



Take Stock News

October 2021

PARENT CORNER

Dear Parents,

On October 18th at 6:30 PM we will hold our first ever in-person / Zoom meeting for students & parents.

We have a lot to catch up on & we hope to be able to do that at this meeting.

We very much appreciate your help in keeping your student connected to the program through the various methods we have now for communications.

Although a bit different, the program and its standards remain the same.

The TSIC app is a great way for mentors & students to communicate in a safe manner.

We do not allow email, text or video chat unless it is through the app. This is so TSIC can maintain the security of our student & mentor meetings.

Please remind your student to check their app every day for notifications from their mentors.

Thank you so much for all you do to support your program. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Pat



STUDENT CORNER

Dear Students,

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of the 1st quarter of this school year.

Take Stock students have been doing an amazing job meeting with their mentors and talking about their plans for college or vocational school.

By setting up goals, completing assignments & keeping up grades, you showing how responsible you can be.

If you are meeting through the app, through Zoom or having in-person meetings, remember to be respectful of your mentor & their time by letting them know if you are unable to attend your agreed upon session time.

Remember, you can communicate with your mentor through the text chat on the TSIC app.

IMPORTANT - REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR APP EVERY DAY FOR MESSAGES FROM YOUR MENTOR. *Mrs. Lancaster*

MENTOR CORNER

Dear Mentors,

We are so blessed to have you in our program.

All the time & effort that you have put into planning, scheduling & meeting with your mentees is such an important part of our program.

Please keep me informed of any issues with mentoring. I hope that you all enjoy using the app as much as I do. If it is not working for you, we can always go back to Zoom meetings. Keep me posted on students who are not attending your meetings.



If you know of anyone who might be interested in becoming a mentor, please have them contact me. I am very much in need of some male mentors so please consider how you might be able help.

Pat

Your Child May be Eligible to Apply for a Take Stock in Children / Florida Prepaid College Scholarship

Take Stock in Children (www.takestockinchildren.org) is a state-wide scholarship and mentoring program that assists in creating a brighter future for deserving youth who want to go to college or vocational school and whose family may not have the financial means to help by offering scholarships, caring volunteer mentors and hope for a better life.

Once students are accepted into the program, they remain in the program until they graduate from high school. Upon graduation, students who complete the program will receive a 2year tuition-free scholarship (2 years of college in Florida) through our partnership with the Florida Prepaid College Foundation.

To apply for this scholarship, students must:

- Be enrolled in 6th, 7th, 8th or 9th grade in a Citrus County Public School
- Have good grades
- Regularly attend school
- Meet the federal income eligibility guidelines (call or email to get a copy of the eligibility guidelines)
- Commit to meeting weekly with a mentor

Reminder: Total income *before* taxes, social security, health benefits, union dues, or other deductions must be reported.
Income Guidelines provided by USDA

If one of your children or you know of someone who meets these requirements and might be interested in completing an application, please contact the Take Stock Office at 344-0855 for additional information. Applications are being taken on an on-going basis.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

College Readiness Meeting for ALL students - October 18th at 6:30 PM - College of Central Florida. Masks will be required in the meeting room. We will also be offering a Zoom meeting, for those who would prefer to attend in that way. Please let me know if and how you will be attending.

Senior Zoom Meeting— October 20th at 7:00 via Zoom—Please plan to join me!

Saturday, October 9th
10 AM - 2:00 PM

Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church
2540 West Norvell Bryant Highway
Lecanto, FL 34461



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