

Legenda

Latin for “things to be read”

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News, Notes & Needs of The Washington Latin Public Charter School – 01.28.10

### Word of the Week

The 'Word of the Week' is:

**frangible** \FRAN-juh-buhl\

*adjective*

1. Capable of being broken; brittle; fragile; easily broken.

Frangible ultimately derives from Latin frangere, "to break."

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## I. NEWS

### FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Wednesday, 2/4 – Arts Night: 6:30 at Upshur

Thursday, 2/5 – 5th grade Science Fair; 8th grade trip to Gettysburg

Tuesday, 2/9 – 9th grade to Terra Cotta Warriors at NGS

Wednesday, 2/10 – 10th grade to Orestes; 8th grade visits Upper School

Thursday, 2/11 – Admission Open House at Upshur 6:30 p.m.

Monday, 2/15 – No School – Presidents' Day

Dear Latin Parents,

## RE-ENROLLMENT INFORMATION!!!

Next week we will be mailing out the first semester grades and comments, and included in that mailing you will find a re-enrollment form for the 2010-2011 school year. It is very important that all families review this material and get the signed form back to us no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 5. Washington Latin has been in the fortunate position of having to hold a lottery each year because we have more applicants than openings. This year's lottery will be held on Saturday afternoon, March 6. The form asks parents to indicate whether their child is returning or not returning; it is not just for families who plan to have their child return. Present families who do not submit their re-enrollment forms by the deadline are not guaranteed to have a spot for the coming year. Please look for this information in the upcoming mailing! If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Crystal Williams or me.

This morning I had the opportunity to speak via video conference with Dr. Saif al-Hajri, the Vice-Chair of the Qatar Foundation in Doha, and with Mr. Gholoum Abdulla, the principal of Doha Independent Secondary School for Boys, one of our partner schools for our Arabic language students. They are excited about our partnership and the upcoming visit of our students to Doha. I am proud that in addition to our classical curriculum we at Washington Latin are able to provide students with the global perspective and 21st century skills they will need for effective and productive citizenship as adults in today's world.

With warm regards,



Martha C. Cutts  
Head of School

### **FROM THE SCHOOL LIBRARIAN**

Thanks to the generosity of HarperCollins publishers and Ms. Wagstaffe's enthusiasm, one of her 5th grade sections is reading Advanced Reader's copies of *The Billionaire's Curse* by Richard Newsome, first published to rave reviews in Australia. It is a murder mystery romp with settings such as the British Museum. They will be providing the editor with their reactions to the book.

Thanks to the generosity of some friends of Mrs. Cutts, we have a new book in the library that was recently named a Coretta Scot King Honor Book - *Bad News for Outlaws, the Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U. S. Marshal by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson.*

## II. LION SPORT REPORT



*Latin Athletics*

### In this Report:

1. Want know the time your Latin basketball player will return from their game?
2. Where do I find Game and Practice Schedules?
3. How do I sign up for alerts for Game and Practice changes?

**1. Go to [www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net) and locate the Washington Latin page. In ‘The Chalkboard’ section you will find a ‘FORMS’ tab and in there is a document that gives approximate return times from games.**

**2. [www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net) is the place for all upcoming games and practice schedules, directions, etc. Go to the site and search Washington Latin and all the information will be there!!**

**3. Get Practice & Game alerts sent to you!!**

HIGHSCHOOLSPORTS.NET Subscribe [here](#), or go to [www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net) to receive last-minute notifications of game schedule changes, and follow these steps:

1. Click “My Account” at the top of the screen
2. Create your user id and password
3. Choose the “Edit” link next to “Team Subscriptions & Notifications”
4. Select Washington Latin Public Charter School
5. Select team(s) for which you wish to receive notification

***Go Lions!!***

### III. AROUND TOWN

The Washington, DC Area Chapter of the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College invites you to:  
The “Loving Me” Conference



**Saturday, March 20, 2010**

**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**  
**(9:00-10:00 AM Registration)**

**HomeFree-USA**  
**3401A East West Highway**  
**Hyattsville, MD 20782**  
**(Near PG Plaza Metro Stop)**



**Come Learn About:**

- **Building Sisterhood**
- **Professionalism**
- **Recognizing Your Unique Beauty**
  - **Much More!!!**

**For young women between the ages of 12 and 16 years old.**

**Please contact Milan Griffin: [Milan.Griffin@gmail.com](mailto:Milan.Griffin@gmail.com) with any questions. We look forward to seeing you!**

**GAO AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH 2010 ESSAY ORATORICAL CONTEST**  
**THEME: "The History of Black Economic Empowerment"**

The need for economic development has long been a central element of black life. After a long history of toil as slaves, African Americans gained their freedom but found themselves in a struggle to make a living. The chains were gone but unfortunately racism was everywhere. Pushing against the odds, African Americans became landowners, skilled workers, small businessmen and women, ministers, and professionals. The 2010 theme reflects on this history of economic self-empowerment. It also draws our attention to the need to sustain and expand upon previous growth in this area. Lastly, the theme is in honor of the centennial of the National Urban League, the frontier organization created in 1910 to address the needs of African Americans as they migrated to the various cities in the United States.

