
Griffin Times



Are You Connected to ECHO?

ECHO is the web-based system we use to keep scholars, facilitators, and parents in the loop with learning! It features class resources, assignments, and supports project-based learning with digital tools and a community of learners. By using ECHO, parents can easily see what their scholar is working on for class, examples of how to do the assignment, and their grade after the assignment is complete. For more information on getting connected to ECHO as a parent email jthornton@gradacademymemphis.org

Things to know...

We have a few important dates coming up this month. Parents please be aware and plan accordingly.

- **10/6-** Parent Facilitator Conferences 4pm-6pm, Half Day for Students
- **10/7-10/14-** Fall Break, No classes will be held during these dates
- **10/18-** Last day to pay deposit for Senior Dues
- **10/21-** First Quarter Report cards will be issued
- **10/25-** PFSA General Meeting

Calling All Senior Parents

October 1st is the start of the Financial Aid season, and it's important that your scholar completes the necessary paperwork. Scholars planning to attend a 2-year institution (even if just as a back up plan) should complete the Tennessee Promise before November 1st. Similarly, we are asking that all families complete their **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)



Ms. Robinson's PLTW 3:

Computer Integrated Manufacturing

Scholars are learning to write a computer code that will tell an automated tool to drill a pattern in a block of wood. Scholars learn the computer code language, and translate the image using that computer code. Finally, the drill will accurately recreate the image in the wood.

How cool is that!

by November 1st.

To schedule a meeting regarding Financial Aid with Ms. Mrljak, please e-mail her

at smrljak@gradacademymemphis.org

with when you are available Monday-Friday, 8-11AM/2:30-4.



"Round of Applause" to *Audra Robinson* for being facilitator of the Month, and *Kyla Lewis* for being Scholar of the Month!

Ms. Robinson is committed to serving scholars through her tireless work as the technology department head, AKA A.S.E.N.D Program coordinator, and overall leader amongst staff.

Kyla is always dressed professionally, a member of the SGA Executive Board, and actively involved in the



Community Corner

Walk for Success

November 5th 2016

Walk for Success is a door to door campaign to intentionally reach out to our new freshmen to make them and their family feel apart of the GRAD family. It is our goal to truly be a wrap-around school and create a supportive village around all of our students.

Parent Center

The Parent Center is open during school hours to ALL parents. Swing by and see job posting, have access to the internet, and other resources daily.

award winning Poetry Team. Her reliability exudes our core value TRUST daily as she thinks and works on ideas that positively impact the future of GRAD Academy.

Here's to you two!

Want to receive text messages directly to your phone about updates at GRAD? Click <https://www.remind.com/join/40830> and join the Griffin family!

Thank you parents and staff for your support and continued passion for our scholars!



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