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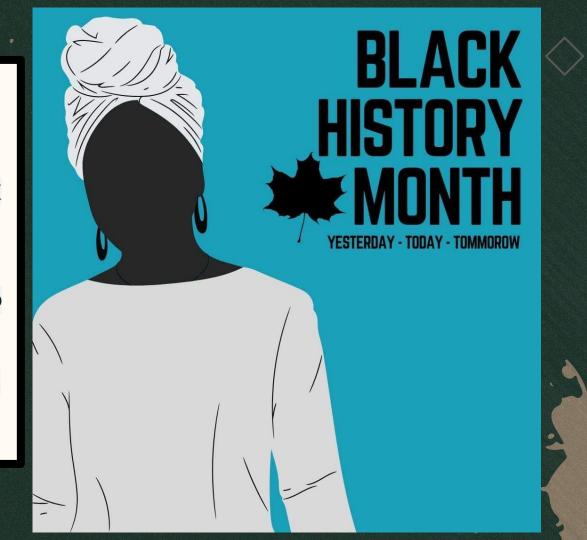
Monday- 9:30am- 3:00pm In-Person Tuesday- 9:30am-3:00pm In-Person Wednesday- 9:30am-1:00pm Remote Thursday- 9:30am- 3:00pm Remote



REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR EMAILS FOR SPECIAL RESOURCE PACKETS FROM ME, PLC NEWS, SCHOOL UPDATES AND MORE...



REMEMBER OUR **HISTORY IS NOT** LIMITED TO ONE MONTH. TAKE TIME TO DISCOVER BLACK **HISTORY FACTS & OUR AMAZING ANCESTORS THAT** HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO OUR RICH CULTURE. REMEMBER YOU ARE **BLACK HISTORY IN** THE MAKING.





OUR PARENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (PLC) MEMBERS FOR 2023- 2024 SCHOOL YEAR



OUR PLC PRESIDENT MONIQUE BOWENS





OUR PARENT COORDINATOR / PLC LIAISON MS. PINK

















Quick Virtual Housekeeping

- Please Mute your Screen & Mute your Phones
- Please Do Not Click Present or Hook your Screen to the TV (It Interferes with the Presentation)
- Please Type your Name, Scholar's Name & Email Address in the Comment Section for Attendance ** Families on the phone please email Ms. Pink your name, scholar's name & grade
- Please type any Questions in the Comment Section relating to the Meeting
- NOTE: This PLC Virtual Meeting will be recorded & posted on our school website



Our Team



Josue De Paz



Kerianne Baylor CEO & Co-Founder Senior Program Manager



Briana Alford-Jones Program Coordinator



Celine Paulino Alumni Coordinator



Sarah Moon Special Projects Intern



Jelaney Wright Student Recruitment Intern

Overview

Born in 2020, First Tech Fund is a nonprofit dedicated to empowering low-income high school students to identify, navigate, and attain academic and professional opportunities by providing a supportive, adaptive ecosystem where students get access to free tech, free broadband, skills training, social capital, mentorship, and more.



Tech Access

Every Fellow receives the technology & Internet access they need to succeed



Mentorship

Fellows get paired with young professionals in industries they express interest in.



Skills Training

Fellows learn 21st century skills like financial literacy, resume building and more.



Career Exploration

Fellows receive exposure to BIPOC speakers with shared lived and professional experiences.



Network Building

We help students build social capital with each other, creating their first network.

Thanks to the generosity of our partners' funding support, equipment donations, and volunteerism...

Our program is completely free to students!

Program Structure

Career Workshops MONTHLY FROM SEPT-MAY

- Candid structured dialogues
- Wide variety of careers and experiences

Skills Training Workshops

 Targeted skills training around financial literacy, loans, public speaking and more

Mentor Check-Ins

 Focused on helping you achieve your top priorities

Opportunity Emails WEEKLY

 We search for and send scholarships, jobs, internships and more

Community

 Opportunities to build a strong network of support through 1:1s and personal introductions

Programming

 Optional workshops led by expert speakers on topics like writing a college essay

And More...

- Office hours
- Corporate events
- Social gatherings

Success Stories

We've been proud to work with students across NYC, empowering them to reach their full potential in a number of different ways, always working on a case by case basis to provide students with custom support tailored to their goals. The following students highlight the benefits of our program:



Evelyn

With FTF's help, Evelyn was accepted to Princeton University with a full-ride scholarship, after her mentor reviewed her college essays.



