about Teen Leadership, but an overwhelming experience of fun!!"



I've lived in Texas my whole life. I graduated high school and attended Abilene Christian University for my undergraduate studies, and then I attended Texas A&M University for a Master's in Counseling. I have a beautiful wife and 2 amazing children. I came to Winfree Academy Charter Schools and co-founded the Courage Program, which places emphasis on helping our learners overcome issues with addiction and emotional difficulties such as anxiety, depression, and other mood disorders. These students inspire me as they find their "light" and move towards life changing experiences. My advice to my students; This generation has been socialized to think that being smart will make them successful, but have failed to realize that in America hard work is the basis of success. It does not matter how deep you fall. What matters, is how high you bounce back.



Mr. Jaecks

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

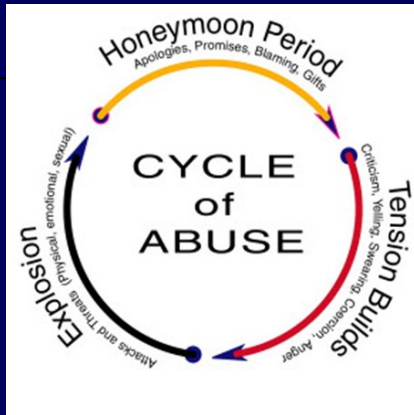


Every year, approximately 1.5 million high school students nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner.

To bring awareness to this abuse, presentations were held on campus during the month of February. Learners were given the opportunity to share their experiences and help educate their peers on knowing some of the warning signs of teen dating violence. One of our learners, who wished to remain anonymous, wanted to share her story with you.

Teen Dating Violence

Awareness Month brings back memories of my personal experience. I was abused in every aspect imaginable; physically, mentally, sexually, emotionally, and verbally. I let him do whatever he wanted; I felt I deserved it. I was 13 when he forced me to have sex. I felt powerless. I didn't talk about it for a year and a half. He literally moved across the street from me just so he could have easier access. I let this go on for over a year before I got away from him. He made me believe I was a piece of garbage. He NEVER "loved me." and I knew that.



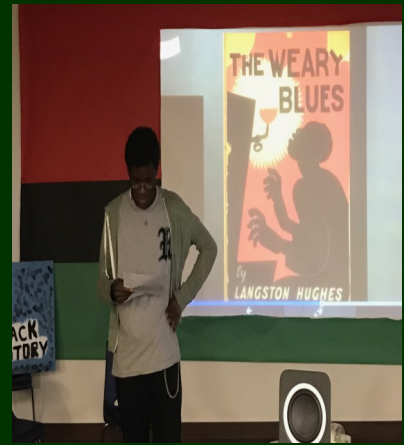
Going through this has taught me how to love myself, and what love is. I came to Winfree and joined the Courage Program. It helped me process my experience, overcome it, and learn from it! This has made me **stronger**, more **courageous**, and a more **loving** person (who doesn't take any mess from anybody) today. My advice to anyone who might be going through this is know the signs and never be afraid to ask for help!

-Anonymous WACS Learner

Everyone deserves safe and healthy relationships but abuse is never okay. If you are or you know someone experiencing abuse, call The National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

Black History month is a time to celebrate all of the accomplishments African Americans have achieved over the years. The month of February was chosen because of Abraham Lincoln and Fredrick Douglas, NOT because it was the shortest month of the year.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson received his Doctorate's Degree from Harvard University in 1912. He was the second African American



(after WEB DuBois) to receive his doctorate degree from a prestigious institution. He first created Negro History Week in 1926 by lobbying schools and organizations to participate in the studies of African American History. After a long journey of ups and downs, Negro History week was transformed into Black History Month in 1976. We will continue to recognize the efforts and accomplishments for years to come.

-Written by: Beatrice Aisu



Laura Z.



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Look who's Graduating!



Nicole D.



Raymond H.



Garrett T.

Student Council

STUCO has been busy! Here is a glimpse of what we've accomplished here at Richardson!



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Blood Drive

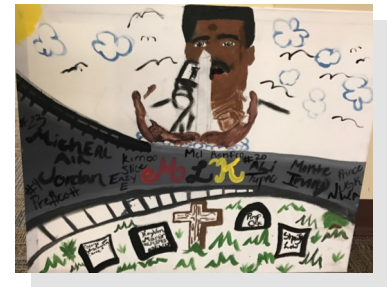
Presidential Inauguration



Black History Month



Chinese New Year



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