A message from Principal Franklin

A year of social and academic learning is off to a promising start as we implement the system and school-wide focus on accelerated instruction, responsive instruction, and social emotional wellness. The students were administered the Early Fall Assessment (EFA) and Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment to determine student learning needs and strengths. MAP assessments measure achievement in mathematics and reading and is MAP one indicator of college and career readiness. Parents will receive score reports in the upcoming weeks. Please review areas of achievement and growth with your child. A parent brochure is located on the SWA website. Contact the school testing coordinator, Ms. Hammel, your child’s counselor, or your child’s teacher for additional questions. The grade level team leaders and assistant principals will be hosting our first quarter Hallway Party incentive to reward the students who consistently followed our P.O.U.N.C.E. Code of Conduct. Our goal is to have 100% participation in these special events. We will continue to recognize and celebrate the students are coming to school each and every day on time and for consistently displaying positive behavior; as well as provide consequences for students who are not making positive choices. During second quarter, we look forward to continuing our momentum to accelerate learning.

Upcoming Dates

Quarter 1 Hallway Party: November 22nd
Thanksgiving break: November 24th-November 28th
Quarter 1 Awards Assembly: December 1st
End of Quarter 2: January 21st
Black Boy Joy & Genius

Black Boy Joy and Genius kicked off this quarter at SWA. On October 28th, mentees, families, and district leaders were present for the opening of the SWA chapter of the mentoring program. The program is a partnership between the school, Morning Star Baptist Church, and the Save Our Young Baltimore organization. SWA is one of three pilot schools for the Maryland State Department of Education’s Advancing Academic Equity and Excellence for Black Boys initiative.

Lesson Engagement

World History 6

Engaging students in the learning process increases their motivation and focus while also providing a meaningful learning experience. In Mr. Griffin's world history class, students are participating in a interactive jamboard where students are actively engaged in labeling world continents together as a class. This has helped with student understanding and also can be a classroom morale booster.

"Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela