

FRIENDSHIP DAY SCHOOL FOR THE SCIENCES AND THE ARTS
MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER



MARCH IS **READ ACROSS AMERICA MONTH!**

MARCH IS **WOMENS' HISTORY MONTH!**

CALENDAR

March 4-10 – FDSPG *Scholastic Book Fair* (more information to come)

Friday, March 11 – NO SCHOOL/TEACHER WORKDAY

Monday, March 14 - National Pi Day

Thursday, March 17 – 3rd-Quarter Report Cards sent home

Thursday, March 17 – St. Patrick's Day

Greetings FDS Families,

If you missed the FDS Black History program, *The Promise of Perseverance*, then you missed a treat. The scholars did an excellent job presenting all they'd learned about famous and not well-known Black Americans. Our scholars truly are Black History in the making. We know they'll go on to do historic things that future generations will study just as they studied other Black History makers this month. I'm so proud of them! I know you are, too. Thank you for helping your scholar to memorize their script and having them wear the required attire for recordings and the program's virtual viewing. The recordings of both the Black History and Christmas programs will soon be uploaded on the school's website.

You're an FDS Ambassador! I'm grateful that so many of you have spread the word about FDS to others. I am currently conducting *Talk and Tours* with prospective parents interested in enrolling their child at FDS. Many of them tell me they heard about FDS from one of you. Thank you... and please continue to share all the good things about our school.

Early Pick-Up/Late Arrival of Scholars – When your scholar has an appointment or you need to pick them up from school early, please contact the school and teacher in advance of the time you want to get them. Please give us at least 30 minutes advance notice so we can have the scholar ready by the time you arrive. Call the school at 704.391.6680 or email the school at: fds@friendshipcharlotte.org. Additionally, we ask that you text, email or class Dojo the teacher.

Please know that when you pick up your scholar before 12:00 noon or bring them to school after 12:00 noon, they will be marked absent for the entire day.

Tuition Late Fees Reinstated – Due to Covid and virtual school last year, grace was given regarding late fees. However, as of March 1, 2022, late fees will be reinstated. Your account is considered late after the 5th of each month. Please refer to your 2021-2022 Family Handbook for further information about tuition.

Before School Care and After School Care – Before School Care and After School Care are pre-paid programs. Please prepay the weekly fee in order for your scholar to remain enrolled in these program.

To Mask... or make Masks optional? We want your input to help us decide what's best for FDS scholars now that mask mandates are being lifted. The CDC and Governor of North Carolina have made masks optional in schools. Soon you will receive a poll to gather your preferences.