Mushfiq

Mushfiq discovered his love for investment banking during a career exposure panel & FTF helped him land an internship at Blackrock, an investment manager.



Aissatou

Growing up in NYCHA housing, Aissatou was doing homework on her phone. With FTF's help she was accepted to Columbia University on a full-ride scholarship.



Rizzy

Rizzy always read our opportunities email and it showed – she was accepted to Girls Who Code and a summer neuroscience program at Columbia University.

First Tech Fund



Eligibility

We are looking for ...

- Incoming 11th 12th graders
- Attending a school in NYC full time
- Available Tuesday and/or Thursday evenings for 1 hour workshops 3-4 times per month
- Open to attending hybrid programming related to professional development, volunteering events, and corporate tours
- Ambitious, resilient, and committed students who have big dreams for themselves and their communities.

As a First Tech Fund fellow, students will:

- Participate in weekly, virtual workshops on Zoom on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from September 2024 to May 2025
- There is a mandatory in-person orientation (likely in Manhattan, time/location TBD) on Saturday, 9/7
- Be eligible to receive free technology depending on technology needs (laptop and/or WiFi hotspot)
- Build digital, foundational skills and work on their resume, online brand, college preparation, and more
- Receive personalized mentorship from an industry professional
- Gain access to our weekly First Tech Fund newsletter with resources, scholarships and opportunities, and our wider community of fellows and alumni
- Attend optional networking, professional development, and volunteer events with our corporate and community partners throughout the year



Our Impact

95%

Of college eligible students from cohort 1 enrolled in 2 or 4 year institutions. 200+

Laptops distributed during the global pandemic to students in need. 98%

of students stated that FTF increased their awareness of a wide range of career paths and opportunities available to them (2021).

100%

Of our surveyed students in Cohort 1 and Cohort 2 would recommend the First Tech Fund fellowship program to a friend or family member. 80%

of students stated that the WiFi benefitted not only them but their families (siblings, parents, etc) to access school, social services and more. 88.6%

of students surveyed were accepted to college and/or other extra-curricular / pre-career programs. (2020)



Alumni Services

We continue to assist students after the completion of fellowship program by offering networking and workforce development opportunities with leading companies in NYC.

We hope that by increasing the exposure to networking opportunities and professionals that come from similar backgrounds to our fellows, underrepresented college students can develop and strengthen their vocational identities and career management skills.



Alumni Corporate Events

In the summer of 2023, we hosted two networking event with **Snap Inc.**, and **Mastercard**. Students and alumni got the chance to connect with professionals and learn about their career path.



Snap Inc.

"It is okay to not know exactly what you want to do but knowing your interests may lead you to somewhere unexpected." - Allison E, FTF'21 Alum.



Mastercard

"Utilize your time in school to seek out things you normally wouldn't. Students often find new interests and gain new skills during this process which can change their career trajectory." - Mastercard Panelist

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Dual Impact Internship Program

In the summer of 2023, we launched Dual Impact Internship Program to ensure that our students are prepared for 21st-century jobs.

It is our first internship program that pairs students with an entrepreneur of color while covering the cost of the intern's stipend, so the startup has access to amazing talent and can grow their bandwidth, while our interns gain valuable experience in a startup environment. During our pilot program, we partnered with **Hera Health Solutions**, a pharmaceutical device company specializing in the research, development, and commercialization of long term treatments through proprietary biodegradable implants.

During the summer of 2024, we'll be expanding the program to include other verticals, including climate, healthtech, nonprofit, small business, and more.

