Sunday, October 2, 2022

Duke Ellington School of the Arts est. 1974
ELLINGTON EXPRESS

From the Principal's Desk

Greetings Ellington Community!

Museum Studies faculty and students curated an exceptional exhibit on Thursday, and we appreciate everyone who came out to support their first exhibit of the school year. The exhibit, "Moving to Higher Ground, Wynton Marselis" is on view until November 11 in the Ellington Gallery, so don't forget to check out their amazing work, highlighting a legendary jazz legend. Fun fact: Did you know the Museum Studies Department curates almost all of the artwork you see in the building every day?

Parent-Teacher Conferences are on Thursday, October 6,12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. We're looking forward to seeing parents and guardians in-person again! Please keep your eye open for an **email with more information and sign-up instructions on Monday.**

There is **no school** for students on **Thursday, October 6** (Parent-Teacher Conferences), **Friday, October 7** (Professional Development Day for Staff), and **Monday, October 10** (Indigenous Peoples Day). We've really hit the ground running this school year so I hope you all use this time to recharge and rest. We have a school-wide **PSAT/SAT Day** on **Wednesday, October 12**. You should have received a **letter** from us last week with the schedule and best practices for students.

BELL SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 11-14

- Tuesday, October 11- **MONDAY bell schedule**.
- Wednesday, October 12 is **SAT/PSAT day with no classes**.
- Thursday/Friday, October 13-14 - **Normal Even/Odd Bell Schedule**.

The application deadline for **Dual Enrollment** and **Young Arts** is coming up! Both are opportunities of a lifetime, so don't forget to apply by **October 14**.

Lastly, parents and guardians please join our Parent Teacher Organization, **SHADE this Wednesday, October 5** at 7:30 p.m for their first meeting of the school year. This is a great opportunity to get more involved and stay up to date with all the happenings here at DESA. More info and the Zoom link are below. Admin will be present for questions or support.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER
Progress Reports will be mailed out by October 17.
November 7
End of Term 1
October 3
Senior Advisory Meeting - Lunch
October 4
Student Task Force Meeting - Lunch
October 3 - 14
Campaigning for Senior Council Elections begins!
October 6
No school/Parent-Teachers conference (in-person)
October 7
No School for students / PD

October 10
No School for students
October 12
SAT / PSAT Day for Grades 9-12

That's it for now! Don't forget to check out the amazing opportunities below. Thank you, and have a great week!

V/r,

Sandi M. Logan
Principal / Head of School

"The individual who says it is not possible should move out of the way of those doing it."

- Tricia Cunningham

REMINDER!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022

at 8:30am

SAT/PSAT DAY AT ELLINGTON

ALL GRADES!!

- Arrive at school by 7:30am for breakfast in the cafeteria.
- Report to your testing room by 8:30am.
- Testing will begin promptly at 9:00am.
- Snacks will be provided during the exam. Lunch will be provided after completion of the exam.
- Students must bring their own calculators unless receiving pre-approved accommodations
- Rosters will be posted in the Cafeteria
- Electronic devices including cellphones, airpods, wearable devices, etc.,. will not be allowed in the testing room and must be left in your locker.
- Scan the QR Code for Test Prep w/ Khan Academy

OSSE Enrollment Audit Preparation Underway!

It's audit season and OSSE will conduct our SY22-23 Enrollment Audit in just a few weeks. If you have been contacted already, thank you for helping me ensure that your documents are audit-ready. If you have not been contacted, your documents are likely ready for the audit. I say "likely" because this may change as we are still reviewing documents and will be doing so all the way up until audit day.

If at any point you receive notification that your documents are not actually ready and we need additional support from you, your prompt attention (within 24 hours) is necessary and most appreciated. Immediately following the initial audit, we may be in touch again if your documents were flagged by OSSE due to errors. We will have only a few days from that point to address these errors so we must move swiftly.

Together, we will get through the **5th AND FINAL year of our 5-year, 100% Enrollment audit**! Thank you in advance for your support!

