The last week of the third quarter is upon us. When we return from Spring Break on March 20th we will begin the last quarter of the 2016-2017 school year. The teachers and staff continue to work diligently with students to provide various learning opportunities and experiences. Recently, our first Mock Trial team competed at the Tampa Courthouse in front of judges and attorneys to demonstrate their debating and speaking skills. They were given a hypothetical case and tasked to play the role of either a lawyer or a witness, displaying their ability to act and think on their feet. The trial is held in front of a jury comprised of lawyers. The students have studied above and beyond the curriculum of the Speech elective and spent many hours outside of class to improve their performance.

At the Mock Trial, our young team represented our school well. Out of 4 teams, we placed 3rd overall. All of the other schools in the competition had at least one year of experience with mostly upperclassmen; in contrast, our team was made up of mostly underclassmen. Some of the feedback received included comments indicating that the students were poised, confident and well versed in the “story” and that we had some truly talented students who can have a successful law career if they choose that route.

Our success could have been accomplished without the expert and dedicated coaching by Mr. Marc Makholm. He has been with the group nearly every Garnet day morning for at least an hour before starting his own work day, all on a volunteer basis. The gift he has given to our students of his time and expertise has resulted in a level of confidence and security with regards to public speaking and communication skills that will be an advantage their entire lives. We are so lucky he chose to work with us and has dedicated himself to our success.

Whether you are traveling or staying home for Spring Break, I wish you a safe, happy time with friends and family.

Your Principal,
Kristine Bennett
Straight from the Phoenix Action Crew

PAC Update

Please Join Us

Final PAC Educational meeting of the school year
Tuesday, May 16, 2017
6:00-7:00pm
BDCHS Cafeteria
Speaker to be announced soon!

An Evening of

Denim & Diamonds 10

Benefitting BDCHS &
in Celebration of the School’s 10th Anniversary

The BDCHS 2017 spring event, Denim & Diamonds, is just around the corner. A copy of the invitation is included with this Phoenix News edition.

Ways you can get involved with this wonderful event:
- Help in getting sponsors
- Assist in bringing in silent auction items
- Encourage others to buy tickets to the event
- Donate needed items for the event
- Volunteer to serve on the silent auction committee and the day of the event

Please keep an eye out for SignUpGenius requests that will invite you to assist in finding silent auction items and baskets. Sponsorship, ticket, and silent auction information will be emailed to all our wonderful Brooks DeBartolo families very soon; as well as available on www.BDCHS.org.

If you have any questions about this event, sponsorships, tickets, special items you would like to donate (such as a week at a vacation home, frequent flyer miles, spa packages, golf packages, etc.) please email PAC.BDCHS@gmail.com.
“Suit Up and Show Up” Event

Students were selected to attend the annual “Suit Up and Show Up” event hosted by the CDC of Tampa (Corporation to develop communities of Tampa, Inc.). The event included a keynote speaker followed by breakout sessions focusing on enhancing your personal image and responsibility. The day culminated with a question and answer panel discussion. Each young man had the experience of getting fitted for and receiving his own business suit. The goal of the day was to shift the perceptions of young men – offering a new outlook on their potential.

Athletic Booster News

"Cambridge Dictionary: Booster: Noun (c): an action or thing that improves or increases something: A booster is also someone who is an enthusiastic supporter of something."

Come join us at our next Athletic Booster Club meeting in the BDCHS cafeteria on Monday, March 20 at 6 p.m. and see how YOU can be a Booster of our BDCHS athletic program. Questions? Email phoenixbooster1@gmail.com.

Spring Sports Athletic Banquet
Monday, May 15
6:30-8:30 p.m.
BDCHS Gymnasium

We need YOU and lots of volunteers to make this event possible. Please gather any random team or athlete photos you may have (one or two is better than none!). We’ll need help that evening with setting up, serving, cleaning up and supplies.

For more information, please contact phoenixbooster1@gmail.com OR attend our next Booster Club and planning meeting on Monday, March 20.

GO PHOENIX!!
BDCHS Art on Display

Our BDCHS Art Program continues to show their talent! The following students will have their artwork on display throughout the Tampa Bay area.

