

The Stokes Banner

February 15, 2019



Important Dates:

Jan 26 – Feb 23: Saturday Academy – Winter Session
Feb 15: Friendship Ball
Feb 18: President’s Day – NO SCHOOL
Feb 20: Open House
Feb 22: Black History Celebration
Mar 01: First Friday
Mar 14: Joyful Food Market

PTA CORNER

Help link families to important information. Host fun, educational programs and events for families. Help raise money to support our school. Contact the PTA at:

stokesschooleastendpta@gmail.com

Remember to attend our next meeting, Wednesday, February 27th at 6:15 pm. Childcare will be available for \$5 per child paid directly to Ms. D. when children are dropped off.

School Wellness Policy

Thank you to all of the scholars, families, and staff who shared gifts of love with others in the community this week. Please remember that the Family and Scholar Handbook prohibits candies and other sugary snacks in our effort to support the goals of the DC Healthy Schools Act.

Community Opportunities

In honor of [Black History Month](#), Lyft is offering a free ride to one of three local museums that celebrates Black history and culture.

D.C. riders can head to the following places gratis using code “BHMDCA19”:

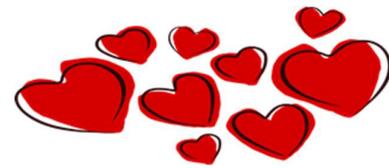
- National Museum of African American History and Culture (read up on their [new ticket policy here](#))
- Anacostia Community Museum (it is really worth the trip to one of the Smithsonian’s [most overlooked institutions](#))
- Alexandria Black History Museum (details [here](#))



The Maya Angelou PCS Step Team visited with scholars this week and taught them a little about step, a distinctly African-American dance form first popularized on American college campuses, but now found the world over.

February is for Friendships!

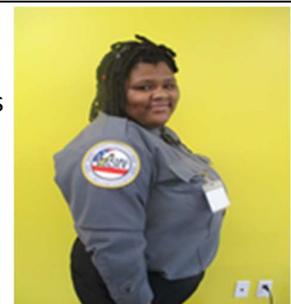
On Friday, February 15, 2019, Stokes School – East End Campus scholars and staff celebrated our annual Friendship Ball. Students



enjoyed the popcorn machine, strawberries, an action-packed photo booth as well as music and dancing. This pajama party is the school’s version of Valentine’s day and encourages scholars to perform random acts of kindness for classroom friends. Thank you to our volunteers and staff for making this year’s friendship ball a memorable experience for all.

Meet Our East End Campus Team

Officer Ladaesha Isaac is a special police officer for Securedemedy Incorporated and has been since May 2017. Officer Isaac makes sure that Stokes families, staff and scholars feel safe by greeting them each day, patrolling our halls, and signing visitors into the school.



Officer Isaac likes to travel. She will soon visit New Orleans and take a cruise to the Bahamas. She is a native Washingtonian who likes to read, visits area museums and enjoys all movie genres. Officer Isaac is supervised by Captain Johnson, who can often be seen walking the halls as well.

Officer Isaac loves children and is a welcome addition to our EEC family.