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ear Parents/Guardians:

All of us are concerned about the safety of our families in these challenging times. In the Icahn Charter School System our top priority is assuring the safety of our students and staff. We want both our students and employees to feel physically and psychologically safe and cared for in our schools. As a school district, we promise to do everything reasonably possible to protect your children against any threat that may arise while they are in our care. I want to inform you of the things that we are doing to honor our commitment to ensure that our schools and children in them remain safe.

Our safety/security focus is on three things: Effective planning, physical security and coordination with local emergency responders for potential emergency situations. This includes training our staff and students and conducting drills to practice our plans, and strengthening our security technology and infrastructure. Our school system has spent considerable time and effort planning and practicing safety and security measures appropriate for dealing with major critical incidents. We continue to have a very close relationship and strong lines of communication with our local law enforcement agencies, our first responders and the courts.

Every school has an Emergency Response Plan and all school personnel have participated in crisis response training. These plans have been reviewed and are approved annually. In general, each plan involves the designation of a crisis management team; development of evacuation, shelter-in-place and lockdown procedures; fire drills are conducted regularly and lockdown drills are conducted monthly.

Staff members wear photo identification badges. Parents and others coming into schools much check in at the main desk and receive temporary identification badges before proceeding. All adults who work with our students during and after school require background checks.

What can you do to help keep our students safe? Start by talking to your child about safety issues and empower them to talk about their concerns and express their feelings. Communicate with your children's schools about what they are doing at their schools and get involved with building a positive school climate. The following website can provide some ideas on how to do this: <https://www.mhanational.org/talking-kids-about-school-safety>. For more information on emergency procedures and preparedness, please look at the Emergency Preparedness FAQs on this webpage.

Additional school safety measures will be added as necessary.

As always, thank you for your wonderful children.

Jeff Litt,
Superintendent



DISTRIBUTION OF PROGRESS REPORTS 2019-2020

- #2 **Friday, December 20, 2019**
- #3 **Thursday, February 27, 2020 *Parent/Teacher Conference***
- #4 **Tuesday, April 7, 2020**
- #5 **Friday, May 29, 2020**
- #6 **Thursday, July 2, 2020**



Icahn Charter Schools 2019-2020 School Year Calendar

Thursday - Friday	November 28 & 29	Thanksgiving Recess (Schools Closed)
Monday through the following Wednesday	December 23 – January 1	Winter Recess including Christmas and New Years All staff and students return on Thursday, January 2 nd
Monday	January 20	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Schools Closed)
Monday - Friday	February 17-21	Midwinter Recess (includes Washington's Birthday & Lincoln's Birthday) (Schools Closed) All staff & students return Monday, February 24 th
Thursday through the following Friday	April 9- 17	Spring Recess (including Good Friday & Passover) (Schools Closed) Staff & Students return Monday, April 20 th
Monday	May 25	Memorial Day (Schools closed)
Thursday	June 4	Professional Development (No Classes) All staff report
Thursday	July 2	Last Day for Students and School Staff. (12:00 p.m. Dismissal)