Mr. Nearing, Registrar
dana.nearing@k12.dc.gov

Show Choir Auditions and Call Backs
Tuesday, October 4 & Wednesday, October 5

Congratulations to every talented student who auditioned this week for the Voices In Motion Show Choir! There will be a Last Call Round of Auditions next **Tuesday, October 4** during Lunch in Bonds Hall (Rm. 338). Callbacks will be **Tuesday, October 4**, and **Wednesday, October 5** (both 5:15 - 6:30 p.m.)

You are only expected to attend the day you were assigned for Callbacks. During Callbacks, you will be asked to learn music and choreography with our current Show Choir members. Please dress appropriately (that includes your shoes) and arrive on time. If you have any questions/concerns, please contact Mr. Watkins, at Greg.Watkins@k12.dc.gov

SHADE Monthly Meetings

SHADE Monthly Meeting
OCTOBER 5 @ 7:30 PM
(1 st Wednesdays)

SHADE
SCHOOL HOME ASSOCIATION OF DUKE ELLINGTON

Join Zoom Meeting:
https://famu.zoom.us/j/91720056518?pwd=WnpUcE9GUWN2Mm9RYTRLaFZhclliUT09

Meeting ID: 917 2005 6518
Passcode: 643786
One tap mobile
+13126266799,,91720056518# US (Chicago)
+16469313860,,91720056518# US

Join SHADE & Find Us @
https://www.shadepto.com/

Contact SHADE at –
General Inquiries: SHADE@ellingtonarts.com
Follow SHADE at –
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/DESA.SHADE
Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/desa.shade/

Admin Reminders

Please remember to email your student's early dismissal requests to the email below by 10 a.m. to receive a permit to leave a pass for the day. **if you are absent from school, to be excused parents/guardians must email; attendance@ellingtonarts.org. The following reasons are classified as excused:**

- Illness of the student (a doctor's note is required for a student absent five or more cumulative days in a term);
- Illness of a child, for parenting students (a doctor's note for the student's child is required when the student is absent five or more cumulative days in a term);
- Medical or dental appointments for the student;
- Death in the student's immediate family;
- Exclusion by direction of the authorities of the District of Columbia, due to quarantine, contagious disease, infection, infestation, or other condition requiring separation from other students for medical or health reasons;

- Necessity for a student to attend a judicial or administrative proceeding, or court-ordered activity, as a party to the action or under subpoena;
- Observance of a religious holiday.
- Religious event celebration outside of a religious holiday (up to five cumulative days);
- Absences to allow students to visit their parent/guardian who is in the military, immediately before, during, or after deployment.
- College visits for students in grades 9-12 (up to three cumulative days);
- School visits for students in kindergarten through 8th grade (one day);
- Absences of expectant or parenting students for a time period specified by their doctor and any accommodations mandated by law;
- Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day; and
- An emergency or other circumstance approved by DCPS.

UPDATED: Student Dress Code Policy

The following clothing items are not permitted in Ellington's professional educational environment:

- No bare midriffs or chest, backless tops, strapless tops, or beachwear.
- No transparent or low-cut outfits.
- No exposed undergarments. Appropriate undergarments must be worn throughout the entire school day.
- No garments shorter than 4 ½ inches above the knee.
- Distressed and ripped pants or shorts must have tights or shorts underneath to cover bare skin above the level permitted for shorts and skirts (4 ½ inches above the knee).
- No bandanas, baseball caps, bonnets, du-rags, night scarves, or shower caps. (Headwraps are acceptable).
- No clothing or accessories displaying slogans or logos referencing violence, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, profanity, derogatory language, etc.
- No heavy chains, wallet chains, jewelry with spikes or studs, or accessories with the intent of causing offense or inciting violence or other prohibited behaviors.

