

CATHERINE C. BLACKWELL INSTITUTE

WE ARE GREAT ON PURPOSE!
WE DO BLACK (EXCELLENCE) WELL!

Weekly Notes

Family Edition



Greetings Families, I hope that all is well. As we enter the eleventh week of school, I want to take the time to thank you all for your hard work each day. Students have stepped up in the following ways:

- Attendance
- Improving the quality of work
- Practice of our schoolwide strategy CER (Claim, Evidence, and Reasoning)

Great things are happening at Catherine C. Blackwell!

This month we will focus on Academic Ownership and Demonstration of Learning. Teachers and staff have been pushing our students towards proficiency through high-quality instruction and high-quality materials so that students can have a high-quality learning experience daily. Now we need students and families to LOCK IN! Students should be:

- On Time and Present each Day
- Complete all assignments in excellence. What does that mean?
 - Do the whole assignment neatly
 - Show your work
 - Make sure that your work is neat
- Complete all homework. This is where students practice the skills that they learned in class.
- Positive behavior in our school community

Our district and school's theme is ELEVATE. Simply put, we are going higher and will do it together. Your student will hear three words and we want you to speak them as well:

- FOCUS
- LOCKED IN
- ELEVATE

Each Friday your student should wear their ELEVATE shirts! Have a great week and welcome to Week 8 of ELEVATION!

Finally, there is a lot of things happening in our community that re troubling. If we want better, we have to do better (spiritually, mentally, financially, and physically). It takes everyone to make our families, school community, and Detroit community better - our students are depending on the grownups to make things better. If you need assistance, please contact the school, as we may be connected to resources that can help. TAP IN!

Committed to the Work.

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CATHERINE C. BLACKWELL INSTITUTE COMMUNITY, We NEED YOU!

• Community Impact

◦ School Safety

- Ensure that your student is arriving on time and pick up on time
- Check your student's backpack before they arrive to school to ensure that no prohibited items are brought to school
- Speak with your students about this month's community topic (see the next sheet)

◦ Volunteers and Employment

- We are in need of volunteers for the following areas:

- 8:00a-10:00a Entry Support
- 11:15a-12:15p Lunch
- 3:15p-4:15p Dismissal Support

◦ Academic Impact

- Please ensure that you are asking your student about their learning and assignments for the day.
- Students should be reviewing notes and classroom activities so that they are **LEARNING** and not **MEMORIZING**!
- Remind students to complete their work in excellence!
 - Name and Date
 - Completely Done
 - Neat
 - On Time
- Homework - Students must complete their homework. This is a great way to practice the skill taught and a way for the teacher to assess what was learned.

• Climate and Culture Impact-

- Character Trait: Responsibility (I take care of my business and the things in my care well)

Harambee AFFIRMATIONS

THE CODE OF MAAT
I PLEDGE TODAY TO OPEN MY MIND
I WILL SEEK AND LEARN NEW KNOWLEDGE
I WILL NOT HARM FIGHT OR DISRESPECT MY FELLOW
BROTHERS AND SISTERS
MY BODY, MIND, AND THE WORDS I SPEAK ARE CLEAN
I WILL RESPECT MY PARENTS, MY TEACHERS, AND MYSELF.
I WILL USE MY KNOWLEDGE TO STAY
IN SCHOOL AND MAKE A NEW AND BETTER WORLD.
I AM GREAT! MY EDUCATION WILL MAKE ME EVEN GREATER
WATOTO WA AFRICA-MAAT, MAATI

"I AM SOMEBODY"

I AM SOMEBODY,
I MAY NOT LOOK LIKE EVERYBODY,
BUT I AM SOMEBODY.

I FEEL LIKE I AM SOMEBODY,
I LOOK LIKE I AM SOMEBODY,
I ACT LIKE I AM SOMEBODY,
EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY TO SOMEBODY.

NOBODY BUT NOBODY CAN MAKE ME FEEL LIKE A NOBODY.
IF YOU WANT TO LOVE SOMEBODY, THEN LOVE ME.
IF YOU WANT TO HELP SOMEBODY, THEN HELP ME.

I AM SOMEBODY.
AND DON'T EVER FORGET IT!

Week 11

- **ENTRY CHANGE**

- **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY ALL STUDENTS AND GUEST WILL ENTER THROUGH DOOR #1**
- All guest and students will go through the mandated security check
- Check your student's bookbag and folder for important information
- Monday-Friday
 - All hands on deck with learning
 - Intentional Teaching
 - Intentional SGI
 - Complete All Assignments
 - Complete ALL Homework
- November 3rd - Report Card Day
- November 4th - No School
 - GO VOTE!!!!
- November 3rd - CPR Training for 7th and 8th Grade Scholars
- November 6th - Tutoring Begins - Sign up Today!