IMPORTANT DATES



NEW YORK STATE EXAMS... 2019-2020

ELA NYS Exams

Wednesday, March 25 & Thursday, March 26, 2020... ELA Grades 3-8

NYSESLAT Speaking

Monday, April 13 & Friday, May 15, 2020

Math NYS Exams

Wednesday, April 22 - Thursday, April 23, 2020
Math Grades 3-8

NYSESLAT Listening, Reading & Writing

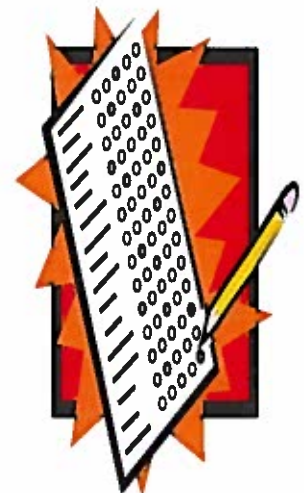
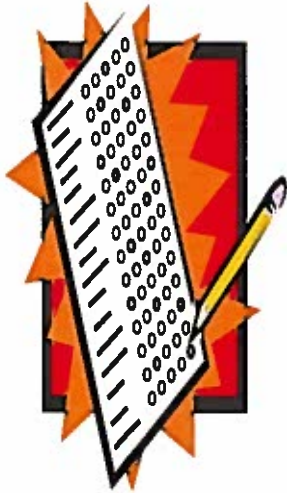
Monday, May 4 - Friday, May 15, 2020

NYS Science Performance

Monday, May 18 - Friday, May 29, 2020 ...
Grades 4 & 8

NYS Science Written

Monday, June 1, 2020 ... Grades 4 & 8



Saturday Academy Scheduled for 2019-2020

By this time, parents of students who require additional academic support, have received letters regarding our Saturday Academy Program. This program is mandatory for the students who received a letter. This program, along with our Targeted Assistance Program has resulted in the overwhelming success of our children on the NYS exams. As always, I have arranged for children to attend the Icahn Charter School closest to their homes since bussing is not available.

If you received a letter regarding Saturday Academy, your child must attend.

December 7, 2019	January 25, 2020	March 7, 2020	April 4, 2020
December 14, 2019	February 1, 2020	March 14, 2020	
January 4, 2020	February 8, 2020	March 21, 2020	
January 11, 2020	February 29, 2020	March 28, 2020	

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

During this very special time of year, I would like to wish our parents, children, faculty and staff a most Happy Thanksgiving. As I reflect on the things in my life that I am most happy for, my service as the founding principal of Icahn Charter School #1 and now superintendent of all Icahn Charter Schools is at the top of my list. As I discuss our schools with any one who would listen, I brag about how wonderful our children are, how amazing and supportive the parents are and what a dedicated and talented staff I work with.

Again, have a wonderful Thanksgiving!!!

As always, thank you for your wonderful children.

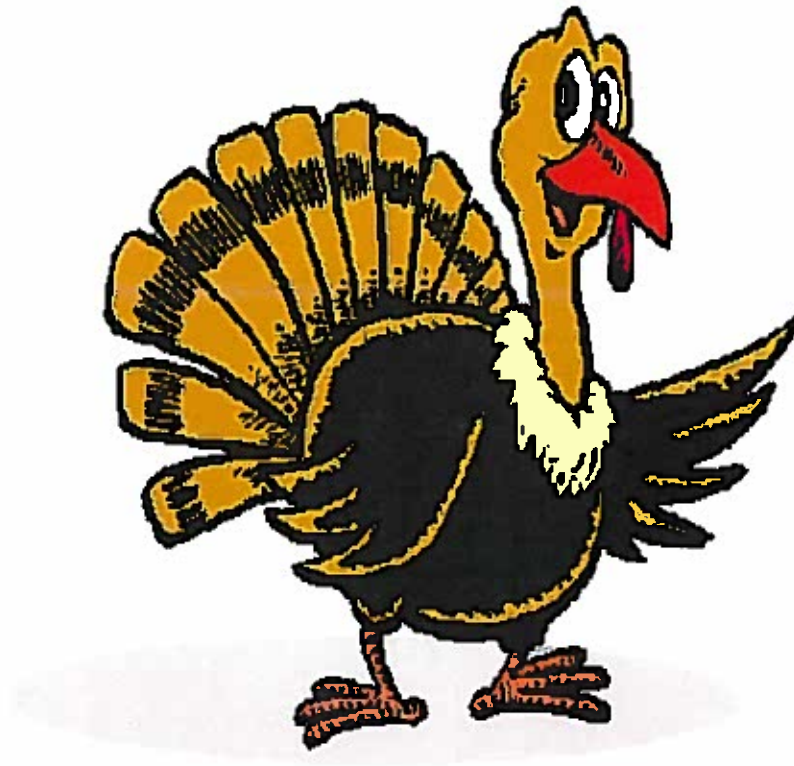
Jeff Litt
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TURKEY TIME CONTEST!!!