Full Dress Code Policy

Student Cell Phone Policy

All cell phones and personal electronic devices must be silenced and cannot be visible during all instructional periods from 8:30 a.m. to 4:55 p.m. Storage may be in a locker, backpack, pencil bag, etc., during classes. Teachers may allow cell phone usage in their classrooms to serve as an additional technological resource for the academic lesson. Cell phones may be used on campus before the first bell, after the last bell, and during lunch.

Electronic devices include but are not limited to:
gaming systems,
headphones/earbuds,
Google glasses,
and/or smart watches!

Full Cell Phone Policy

Official Cross-Country, Indoor & Outdoor Track & Field Opportunity for Students

Duke Ellington School of the Arts is officially a part of the District of Columbia Interscholastic Athletic Association (DCIAA)

for SY 22-23! We currently offer Indoor & Outdoor Track & Field. **Track practice is Monday through Friday at 7:00 AM**. Student/Artist/Athletes must maintain a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0. Interested athletes can reach out to Coach Nelson at leonard.nelson@k12.dc.gov for more information.

Keynote Speaker for DC MUSIC SUMMIT Announced

October 14–16, 2022 - Duke Ellington School of the Arts

Join us for the **5th Annual 2022 DC MUSIC SUMMIT** as we Present Foundation! 3 days of building foundation and inspiration! The **DC Music Summit (DCMS)**, an award-winning 501(c)(3) nonprofit, was founded in 2016 by three Black women who love music, care about the D.C. community, and saw an opportunity to highlight the link between creativity and entrepreneurship.

Guess who the keynote speaker for this year's DC Music Summit is?! **Anwan 'Big G' Glover**. Anwan is the lead vocalist of the well-known and successful Washington DC-based “go-go” band “The Backyard Band” or “BYB” (**Back Yard**), which he co-founded in 1988.

Are you interested in volunteering for DC Music Summit? From tech and production support to social media and graphic design, there are countless opportunities for students to get involved! Students can also receive community service hours and gain real-world experience working this 3-day event. **Sign-up here.**

Please reach out to Moyo Ifafore, *Student Volunteer Lead* at moyo@dcmusicsummit.org, and Dior Ashley Brown, *Founder of DC Music Summit* (DESA Alum) at dior@dcmusicsummit.org if you have any questions.

IMPORTANT:

- This event is free for current Ellington students and parents and all Ellington faculty and staff but registration is still required. Visit our **box office** for your specially priced tickets.
- A signed permission slip from your parent or guardian will be required to attend this event. We will have slips in the main office two weeks prior.

Learn More

March for the Arts: The Twisted Tales
Saturday, October 22, 2022

October 22, 2022 | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Duke Ellington School of the Arts

Once upon a time, there was an enchanted land full of magical spells, beautiful maidens, and true love where everyone lived happily ever after. Or did they??? Take a magical tour through the enchanted forests of Georgetown and learn what really happened to Snow White, Tiana, Hansel, Gretel, and other misrepresented characters during an interactive live show.

After the performance, get more of the real scoop while you fly high on the moonbounces with Aladdin, play croquet with Alice, eat homemade treats with Tiana, and dance like the clock will never strike 12 with Cinderella! Enchanted showtimes are at 10:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. Dress as your favorite misrepresented fairytale character for a special gift from the Prince!

Click the flyer to donate!

View Promo Video

For the Love of Ellington:
Homecoming 2022 is Coming Soon!

Save the Dates for Ellington's Inaugural **Homecoming**! School-wide dance, Pep rally, and more! More details coming soon.

Poor Man Rich Soul is BACK!

Saturday, November 12, 2022, & Saturday, November 19, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

Poor Man Rich Soul by Jimmy Jenkins is back with two more shows at Duke Ellington School of the Arts. Click **here** for more information. Visit our Box Office **here** to purchase tickets.

Ellington Staff can email Veronica Martin at **vmartin@ellingtonarts.org** for discounted tickets.

Ellington Spotlight!!

