**Director’s Corner** - Ms. Richardson

Pride Families!

We are officially two months into the school year and we have so much to celebrate within our Pride! I am thrilled to announce that DSST: Henry Middle School was rated as a Green school on the 2018 DPS School Performance Framework. This rating reflects the hard work that our students have committed to over the past two years to achieve academic growth and excellence. It is important to note that there has never before been a middle school in this neighborhood that has achieved a Green rating on the SPF. Additionally, we are currently the only middle school in this neighborhood with a Green rating on the 2018 SPF. While there is always work to be done in order to continue to grow and improve our community, this is a historical moment that deserves attention and celebration. We have had fun celebrating with students over the past few weeks with a morning meeting celebration and a fun green themed dress down day. We look forward to celebrating with each of you over the weeks and months ahead as we know that our success would not be possible without your continued support and partnership.

As we head into November, we will be wrapping up our first Trimester of the 2018-2019 school year. Students will be taking their Interim Assessments as an opportunity to demonstrate their academic proficiency across all core content areas. Please be sure to review the dates below on our calendar for days that students will have an adjusted schedule to accommodate testing. I cannot wait to see how our students will do!

**Important Information:**

This month also represents an important opportunity for our community to continue advocating for our Pride. As we shared a few weeks ago, the DPS school board has yet to make a decision about the placement for our high school. Since we opened our DSST: Henry Middle School doors, we have consistently pushed DPS to determine our high school location. Our efforts to push DPS on a solution have stalled, and a decision on a facility for our high school has not yet happened. We believe that this is unacceptable. Please join us on November 8th at the DPS Board Meeting. It is crucial that we show our support in front of the DPS Board, who has the power to make DSST: Henry High School a reality. If you would like more information about transportation or the location for the meeting please reach out to Lupe Duarte at Guadalupe.duarte@scienceandtech.org or by calling our front office.

**Important Dates:**

- Nov. 8: DPS Board Meeting
  - Dinner at Henry @ 4:30 pm
- Nov. 12: Chili/Salsa Cook-Off
  - 4:15-5:30
  - More Infor Coming Soon!
- Nov. 14-16: Interim Assessments
  - Early Dismissal @ 12:30 pm
- Nov. 19-23: Thanksgiving Break
  - No School for Students
- Nov. 29: Picture Re-Takes

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