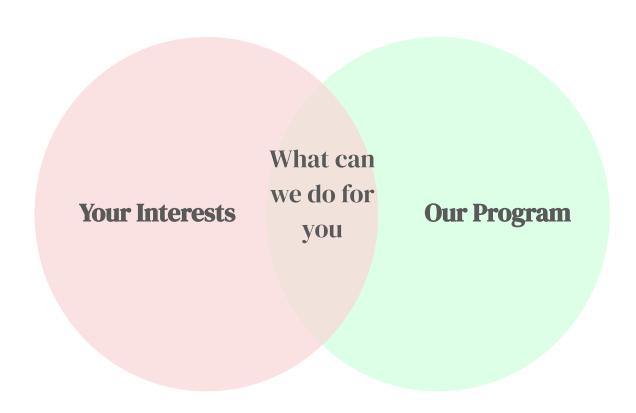


Engineering Intern
Carnegie Mellon University

Application Tips

- **Get feedback.** Have a teacher, older sibling, or classmate read your answers to the essay questions. This can help you check that your answers are clear and well-presented.
- Be as detailed as possible. The word count guidance we provide is based on the typical length of answers for the most successful applicants.
- **Do your research.** Show us that you have read through our website and recruitment materials and know what we offer.
- Share your interests. Tell us about your goals and interests outside of the classroom. We
 want to get to know you as a person.
- **Submit original work.** We can tell when parents have taken the lead in crafting an application. We aren't looking for perfection, just a good faith effort.

Essay Question Formula



How do I apply?

- Apply here by filling out the application form
- https://www.firsttechfund.com/apply

Application Timeline

- May 11th, 2024 at 7 PM ET: Application deadline
- Second week of July 2024: Application decisions for 2024 First Tech Fund Fellows will be sent out.
- **July 26th, 2024**: Deadline for accepted students to confirm their spot in the fellowship.



Questions?

Email us at info@firsttechfund.com

If you'd like to be notified of upcoming sessions and application reminders, please take advantage of our interest form!













THE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY COALITION

A COMMUNITY CENTERED RESPONSE TO ENDING GUN AND COMMUNITY VIOLENCE.



OUR PRESENTERS:

Ralph Perez

The Wick Against Violence

Program Manager

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Shonn Marrow

Community Liaison

Southside United-HDFC / The Wick Against Violence

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY COALITION EARLY HISTORY AND WORK.

· The Wick Against Violence was created in 2017 as a program/initiative of the Neighborhood Safety Coalition under the umbrella of Southside united HDFC - Los Sures a long-time community housing and social services agency. The local community, specifically Bushwick and Borinquen houses at the time were experiencing an uptick in gun violence and killings. Together with the Bushwick Houses RA and other community stakeholders our organization and the RA decided to join forces and develop a response to the violence. Through this effort the The Neighborhood Safety Coalition (NSC) was created. The NSC works closely with local organizations, neighborhood churches and pastors, community residents and other stakeholders to engage individuals most likely to commit a shooting or be Victims of shootings. The program works primarily in the NYCHA developments of Bushwick houses and Borinquen Houses.

HOW THE PROGRAM RESPONDS TO GUN® VIOLENCE.

Detect and interrupt potentially violent conflicts

- Trained violence interrupters and outreach workers prevent shootings by identifying and mediating potentially lethal conflicts in the community and following up to ensure that the conflict does not reignite.
- Prevent Retaliations Whenever a shooting happens, trained workers immediately work in the community and at the hospital to cool down emotions and prevent retaliations working with the victims, friends
 and family of the victim, and anyone else who is connected with the event.

- Mediate Ongoing Conflicts Workers identify
 ongoing conflicts by talking to key people in the
 community about ongoing disputes, recent
 arrests, recent prison releases, and other
 situations and use mediation techniques to
 resolve them peacefully.
- Keep Conflicts 'Cool' Workers follow up with conflicts for as long as needed, sometimes for months, to ensure that the conflict does not become violent.

SHOOTING (VIOLENCE) RESPONSE AND MOBILIZATION







A CALL TO MEN PROGRAM AT WCHS



We work to transform society by promoting <u>healthy</u>, <u>respectful manhood</u> and offering <u>trainings</u> and <u>educational resources</u> for companies, government agencies, schools, and community groups.

At the core of all our education and programming is our signature analysis on the collective socialization of manhood — the Man Box — and our community organizing model for promoting healthy manhood. Our work is rooted in our seven core principles, which include centering marginalized voices and addressing intersectional oppression. Our approach follows the <u>social ecological model</u>, advocated by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, and we actively support the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (<u>Goal 5: Gender Equality</u>).





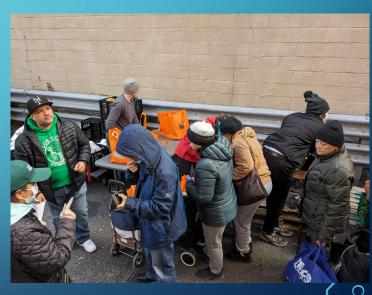
A Call To Men offers an invitation to men, not an indictment of manhood. We let men and boys know that their ideas about manhood, women, and girls have been shaped by their collective socialization. The messages that the media and culture bombard us with tell us that women are objects, property, and have less value than men.

