

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Our Thought for the Day is:

“Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.” Marian Wright Edelman

Black History Month Reading:

Marian Wright was born June 6, 1939, in Bennettsville, South Carolina. Her father was Arthur Jerome Wright, a Baptist minister, and her mother was Maggie Leola Bowen. In 1953, her father died of a heart attack when she was 14, urging in his last words, "Don't let anything get in the way of your education.

Edelman was the first [African American](#) woman admitted to [The Mississippi Bar](#). She began practicing law with the [NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund's](#) Mississippi office, working on racial justice issues connected with the civil rights movement and representing activists during the [Mississippi Freedom Summer](#) of 1964. She also helped establish the [Head Start program](#).

In 1973, she founded the [Children's Defense Fund](#) as a voice for poor children, children of color, and children with disabilities. The work of the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) primarily revolves around its teen pregnancy prevention program. The organization has served as an advocacy and research center for children's issues, documenting the problems and possible solutions to children in need. She served on the board of the Child Development Group of Mississippi, which represented one of the largest Head Start programs in the country.

As leader and principal spokesperson for the CDF, Edelman worked to persuade [United States Congress](#) to overhaul [foster care](#), support adoption, improve child care and protect children who are disabled, homeless, abused or neglected. As she expresses it, "If you don't like the way the world is, you have an obligation to change it. Just do it one step at a time.

Good morning, students and teachers. NAEP Day is almost here! I would like to remind everyone that, tomorrow, some of our brightest 8th-graders will be participating in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). Teachers, please be sure to release those students 5 minutes before the assessment is scheduled to begin. For those students who are participating, please report to the library on time. You are playing an important role in our nation's ability to measure what students across the country are learning. What's more, by taking the assessment, you are impacting the future of education for the students that follow you. Do your best and good luck. Thank you, Mr. Merritt.

Time to get your coins and bills ready for Pennies for Patients. You will learn all about it on Thursday during the assembly. The money collection will start on Monday, February 25th and end on Friday, March 8th. Money will be collected during your 4th period classes. The funds raised is to help find cures for blood diseases such as cancer. The 4th period class raising the most money per student will win an Olive Garden Lunch!

The weather prediction for tomorrow is cold and perhaps snow. Time to purchase your warm Student Council hoodie. Hoodies are available in Room 204 for \$30. Don't be cold . . . get a hoodie!

Attention Student Council Members. The meeting for this week has been cancelled.

Just a reminder teachers and staff. Emelee from Washington National will be here all day for any questions and enrollments for benefits. Everyone will get a free gift for stopping by and will be entered in a raffle for great prizes.

Mrs. Belknap would like to remind everyone to be kind, be responsible, and be the best that you can be today. The choice is yours.