**CHALLENGE:**

The challenge here is to reflect upon the history of Black economic empowerment and the ability to continue to make progress despite the current economic climate the country finds itself in. In so doing, students may select a person, group, or issue relevant to this discussion. Students may consider one or more of the following issues in their research or may independently select a relevant issue to address:

1. Describe what "Black Economic Empowerment" means to you and your generation personally.
2. Provide your own tribute to the National Urban League by tracing their history and discussing their contributions to black economic empowerment.
3. With Jim Crow laws firmly in the past, discuss the modern day challenges to black economic empowerment.
4. In 1997, then National Urban League President Hugh B. Price said that black economic power is the final frontier separating African Americans from the American dream. Discuss whether or not you think that frontier has been reached. If not, discuss what your generation will do about it.
5. If you were President of the United States, describe what your economic stimulus package would be.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Sophomore, junior, and senior (10th through 12th grades) high school students currently enrolled in Washington, DC, public high schools are eligible to participate. First place winners of this contest are ineligible for future contests.

Please visit <http://www.thewedistrict.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/01/1.13.09.BlackHistoryMonthEssayContest.pdf> for complete details.



WARM UP at Dance Place's 2nd Annual Valentine's Day Dance Party  
Saturday, February 13 from 7pm - 11pm

Come solo, bring a date, or bring friends to celebrate an evening of LOVE with great music by DJ Glowstik and dancing with Dance Place favorites!

You're never too young or too old to celebrate love!

Get your groove on with DJ Glowstik (AKA Dan Bloom)

Dance with some of DC's smoothest movers

Watch the Dance Place Step Team

Enjoy delicious refreshments and a raffle extravaganza

Shop at the Valentine's Bazaar

Put your name on the Wall of Love

Create your own Valentine and other arts & crafts for all ages

All proceeds go towards our Climate Control Campaign, helping us GO GREEN with our new, more efficient Heating and Cooling System.

Tickets:

\$10 in advance (ends Friday, February 12 at 5pm)

\$15 at the door

Wear something red and admission is 2 for 1

Free admission for children and teens 17 and under

Visit <http://www.danceplace.org/Performances.aspx?Sc=250> to purchase tickets.

# Washington Latin Public Charter School

## February 2010

| Sun                   | Mon                                           | Tue                                                                                                                                                                  | Wed                                                                                                                                             | Thu                                                                                                                                             | Fri                                                                                                                                             | Sat                                                           |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
|                       | 1                                             | 2<br>Groundhog Day                                                                                                                                                   | 3                                                                                                                                               | 4<br>Arts Night<br>7:30pm in Cafeteria<br>Upshur Campus<br><hr/> 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade to<br>Alvin Ailey<br>10:00am – 1:00pm                    | 5<br>8 <sup>th</sup> Grade<br>Gettysburg Trip<br>7:30am – 5:30pm<br><hr/> 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science<br>Fair 3pm – 5pm                       | 6<br>Parent<br>Orientation/Lunch<br>For Qatar Trip<br>11:00am |
| 7                     | 8                                             | 9<br>9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip<br>to National<br>Geographic Society<br>to see the Terra<br>Cotta Warriors                                                     | 10<br>10 <sup>th</sup> Grade to<br>"Orestes" @<br>Folgers Theatre<br>10:00am – 2:00pm<br><hr/> 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade to visit<br>Decatur Campus | 11<br>CFES Scholars trip<br>to Stoddard Baptist<br>Nursing Home<br><hr/> Open House for<br>2010-2011 School<br>Year @ Upshur<br>6:30pm – 8:00pm | 12<br><u>Lincoln's Birthday</u><br><br>Selected 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade<br>Students to<br>Ford's Theatre,<br>Oratory Festival<br>11:30am – 2:00pm | 13                                                            |
| 14<br>Valentine's Day | 15<br>Presidents' Day<br><br><b>No School</b> | 16<br>Mardi Gras                                                                                                                                                     | 17                                                                                                                                              | 18                                                                                                                                              | 19                                                                                                                                              | 20                                                            |
| 21                    | 22<br>Washington's<br>Birthday                | 23<br>10 <sup>th</sup> Grade<br>Government Field<br>Trip to visit Court<br><hr/> PA Meeting @<br>Decatur 6:30pm<br>(Educational<br>Program provided<br>by Committee) | 24<br>Banking & Finance<br>5:15pm – 7:00pm<br>Upper School<br><hr/> 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade to Natural<br>History Museum<br>(All Day)             | 25                                                                                                                                              | 26<br>6 <sup>th</sup> Grade to<br>Building Museum<br>(All Day)                                                                                  | 27<br>George Mason<br>University Field<br>Trip                |
| 28                    |                                               |                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                 |                                                               |