

Learning Community News

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Family Café - Impact of Social Media on Kids

We are excited to announce that we will be bringing back Family Cafés this May! Our first café this year will be for families of students in grades 5-8, with a special emphasis on fifth grade students. This café will be facilitated by Smart Gen Society and will take place here at the school. We will also have a zoom component for those families who would like to join us virtually. There will be 2 presentations running simultaneously (one in English and one in Spanish).

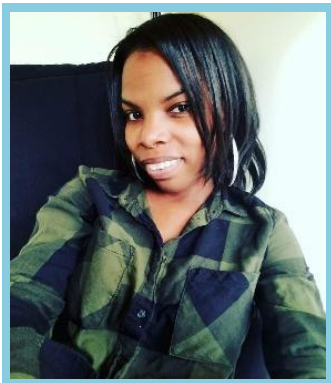
Smart Gen Society will be activating awareness about what your options are around technology, informing about the mental and physical health impacts of social media on children, and empowering you to support your children in making safe online choices.



Wit & Wisdom

Wit and Wisdom is a new, high-quality knowledge-building curriculum that we have introduced to our K-8 students this fall. It is so exciting to see one of the top-rated curriculums being used at our school! Wit and Wisdom integrates the four domains of language: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. It supports English Language Learners and is family-friendly. We can't wait to hear all about the program and what our students love most about it!

Meet Erica!



Erica Mitchell is one of the school social workers, a member of the social-emotional team (SET), and a co-founding member of our Anti-Racist Committee (ARC). Throughout her 14-year long social work career, she has had experience working in diverse settings, including adult corrections, child welfare/supervised visitation, RI Charter/Public/Private schools, outpatient counseling services, and home-based therapeutic services. As a graduate of Rhode Island College's BSW and MSW programs and a graduate of the Providence Public School System, she has always been drawn to school social work and is excited to continue her work here. She is committed to cultivating and fostering the resiliency of youth, especially youth of color. Our mission is aligned with her life's purpose and her values around educational equity and social justice. When she has free time, Erica enjoys creating playlists, spending time with her loved ones, writing, laughing, and leaning into her creativity. In her not-so-free time, she runs a small private practice that provides counseling support to young women of color and is a Registered Yoga Teacher (RYT).

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LCCS Girls' Running Club

We are excited to announce the start of the running club for our middle grades girls! Join to be part of a team, learn how to take care of yourself and others, practice running, complete a 5k, and have fun!



Start: Monday, April 4th
End: 5k road race in June!
Practices: Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 3:00-4:30

Restore More Visit

Last month we had the pleasure of hosting Restore More at our school for an equity audit. This audit supports administrators in determining the progress of our equity goals and provides steps for improvement. We also concluded Restore More's anti-racism series with a session on "Celebrating Diversity."



Our team members were very engaged and now feel more comfortable talking about race in the classrooms.

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Zoey was mayor for the day!

Women's History Month

To celebrate Women's History Month, two of our 4th grade students, Zoey and Ashley, were invited to attend CF Women's Day at Central Falls City Hall. The girls were able to have lunch with Mayor Maria Rivera, shadow city hall employees, hear from a panel of powerful women and community leaders, "chill with CF female cops", and learn about financial literacy at Navigant Credit Union. Zoey and Ashley were empowered to use their voice to make change happen and to become those strong leaders that they know they can be... and the world so desperately needs.



RICAS Testing

RICAS Testing started this month and runs from the 5th to the 13th with make-ups on the 14th. They then start up again on May 3rd and go on until the 20th. Make sure students are well-rested and well-fed. Limit screen time so that students may be at their best academic ability. We are anticipating dramatic gains this year!

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
					1 MG Q3 Gr Due
	4	5 RICAS ELA 3 & 5	6 No School Conferences	7 RICAS ELA 4 & 5	8 RICAS ELA 3 & 4
APRIL	11 RICAS Make Ups	12 RICAS 6, 7, 8	13 RICAS 6, 7, 8	14 RICAS Make Ups	15 Good Fri No School
	18	19	20 No School	21	22
	25	26	27	28	29

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