



SUMMER ISSUE

COMMUNITY EDUCATION ALLIANCE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



LITERACY, MENTORSHIP & CULTURAL INNOVATIONS!

AS WE TRANSITION THROUGH THIS NEW FRONTIER OF EDUCATION TOGETHER, THE CEA ASSURES YOU WE ARE STILL AS COMMITTED AS EVER BEFORE! PLEASE STAY ENGAGED WITH US AS WE INTERACT WITH OUR CEA COMMUNITY, PROVIDING VIRTUAL LITERACY, MENTORSHIP AND CULTURAL EXPERIENCES FOR OUR YOUTH. BE SURE TO FOLLOW, LIKE AND SHARE OUR SOCIAL MEDIA CEA LITERACY SERIES READ ALONGS, KIDZ KORNER ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS AND SO MUCH MORE TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD AND CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY STAY ENGAGED!

WHAT'S NEW?

- 03** *Teacher Appreciation Week*
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SUMMER IS HERE!

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CEA CORE PILLARS:

LITERACY BUDDIES

Literacy Buddies provide literacy interventions to students to support classroom curriculum.

MENTORING PALS

Mentoring Pals support social and emotional competencies through consistent mentorship and volunteerism both in the classroom and during after school activities.

FRIENDS OF CULTURE

Friends of Culture provide support for cultural immersion experiences throughout the school year.

2019-2020 CEA CHOOLS:



Dillard High 6-12



Parkway Middle School



Sunland Park Academy



Walker Elementary School



William Dandy Middle School



Banyan Elementary School



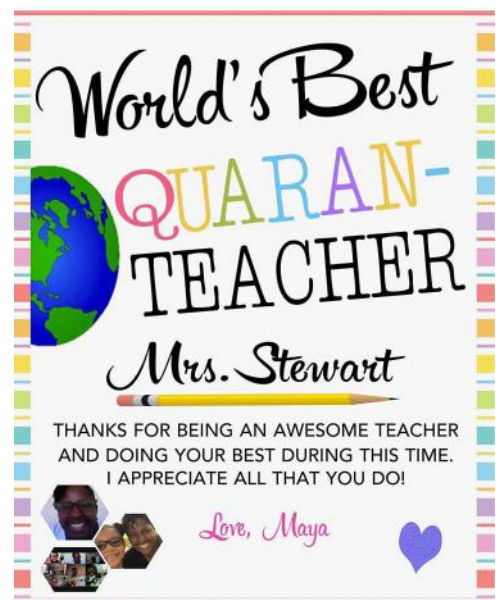
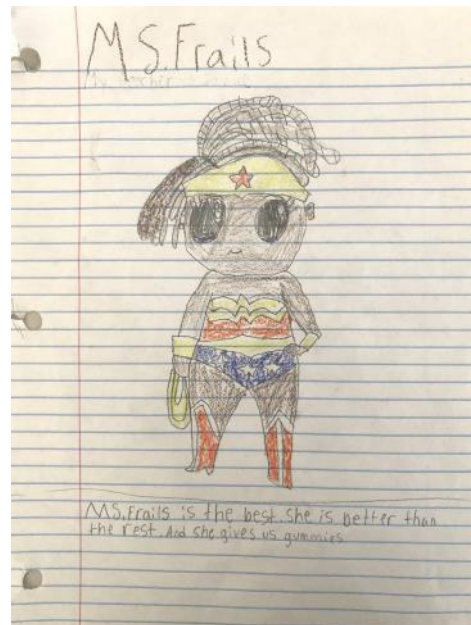
TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

MAY 4-8, 2020

This May, the CEA kicked off "Teacher Appreciation Week" with a week full of themed engagement activities for our students and virtual tributes on National Teacher Day for our teachers.

The National Education Association describes National Teacher Day as "a day for honoring teachers and recognizing the lasting contributions they make to our lives."

Teachers play a critical role in educating and shaping our children: the future leaders of tomorrow. They are kind, patient, hard-working, dedicated, and understanding professionals who help mold our children and guide them in positive directions. We entrust our children with the teachers, and they affect their lives daily.



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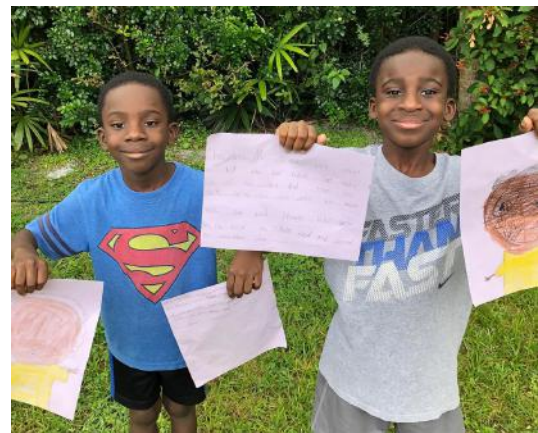
The week's daily engagement activities included "Meaningful Mondays" where students were encouraged to post a meaningful virtual message of appreciation. Tuesday's theme was "Tik Tok Tuesdays." Students posted Tik Tok videos imitating their teacher on National Teacher Day. Wednesday, which is also #WednesdayWITNESS, a CEA Kidz Korner virtual Sunday School initiative where follow up from Sunday's lesson takes place, was designated for honoring our beloved Sunday School teachers. Thursday, themed "Throwback Thursday," students posted photos of themselves and a former teacher who has had a lasting impact on their lives. Finally, students were given the opportunity to engage by submitting a poem, song, or rap on "Freestyle Friday."