Our job is to raise men's and boys' consciousness about their collective socialization so that they can think critically about how they might be reinforcing or passing on these harmful beliefs and so they can challenge those beliefs in other men. Because we address the root of these problems (from domestic violence and sexual assault to sexual harassment and workplace discrimination), we are paving the way for gender equity.

QUESTION AND ANSWER CONTACT US: NSC@lossures.org



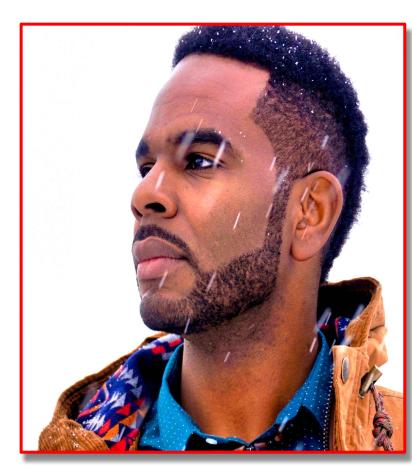






Bio

Vincent "VFerg" Ferguson is an artist, educator, and community builder from Evans, Georgia. Residing in Bushwick, Brooklyn, Vincent works with humans to unlock their potential through creativity and technology. Specializing in social-emotional learning, Vincent provides transformational experiences for communities and school environments. VFerg tours globally with his record label, Higher Level Music, and facilitates cultural exchanges through music, film, and storytelling. As a Morehouse College graduate with a former Wall Street banking career, Vincent is fully expressed at the intersection of creativity, business, and community.



Vincent Ferguson

























Personal Pedagogy

Experiential Lifelong Learning.

Music and Technology to Promote Confident Decision Making and Non-Linear Thinking.

Culturally Responsive and Trauma-Informed Learning.

Class Rules:

- Respect the Learning Space. Respect Each Other.
- 2) Don't Be a Dream Killer.
- Play All Out Acts of Boldness are Celebrated.



Content

A look into collaborations, performances, and community events with young learners. Many are now leaders in their communities and influential in the music/film industry.



....worth a thousand words







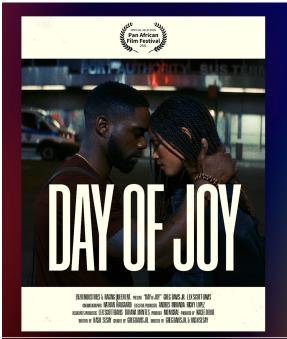




Film Projects Producer Music Supervisor







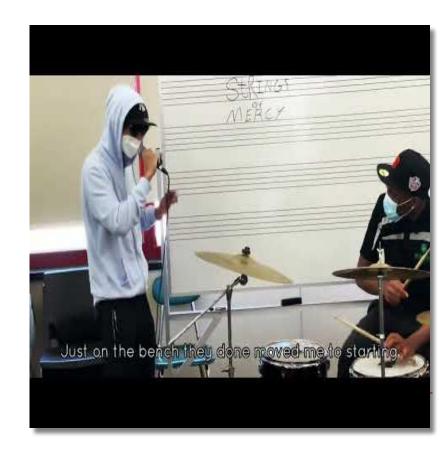


WATCH NOW ON PRIME VIDEO



Future Projects

- FirstLive
- Off-Site Learning
- Artist Incubators
- Film Projects
- International Relations
- Student Voice



THANK YOU



























NYC School Survey 2/12-4/5/2024

Starting February 12th!!

- Take the NYC School Survey
- Parents: Go to <u>NYCSchoolSurvey.org</u>
- Select your language and click "Take the survey"
- Enter the letter "f" (lowercase) followed by your child's nine-digit OSIS number. (The 9-digit # at the bottom of your child's ID card)
- Complete 1 survey for <u>each</u> child in school.
- Take a screenshot of the "Thank you" screen and email it to <u>mmedina@thewcs.org</u> to be entered in the WCHS raffle.

 Your voice counts! We need your feedback!



