

FRIENDSHIP DAY SCHOOL FOR THE SCIENCES AND THE ARTS September 2021 Newsletter

Our scholar, 4th grader Sakeenah Odom-Pollard, inspires, ignites, and dreams of her future! CONGRATULATIONS, WE'RE PROUD!



“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.”

By Harriet Tubman

Dear Parents,

The cover for our September Newsletter highlights Sakeenah Odom-Pollard who, as you can see, is a track star. During the 2021 Track Season, she accumulated 20 medals, trophies, and awards from local, statewide, and national events.

“She has been passionate about running her entire life”, says her parents, Rhonda & Spencer. Now this track season was a challenge due to the weather, length of season and the concern of participating during a pandemic. However, Sakeenah persevered this year and had her most successful season to date. She is currently a member of the Charlotte Heat Track Club and competes as a 100m, 200m, and 400m sprinter. A new skill was added to her repertoire this year and she competed as a triathlete. In closing, we want you to know, Sakeenah concluded her season as a 5-time AAU All-American for track and field events. Our FDS School Family extends congratulations to Sakeenah and please know we are cheering you on every time you run in a track meet. *Dreams begin with a dreamer!*

What Are Teacher Work Days: Teaching requires a lot of work! At FDS, the expectation for scholars to achieve is high and so is the expectation for teachers to teach. Therefore, teachers are provided days when scholars are not here and they can do work such as writing their pacing guides, planning for future weeks, getting ready for assessments, or completing work they have but are just too busy to complete it during the school day. Look at your calendar, this year teachers and instructional specialists will have seven (7) teacher works days – to catch up, rejuvenate and get ready for the coming weeks.

Reminder: Our school uniform consists of FDS logo on a navy or light blue shirt and khaki bottoms. We have noticed some of our scholars are not in uniform. Please remember the uniform guideline is in our Family Handbook and states our guideline helps to provide scholars with a safe and most orderly learning environment as well as providing a sense of unity and family. The uniform guidelines are in effect daily. We expect all scholars to be in uniform.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- **Monday, Sept. 6th – Labor Day, NO SCHOOL**
- **Wednesday, Sept. 15th – 6:30 PM (Virtual)**
- **Friday, Sept. 17th – Teacher Workday, NO SCHOOL**
- **Monday, Sept. 20th – Beginning of Year Assessments**
- **Thursday, Sept. 23rd - Progress Reports Go Home**
- **Monday, Sept. 27th – Beginning of Year Assessments (continued)**

