MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR COORDINATOR

NEW BEGINNINGS ARE HERE!

Wow! January was such a busy month with lots of new and exciting ventures for our Goal Card group and for our nation! We were so thrilled with all of our participating schools that incorporated the inaugural events into the day’s lesson plan. The students were most appreciative and it was a historic moment for us all!

We want to thank all of our students and parents that participated in our Redemption events last month. It was so great to have the opportunity to connect with you all virtually! We definitely miss seeing you all on a regular basis, and cannot wait to see you all again when it is safe.

If you were unable to attend the online Redemption for your school, please feel free to reach out to your coordinator to make arrangements to attend the Q2 event as well as other mandatory meetings. Please keep in mind that the your end-of-year rewards depend on your program participation.

Right now is such a critical time for our students; you all have been in this pandemic for nearly a year now and the exhaustion is kicking

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in. If you are a student that did not perform as well as expected during the first semester — there is still time. Like we discussed in our virtual gathering; we urge you to set your goals and follow a plan to ensure that you have an overall successful school year. While going through all of our member’s report cards, we have noticed some that require additional assistance. We will be reaching out to those individuals privately to set up intervention plans with your school’s counselors.

As always, parents, we ask that you continue to encourage your students to do well in school and strive for excellence in their academic, conduct, and attendance. If your child is experiencing any difficulties in these areas, please feel free to reach out to your site coordinators at goalcard@risememphis.org to receive assistance. Your success is what is most important to us!

Be safe,

KIMBERLY MORGAN-WEST
SENIOR GOAL CARD COORDINATOR

GOAL CARD NEWS

ENTER GOAL CARD’S TIC-TOK BLACK HISTORY COMPETITION TO WIN $100

It’s February and it’s officially BLACK HISTORY MONTH! To kickoff this month’s festivities, the Goal Card team is using Tik-Toc to host its very first black history month competition!

In order to win this month’s competition, we’re looking for CREATIVITY! The Goal Card team is asking that all entrants create a one-minute Tic Toc video paying homage to a prominent figure that has contributed to the advancement of the African American community, and share important facts about them. Because we want uniqueness in submissions, we are excluding videos featuring Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, Barack Obama, Michelle Obama, Malcolm X, and Emmett Till.

Again, your creativity will win this competition.

RISE will recognize an (1) elementary winner, (2) middle-school winner, (3) high school winner, and (4) grand prize winner. The grand prize winner will receive a gift card up to $100, and RISE must be authorized to share winning videos on our social media pages. All submissions must be clean, use no profanity, and must not exceed the one-minute time frame. Please email submissions to goalcard@risememphis.org. The deadline to submit your video is February 20, 2021 by 12:00 noon! If you have any questions, feel free to call (901) 507-8885 or 901-614-0460.

SCS DELAYS IN-PERSON LEARNING

By now you are all aware that Shelby County Schools has delayed in-person learning until further notice.

The announcement was made in late January by Superintendent Ray after receiving enormous pressure from Governor Bill Lee for SCS students and staff to return back to into the classrooms. The district was expected to gradually reopen schools on February 8th.

At the moment, SCS is unable to provide a date for reentry, however, the district is continuing to monitor the COVID-19 cases to ensure a safe and healthy reentry plan.

For more information about the district’s reentry decision, as well as information about vaccinations, please visit the district’s website at scsk12.org.


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GOAL SETTERS OF THE MONTH!

ELEMENTARY GOAL SETTER OF THE MONTH

LELAND WRIGHT

Congratulations to our Elementary School Goal Setter of the Month, Leland Wright! Leland is 11 years old and is in the 5th grade at LaRose Elementary.

Leland’s favorite subject is Science and his favorite school activity is PE. When Leland grows up, he wants to become a lawyer. We are so proud of Leland for receiving the most Goal Card points at LaRose for the 1st nine week report card period!

Congratulations Geraldine Wright! Leland is well on his way!

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOAL SETTER OF THE MONTH

DEMARCUS CARTER, JR.

Congratulations to our Middle School Goal Setter of the Month, DeMarcus Carter, Jr.! DeMarcus is 12 years old and is in the 7th grade at BTW. DeMarcus has an interest in sports and wants to be a professional football player or coach when he grows up. A fun fact about DeMarcus is that he is a great actor and has been in two plays thus far!

Congratulations Valencia Walker! We are so proud of DeMarcus!

HIGH SCHOOL GOAL SETTER OF THE MONTH

SA’RONE BENTON

Congratulations to our High School Goal Setter of the Month, Sa’Rone Benton. Sa’Rone is 15 years old and is a sophomore at BTW High School. His favorite subject is social studies and science and his hobbies include playing basketball and shopping. After graduation, Sa’Rone plans to attend Duke University and become a lawyer or judge.

Congratulations Anquanette Washington. Sa’Rone is on the right path!

Goal Setters of the Month are selected by each group’s Goal Card Coordinator with the help of representatives at our participating schools. Encourage your child to be a shining star so that they can be recognized in our upcoming newsletters!
COVID-19 INFO & ANNOUNCEMENTS

This section is reserved for information regarding COVID-19 information and announcements. RISE is only sharing this information and does not have any additional information regarding any of the listings.

CSA NEWS

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR STIMULUS PAYMENT!

Hello CSA students! You should have received your bank statements in the mail detailing your account balances as of December 2020. We noticed that several of our CSA students have missed consecutive deposits due to the pandemic. If you’ve missed deposits and need to get back on track, give Mrs. Kim a call so we can talk to you and your parents about using your stimulus check and/or tax return to increase your final payout!

Again, we also want to remind you that your monthly deposits are due by the 5th of each month. If you are having issues making your deposits due to COVID restrictions, please reach out to our Goal Card team so we can make arrangements with you.

Your MANDATORY virtual CSA meeting on this Wednesday, February 3rd at 4:30 pm. If you have any questions, please call us at 901-507-8885. Thanks!

RISE UPCOMING FEBRUARY EVENTS

Wednesday, February 3
MELROSE CSA CHECK-IN MEETING
4:30p—5:30p
GO MEETING
Please see Redemption email or email goal-card@risememphis.org for more info!

Friday, February 5
NO SCHOOL
NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED

Wednesday, February 10
BELLEVUE FINANCIAL LITERACY LESSON!
4:30p—5:30p
GO MEETING
Please see Redemption email or email goal-card@risememphis.org for more info!

Monday, February 15
NO SCHOOL
NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED

Wednesday, February 17
2ND QUARTER REPORT CARDS ISSUED!

Wednesday, February 22—February 26
REDEMPTIONS BEGIN!