Encuesta Escolar de NYC 2/12-4/5/2024

Take the NYC School Survey

Empezando 12 de febrero

- Padres: Entre a <u>NYCSchoolSurvey.org</u>
- Elige su idioma y haga clic en "Take the survey"
- Entre la letra "f" (minúscula) seguido por los 9-dígitos del número de OSIS de su hijo. (El # de 9-dígitos en la parte baja de la tarjeta de identificación de su hijo)
- Complete una encuesta por cada niño en la escuela.
- Tome una captura de la pantalla que dice "Gracias" y mándala por email a mmedina@thewcs.org para entrar en la rifa ¡Su voz cuenta! ¡Necesitamos sus comentarios!







MARCH 8th, 2024 - Last Day of Trimester 2

MARCH 11th, 2024 - Trimester 3 begins

MARCH 19th, 2024 - Report Card Pick Up from Adisors 5-7pm (in-person)

MARCH 20th, 2024 - PSAT Exam (Grade 9) & SAT Exam (Grade 11); REMOTE Asynchronous instruction Grade 9 & 12

SCHOOL UPDATES



CLUB ADAM, INCORPORATED'S

2024 DECLARATION THE YEAR OF OUR CHILDREN

WE PRESENT THE

RHONDA ROSS SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

AT THE

WILLIAMSBURG CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

ON MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024

FROM 2-3 PM

SPEAKING ON THE TOPIC

"FIND YOUR VOICE!"

DESIGNED TO BRING OUT THE INNER GREATNESS
OF OUR CHILDREN!

CONTACT: TONY FELTON (o) 347/591/2531 PRESIDENT CLUB ADAM, INC. (c) 917/405/9468

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EN COOPERACIÓN CON

LA DECLARACIÓN 2024 DE AÑO DE NUESTROS HIJOS

DE CLUB ADAM, INCORPORADO

PRESENTAMOS EL

COMPROMISO DE HABLAR DE RHONDA ROSS

EN LA

ESCUELA SECUNDARIA WILLIAMSBURG CHARTER

EN BROOKLYN, NUEVA YORK

EL LUNES, 11 DE MARZO DE 2024

DE 2-3PM

HABLANDO SOBRE EL TEMA

"ENCUENTRA TU VOZ"



¡DISEÑADO PARA SACAR LA GRANDEZA INTERIOR DE NUESTROS NIÑOS!

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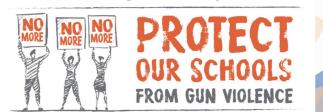
WILLIAMSBURG CHARTER STANDS AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

Join us Wednesday March 27th

We invite students, staff and community members to meet us at Justice Gilbert Ramirez Park AKA
White Park

2:00 **PM Sharp!**

We will then March in UNITY back to WCHS to sign our
GROW: anti-gun violence petition



WILLIAMSBURG CHARTER STANDS AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

Únete a nosotros miércoles 27 de marzo

Invitamos a los estudiantes, el personal y los miembros de la comunidad a reunirse con nosotros en Parque del juez Gilbert Ramírez alias parque blanco ;2PM en punto!

Luego Marcharemos en UNIDAD de regreso a WCHS

para firmar nuestro

CRECE: petición contra la violencia armada





SYEP Applications are OPEN! The Deadline to submit applications is MARCH 1st, 2024













How to Apply for AFFORDABLE HOUSING LOTTERIES Webinar



Thursday, March 7, 2024 • 6-7:30pm

RSVP

www.bit.ly/lottery030724



Join to learn about:

- How to apply online for NYC housing lotteries
- · Changes to the Housing Connect online platform
- Apartment opportunities across the city
- New Coney Island developments like 1515 Surf Ave
- Special preferences
- More!



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Ready to launch into a new career?

Elevate your future at the Bronx & Brooklyn Energy Hub Green Career Job Fair. Explore employment, education, and training opportunities for a career in clean energy & the Green Workforce.

MARCH 7, 2024, 2-5 PM
ADDRESS

1130 GRAND CONCOURSE BRONX, NY 10456



Scan QR code to register for the event



Connect Her

Scan the QR code to fill out a form and















41st ANNUAL BLACK COLLEGE FAIR

HBCU Experience: Educating and Empowering our Future







MIDDLE SCHOOL 35 272 MACDONOUGH ST BROOKLYN, NY 11233



Financial aid workshop and panel discussion

Step teams, Divine Nine stroll performances and marching band!