Last Friday, **DESA Principal and Head of School Sandi Logan**, Assistant Principal **Issac Daniel**, and several music students were invited to the **White House** for the celebration of **Elton John** and his musical contributions to American society. What an honor! Read more about the event **here**.

A big congratulations to our GW **DESAP Board representative, Aristide J. Collins Jr.**, who was recently named **Public Administration Fellow** for his service and expertise in higher education and public administration!

On Thursday, DESA's **Technical Design and Production students** were invited to work at the **National Newspaper and Publishers Association (**NNPA) Awards Reception for the **Congressional Black Caucus Foundation**. The students helped with Registration, Staging and Production, PR Greeters/Hosts, and overall event production. Congratulations to our Technical Design and Production team for their hard work and professionalism during the entire event.

Have you seen ***Woman King*** yet? We're proud of **DESA alumn Jayme Lawson** (Theatre) for her role as head wife to King Ghezo (played by John Boyega). Woman King is an amazing historical epic based on the true events of the Kingdom of Dahomey in the late 18th century, a flourishing state in Western Africa that was invaded by colonists. We encourage everyone to go out and support!

Jayme will also be in the drama "***Till***," based on the true story of Mamie Till Mobley looking for justice after the murder of her 14-year-old son Emmett Till in 1955

Read more about Jayme **here**.

See Ellington in the news or want to share your story?

Email tyhoyle@ellingtonarts.org

Amazing Opportunities for our Scholar-Artists

$10 Student Tickets to Black Broadway: A Proud History, A Limitless Future (an exclusive concert filmed for National TV Broadcast at Howard University's Cramton Auditorium).

Join the American Pops Orchestra **Wednesday, October 5 at 8 p.m.** to hear acclaimed celebrities perform songs from iconic Broadway musicals such as **The Color Purple, Dreamgirls, The Wiz,** and more! Not only will you get to witness these incredible performances, but you will also get to be a part of a *live audience* to be featured on national television in 2023.

Featuring Artists: Corbin Bleu, Nikki Renée Daniels, Leah Flynn, Sydney James Harcourt, Amber Iman, Tiffany Mann, John Manzari, Peppermint, Howard University singers, and the Morgan State singers.

Reserve $10 Student Tickets with code: StudentBB *or*

Reserve Discounted Tickets with code: BBSocial10

Discounted tickets are available to the broadway production of **TINA- The Tina Turner Musical"** starring Duke Ellington's own, Roz White (alum), as Ensemble. Tina will be on view from **October 4 - 23, 2022** at **the National.**

Click here to purchase **tickets**!

March on Washington Film Festival
(September 28 - October 2)

The mission of the **March on Washington Film Festival** is to find, encourage, and bring to life stories of both icons and foot soldiers from the Civil Rights Movement and amplify the connection between the civil right movement legacy of the past with the ongoing social and racial justice struggles of today. The festival seeks to educate, inspire and motivate people to have a better understanding of our history and to motivate the next generation to carry on the legacy of the civil rights trailblazers of the past. Visit their website to view the full schedule of events.

If you'd like to attend this event, Ellington students and staff can email **tyhoyle@ellingtonarts.org** to receive a free discount code to attend.

The Wellness Team!

Duke Ellington School of the Arts Student Referral for Mental Health and Counseling Support at Ellington

Parents, teachers/staff members, and students can also complete a referral form to connect students with mental health and counseling support at the school. There is a **student self-referral form** and a **student referral form for parents/staff** to complete.
Completed forms to **desawellness@ellingtonarts.org**.

There are hard copies of referral forms in the Student Support Center. Once referral forms are received the team will connect the student to appropriate services.