Ever since the opening of Icahn Charter School #1 back in September of 2001, our school trustee, Mr. Robert Sancho, Vice President Bronx Lebanon Hospital has donated turkeys to our school. In that regard, I began the Turkey Time Contest and the winners are listed below:

I congratulate all of them for their outstanding writing and as always I am very grateful.



TURKEY TIME CONTEST WINNERS!!!

Icahn Charter Schools	Kg.	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
#1	Aicha Dian-coumba Almamy Gakou	Elvis Enogieru Alyssa Paul	Musa Dukuray Ethan Scott	Ruth Ack-orlie Farida Alhassan	Norman Taylor London Thomas	Wel-heimina Carr Adrian Foreman	Esosa Ig-binigun Pedro Helena	Isis Martinez Luvi De Los Santos	Olu-watunmi se Adebayo Elizabeth Baah
#2	Darien Mateo Ava Owens	Amaya Paulino Zarah Rahman	Elina Reynoso Ewuraba Eduman	Aminelli Colon Adrienne Rodriguez	Kaylee Ubacz Mayah Fortunato	Daniel Lopez Johniel Garcia	Eliana Krasniqi Anthony Adogli	Jayden Villa Vianca Rivera	Na-thaniel Laari Arianna Cecilio
#3	Jocelyn Nasario Sophia Ceka	Janae Davis Mercy Egwu	Olivia Marquez Devin Peart	Katrina Ragnauth Frank Pintauro	Aslee Nasario Jonathan Ohakam	Isabella Cardace Naomi Kalejaiye	Elana Wilkins-Jarvis Crystal Alcock	Aniyah Reiss Suada Gutic	Rukayyat Sallau Faridah Danso
#4	Derrick Munoz Kay'dan Amaya-Muschette	Goundo Dembele Kayden Britton	Devan Barrett Ana maria Villa	Cynthia Angus Jr. Nyla Boothe	Oluwaseyi Abdul Gianna Barnes	Gloria Morales Amanda Rodriguez	Madison Mc Pherson Amiya Williams	Andy Le Daniel Fang	Maya Savary Nana Asante-Wiredu
#5	Sophia Fullerton Emma Lezama	Akosua Arhin J'nae Henry Olivia De la Cruz	Nicholi La Foucade Kamsi Jumbes Bryson Whit-taker	Nmeri Ogbuji Juanita Lartey Moraya Tosin	Dayshaun Barham Bryan Escalante Oliver Mejia	Sharon Purewal Sekou Conde	Abie Njie Dillion Hampton		
#6	Faith Alinsile Glendalis Guichard o	Mubashir Adinda Rougi Bobo Diallo	Naylah Comas Milania Berroa	Nathaniel Castillo Muhaimin Mohammed	Orlando Ofori Jody-Ling Bryan	Elijah Boyce Parousia Addo	Alison Opoku Belkis Murtala	Jenmarie Mercedes Haylee Bueno	Abgail Ansah Za-Naiya Kettle
#7	Joseph Paneto Brian Velasquez	Alani Collins Miguel Amador	Jamil Cayatopa Arian Habib	Angeline Marte Darwin Cantos	Anaya Agyeman Zeraiah Wilburn-Levi	Emily Badia Llyod Owusu	Aylee Diaz Adam Brazzley	Tawhid Khan Akua Ati-Sakyiwaa	Abigail Ageyman Adib Rudro

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YES WE CAN!!!!...AND YES WE DID!!!



Our mission

Icahn Charter Schools, using the basic Core Knowledge curriculum developed by E.D. Hirsh, will provide students with a rigorous academic program offered on an extended day/year. Students will graduate armed with the skills and knowledge to successfully participate in the most rigorous academic environments, and will have a sense of personal community responsibility !!!

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