SATURDAY MARCH 2, 2024 10AM-4PM







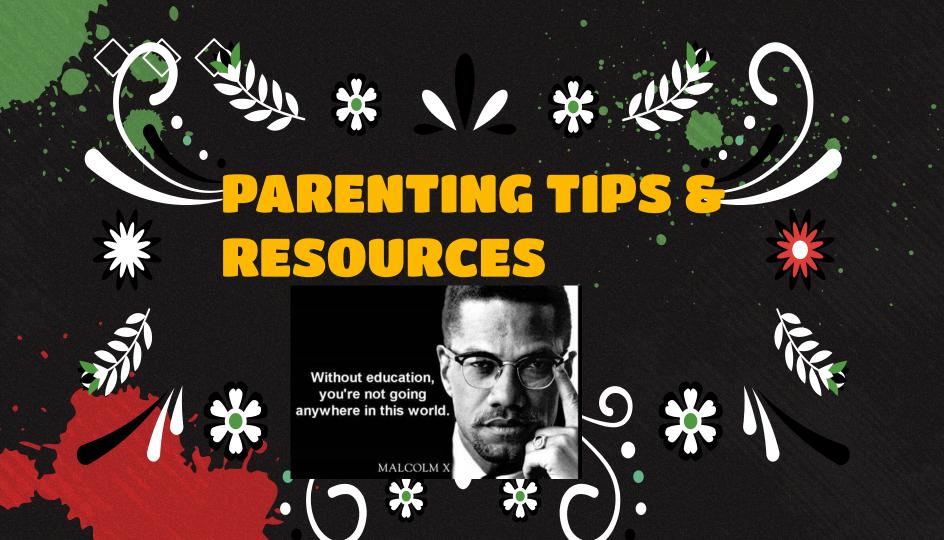
Hello Families & Scholars,

If you are in need of food, please visit Ms. Pink's Office in Room 812 on Mondays & Tuesdays from 9:30am - 3:00pm to sign up for a bag of food. We are grateful for the generous donation from The WICK Against Violence / Losssures. Additionally, if you are in need of clothing, feel free to stop by as Ms. Pink always has something special (new or slightly used clothing) available while supplies last.

P.S. If you would like to donate any new or gently used dresses, suits, shirts, ties, or other clothing items, we would greatly appreciate it. Thank you!









THINGS KIDS NEED TO HEAR MORE OFTEN

I forgive you.

I love you no matter what.**

I made a mistake, I'm sorry.

I like **spending time** with you.

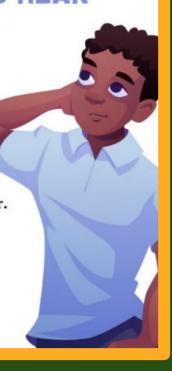
I'm so **grateful** that you're in my life.

I don't know. Let's figure it out together.

I can see that you're trying and I'm really proud of you.

It's okay if we don't agree. I appreciate the honesty.

Let's pause this talk and come back to it. I need a break.









In case no one told you today:

Everyone's growth has its own rhythm

2 steps forward, 1 step back is still progress

I'm proud of you for making it this far

Keep going, things will get better

It's okay to take a break once in a while







PARENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

MARCH WINDS PLC Raffle Enter to win a \$25 Gift Card



YOU MUST BE AT THE NEXT PLC MEETING MARCH 28th, 2024 @ 6pm TO WIN



ENTER NOW !!! Gift Card to AMAZON RAFFLE DEADLINE IS:
MARCH 22nd, 2024

To enter the Raffle email the PLC at plc@thewcs.org Include:

- 1. Your Full Name
- 2. Your scholar's Name, Grade & Student ID Number
 - 3. The word "POT OF GOLD"

RAFFLES ARE ONLY OPEN TO WCHS CURRENT FAMILIES.

Only one entry per family. You must be present at the entire meeting for the raffle. If you are not in attendance, another name will be drawn.





PARENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

FEBRUARY "LOVE" PLC Raffle Enter to win a \$25 Gift Card

YOU MUST BE AT THE NEXT PLC MEETING FEBRUARY 29TH, 2024@ 6pm TO WIN





There will be 2 Winners

ENTER NOW !!! Gift Cards to AMAZON RAFFLE DEADLINE

FEBRUARY 23rd, 2024

To enter the Raffle email the PLC at plc@thewcs.org Include:

- 1. Your Full Name
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 - 3. The word "LOVE"

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PLC FEBRUARY 2024 RAFFLE DRAWING!!!





Open Parent Discussion Parent Concerns





Do you have any questions?



AT: PLC@THEWCS.ORG

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AT 6PM





