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A message from Stoddert ES

February 11, 2022

Dear Stoddert Families,

In February we recognize and celebrate Black History Month in a myriad of ways, including at Town Halls! We invite families to join us at 9 am on zoom this Wednesday, 2/16/22 [here](#) (meeting ID: 814 9986 1378 passcode: Wolves). Please enjoy below an original poem by Craysean Williams, Stoddert team member and parent, recently performed at our Town Hall on 2/9/22.

### A Poem

Being black doesn't mean I want to be treated better than you.

It just means I want to be treated equally too.

Color of my skin shouldn't come with a stigma or a prejudged hidden agenda.

Physical slavery was hundreds of years ago the scars on the skin have healed but what about the souls?

When do I finally get liberation or is equality a figment of my imagination.

Same places that are safe for others are not safe for me but how ironically we live in the land of the free.

Uncomfortable conversations can prevent uncomfortable confrontation.

It's hard for some to understand because by law they were never considered 3/5's of a man.

So let's not judge any man or woman and spread love to the only race that matters and that's human.

### Friendly Reminders & Timely Information

On 2/8/22, we completed 101 students **asymptomatic COVID tests** with no positive cases.

**February break is coming up!** There will be no school on 2/21-2/25/22. We look forward to welcoming our Wonderful Wolves back on 2/28/22. Test to return requirements are in place, as detailed here: <https://dcpsreopenstrong.com/chancellor/update-on-school-health-and-safety-measures/>

We will begin **sending home rapid test kits** with students on 2/16/22. If you plan to be out beyond the scheduled break of 2/21-2/25/22, please communicate with your child's teacher.

Stoddert is working with another DCPS elementary school to help their children build personal libraries. **We are looking for donations of gently used and new books.** Diverse and any Spanish language books are especially appreciated. Bins will be located outside of the library and outside the front entrance February 1 to March 1. Speak with Lisa McCluskey or librarian Kevin Lee for more information.

**Panorama survey and opt out forms:** Each year, we ask families to share their thoughts on our school's progress toward ensuring that every student feels loved, challenged, and prepared to positively influence

society and thrive in life. Do not miss this opportunity to share your feedback with DCPS and our school administrators. Your input is critical as we work to improve the ways our school and our district serve our students and families. Families, please be on the look-out for Spring 2022 Panorama student survey and family survey information and opt-out forms. The Spring student, family, and teacher-staff surveys will all take place from March 1-April 1, 2022. The student survey will be entirely online and take place during the school day for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders. Surveys are available in several languages. Please let your teacher know if you desire a paper copy for the family survey.

### **In Case You Missed It**

We are adjusting our next scheduled Principal's Monthly Coffee. Stay tuned for future timing.

**New DCPS Assessment Guide for Families:** DCPS Central office has created a DCPS Assessment Guide for Families as a resource to assist families with understanding their student's assessment results. Assessments are used to measure student academic growth and achievement for a variety of purposes. As part of our commitment to DCPS students and families, we want to ensure high quality instruction is prioritized and that assessments help educators support students on their path to successful grade level learning. This guide provides an overview of the uses of diagnostic and curriculum-based assessments. It includes helpful questions for families to ask during teacher conferences.

[Assessment Guide for Families - English](#) - 652.0 KB (pdf)

#### **File attachments:**

[Family Bulletin 2.11.22.pdf](#)

[Stoddert Elementary School CHILDREN'S LITERACY BOOKDRIVE Help other peers discover the gift of reading! Drop off your gently used books at the library until March 31st. Donation boxes are located in the Lib.pdf](#)

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