Staff members providing mental health and counseling support

- Peter Boccardi: 9th Grade Social Worker / 504 Coordinator, **peter.boccardi@k12.dc.gov**
- Nicole Frazier: 10th Grade Social Worker / 504 Coordinator, **nicole.frazier@k12.dc.gov**
- Crystal Sylvia: 11th and 12th Grade Social Worker, **crystal.slyvia@k12.dc.gov**
- Dr. Ballard: Part-time Psychologist, **james.ballard@k12.dc.gov**

Additional Student Support Center Staff Members
Academic counselors:

- Suwana Reavis: 9th and 10th Grades, **suwana.reavis@k12.dc.gov**
- Larry Davis: 11th and 12th Grades, **larry.davis3@k12.dc.gov**

More Info

The Ellington Fund Corner

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Student Resources for Reporting Title IX Issues and Concerns

Title IX

"No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

It's important that all of us say something if we see something. Please remember that you can report any Title IX Sexual Misconduct or Bullying/Harassment incident by name or anonymously through our school app. You can also report directly to our Title IX Director, Mr. Hawkins at, **arnold@jlm-hrconsulting.com** or our Title IX Coordinators, Director Hayden at, **donna.hayden@k12.dc.gov** and Dean Sims at, **keyonna.sims2@k12.dc.gov**.

On-Campus Supports

Mr. Hawkins, HR & Title IX Director **arnold@jlm-hrconsulting.com**
Director Hayden, Director of Administrative Affairs & Title IX Coordinator **donna.hayden@k12.dc.gov**
Director Watkins, Director of SEL & Student Affairs & Bullying Point of Contact, **greg.watkins@k12.dc.gov**
Dean Sims, Dean & Title IX Coordinator **keyonna.sims2@k12.dc.gov**
Dr. Ballard, School Psychologist **james.ballard@k12.dc.gov**

Ms. Frazier, 9th & 12th nicole.frazier@k12.dc.gov
Ms. Sylvia, 10th & 11th crystal.sylvia@k12.dc.gov

Additional Title IX Resources

Click **here** for the complete SY22-23 Bell Schedule.

Monday Schedule		
40 Minute Classes		
(5 minute passing)	Period	
8:30am - 9:11am	One*	
9:15am - 9:56am	Two	
10:00am -10:41am	Three	
10:45am - 11:26am	Four	
11:25am - 12:25pm	**Lunch**	
12:30pm - 1:11pm	Five	
1:15pm - 1:56pm	Six	
2:00pm - 2:41pm	Seven	
2:45pm - 3:26pm	Eight	
3:30pm - 4:11pm	Nine	
4:15pm - 4:55pm	Ten	
4:55PM	**Dismissal**	

Advisory		
82 minute classes, 4 minute passing		
	Tues/Thurs (Even)	Wed/Fri (Odd)
8:30am - 9:52am	Two*	One*
9:56am - 11:18am	Four	Three
11:18am - 12:00pm	**Lunch**	
12:05pm - 1:27pm	Six	Five
1:30pm - 2:00pm	**Advisory**	
2:05pm - 3:27pm	Eight	Seven
3:31pm - 4:55pm	Ten	Nine
4:55pm	**Dismissal**	

	Non-Advisory	
85 minute classes, 5 minute passing		
	Tues/Thurs (Even)	Wed/Fri (Odd)
8:30am- 9:55am	Two*	One*
10:00am - 11:25am	Four	Three
11:25am - 12:25pm	**LUNCH**	
12:30pm - 1:55pm	Six	Five
2:00pm - 3:25pm	Eight	Seven
3:30pm - 4:55pm	Ten	Nine
4:55pm	**Dismissal**	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 6
No school/Parent-Teachers conference (in-person)

October 7
No School for students / PD

October 10
No School for students

October 12
8:45 a.m.
SAT / PSAT DAY (Grades 9-12) - Duke Ellington School of the Arts

HEY! WE HAVE AN APP!

Let's get every community member connected!

1 MAKE SURE THEY KNOW ABOUT THE APP

2 TELL THEM ABOUT ALL THE AWESOME BENEFITS:

- Emergency Notifications
- Easy access to admin
- Title IX Reporting
- Employee COVID-19 Screening

3 YOU CAN FIND THE APP ON YOUR PHONE BY SEARCHING FOR:

Duke Ellington School

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