Dali High School Surrealism Contest
Dali Museum

Hakeem Brown – Till Death Do Us Part
Marielle Smith – Just Fishing For Compliments
Jacob Smith - Conflict
Malek Johnson - Folded
Laura Butriago – Fear Of The Wall

Exhibition Dates: March 18 - May 7, 2017

Awards Reception: Tuesday, April 25, 6:30pm -8:30pm, Ceremony at 7:00pm, Salvador Dali Museum in St. Petersburg. Students and their families are admitted free to the museum for the reception.

Calyx Schenecker Art Infinitum - Annual High School Fine Art Competition
Valentina Cartaya
Hakeem Brown
Patrick Brown
Arnold Trueba
Malek Johnson
Olivia Sanderford

Exhibition Dates: April 3 - 29, 2017

Awards Reception: Thursday, April 6, 6-8 PM; Awards program 7 PM
Exhibition Location Gallery221@HCC, HCC Dale Mabry Campus

PHOENIX NEWSLETTER

Give Day Tampa Bay returns TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017!
Get Ready!!!
Don’t Miss Out on this Opportunity

HCPS is excited to announce the launch of the 90-by-20 Student Logo Contest!

As you already know, increasing graduation rates have been identified as one of the district’s four strategic priorities. It is the goal to have 90% of HCPS students graduate by the year 2020 (90-by-20). We’ve placed a heavy emphasis on educating our internal stakeholders about our graduation goals. Now is the time to engage and get the rest of our community on board to achieve this goal together. Branding this initiative will help HCPS gain awareness and buy-in from the community, all while engaging our talented students throughout the process.

We are encouraging students in grades 3 through post-secondary to create an original logo for the district’s goal of increasing graduation rates. The contest began February 15, 2017. Electronic submissions will be accepted until 11:55 pm on March 24, 2017.

The winning student designer will earn $500 in cash, courtesy of our partner, School City. For more information, visit the contest page on the school district website.
Thank You to our Donors & Community Partners

THE “INAUGURAL” PHOENIX NEST PARTNERS
(the BDCHS annual fund/giving program)

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Kitchen/Cafeteria: Chris Sullivan Foundation
Fitness Center/Trail: Maney Gordon, P.A.
Science Lab: Asher DeBartolo Heldfond
Band Classroom: Lisa DeBartolo & Don Miggs
Math Classroom: David Mallitz & Family
Math Classroom: Geza Henni & Family
Math Classroom: Anonymous
Math Classroom: AnyCar USA Auto Sales & Leasing
English Classroom: Apheta Family Offices
English Classroom: Elizabeth & Mike Weems
English Classroom: PAC 2014
Terrace: Lee Roy Selmons

Foreign Language: Nikki DeBartolo & Chad Chronister
Foreign Language: Matassini Law Firm
Conference Room: Jean & Jim Palermo
West Hallway: Karen & Lawrence Liebers
Science Lab: Broadrick Family Foundation Inc.
PE/Health Classroom: McClain & Chaumont
Dance Room: Royal Sun Park Assisted Living / Smith Family
South Hall New Wing: Denise Griffin & Family
East Hallway: New Tampa Pediatric Dental
Student Services/College Resource Center: Wells Fargo

Through this naming program, the BDCHS and local community can make an annual investment in education and in the futures of BDCHS students.

Available sponsorships include:

* Gymnasium * Admin Suite * TV Studio * IT Office / Media Center * Clinic
  * Plant / Maintenance Office * Teacher Workroom * Technology Labs (s)
* Math Classroom (1) * English Classrooms (3) * Social Sciences Classrooms (4)
  * Science/STEM Classrooms (3) * World Language Classroom (1)
* Teaching / Writing Labs (3) * Hallways (4)

If you’re interested in becoming a Phoenix Nest Partner, making an investment through a sponsorship or scholarship, and/or you want to learn about other ways to become involved with BDCHS, please contact Judy Anderson, Director of Development at jander-son@bdchs.org or 813.971.5600 X204.

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