This was an extremely fun activity for students and teachers! April Stewart, a phenomenal Elementary School teacher, received a customized "Teacher Appreciation" card donated by our partner Jefferson Ave Brand. She even received multiple tributes from different students throughout the week. Now that is truly a testament to the impact our teachers have on our students year after year!



RIL! SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

At the end of the school year, the CEA geared up to launch its virtual "Reading is LIT!" Summer Reading Challenge. The challenge, for grades K-8, was accessible online through our social media Facebook and Instagram pages. Students participated in the 7 week challenge by signing up through "Signup Genius" online. Students and parents could sign up for the entire summer or by week. Over 20 students throughout Broward signed up; many of whom were students representing our CEA schools.



The challenge included weekly themes, read alongs, innovative book report projects, as well as giveaways. The GRAND prize; a virtual pizza party, will be awarded at the conclusion of the challenge to the top 5 students with the most book report project submissions.

RIL! SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

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Weekly themes included stories about members of movement, loving yourself, African American culture, action and adventure, little leaders, STEM, and concluded with a tribute to our local authors.



CEA GIVES BACK

CEA HONORS: SENIOR SENDOFF

The CEA continues to promote a culture of ongoing academic achievement and support through its "CEA Honors" initiative. At the end of the school year, in collaboration with the Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) Homeless Education Assistance Resource Team (HEART), the CEA sponsored Viergenie Geneus at their annual Senior Sendoff event. Viergenie is a graduating senior at Dillard High School. She was an honor student with a 3.5 gpa, and a theater and vocal major in the Performing Arts Program.



This June, the CEA and New Mount Olive Baptist Church provided various senior sendoff materials such as school supplies, toiletries, dorm room



essentials, and a brand new laptop! Through the Senior Sendoff event, the BCPS HEART program served nearly 75

students, providing stakeholder sponsorships, college essentials, scholarships, and more.

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The CEA plans to continue this partnership with the HEART program. Removing barriers that might prevent students living in transition from enrolling, attending and succeeding in school is paramount in maintaining overall achievement excellence.



"Build a community...if we are going to create a world where everyone has an opportunity...then we're going to have to do it together"

Former President Barack Obama



For over 3 months, the CEA has remained committed to providing weekly Kidz Korner virtual Sunday School lessons, follow up sessions and activities to engage our NMOBC and community youth while social distancing. Through both our Instagram and Facebook social media pages, students and parents can access mini Bible videos and follow up questions from the lesson every Sunday following the NMOBC 9 am worship service.

Each Sunday Bible lesson includes an interactive activity that is followed up during the CEA #WednesdayWITNESS session. The Wednesday follow up reviews Sunday's lesson and any questions or activities. Additionally, every Sunday, students and parents receive a text and social media post reminder to join a live Zoom session of the virtual Kidz Korner lesson at 2 pm. This session supports the virtual lesson as it teaches the lesson and engages students from the church, the community, and even children tuning in from out of town!



Bible lessons have included stories about the Resurrection, Day of Pentecost, and Paul's conversion and journey to sharing the Good News. Be sure to tune in every Sunday Morning and Wednesday afternoon for our virtual #KidzKorner and #WednesdayWITNESS as we provide virtual contributions to the NMOBC "Year of Transformation: Transformed through Witnessing."

CEA
ONLINE



The CEA is full speed ahead with both its Instagram and Facebook pages! In as little as 4 months, the CEA has garnered almost 400 followers and received over 1,000 likes for some of its popular *Summer Reading* and *Kidz Korner* virtual Sunday School posts. Many Summer Reading Challenge posts even received likes and follows from the authors of the books read during the challenge!

Both the Community Education Alliance and our partner in this online initiative, Positivity Pays, value the importance of reading and learning. We will continue to improve efforts of bringing innovative learning opportunities to homes, phones and other social distancing locations to ensure our children receive the enrichment they so desperately deserve.

Be sure to follow, like and share the CEA social media pages and stay tuned for back to school initiatives geared to both students and parents, that will help support in-school curriculum in the 2020-2021 school year.



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ACTIVITIES:

- CEA ONLINE - Instagram:
@communityeducationalliance
Facebook: Community Education Alliance
- AUGUST 15, 2020 - Back 2 School Kickback
- BCPS (Virtual) Back to School - August 19, 2020
- CEA LITERACY FEATURE - Author Spotlight



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