**NO SCHOOL NOVEMBER 4TH
GO VOTE!!!!**

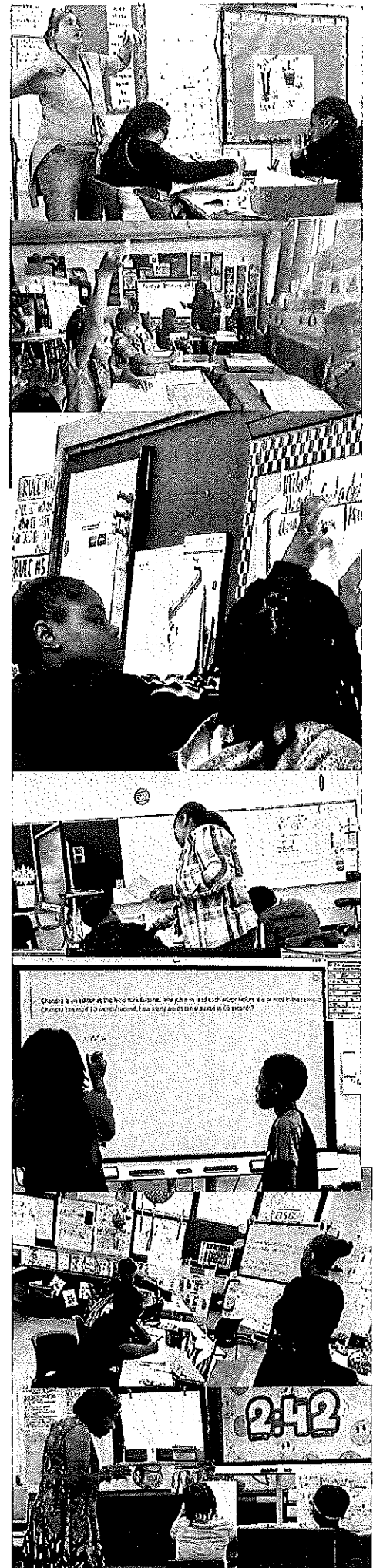


DETROIT MAYOR

• **DETROIT CLERK**

• **DETROIT CITY COUNCIL**

• **DETROIT POLICE COMMISSIONER**





We can help!

DTE and THAW team members will be providing resource assistance.
for low-income and vulnerable residents across the area.

DTE Customer Resource Fair

Formerly Customer Assistance Days

Thursday, October 30, 2025, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Fellowship Chapel

7707 W. Outer Dr.

Detroit, MI 48235

Assistance provided at this event with an Approved SER:

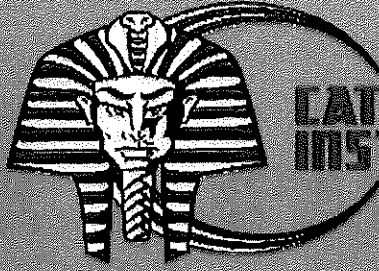
SER Copay Assistance, LSP, LSP payment assistance,

Onetime payment

To make an appointment, call THAW at 800.866.8429 or visit thawfund.org

What to bring:

- Driver's license, state ID or passport
- Social Security cards for all household members
- Copy of last 60 days proof of income for all household members. This includes Social Security income, unemployment, cash assistance, Family Independence Program (FIP), adoption subsidy/direct care, worker's compensation, alimony, self-employment, 30 days required for child support.



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PARENT LAUNDRY DAY

Please scan the QR code to sign up for
laundry days!

Let us help you with your
laundry needs!

- Wash Clothes
- Detergent and Dryer Sheets
Provided
- Up to 2 Loads
- Tuesdays and Thursdays



Contact and Location:

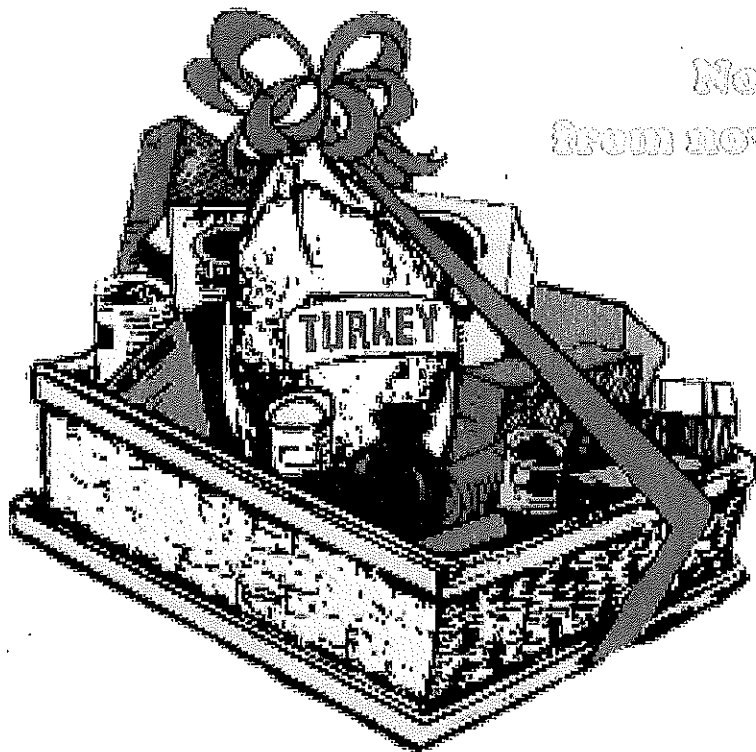
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313-866-4391

Please Contact P.O.C
Ms. Littlejohn about open
slots



GIVE THANKS

CCBI THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET DRIVE



DONATE

Non-perishable food items
from now until Friday 11/07/25

DECORATE

Tuesday 11/12/25

GIVE AWAY

Thursday 11/13/25

~. Sponsored by the Blackwell Beautiful U Program



Community Partners Assistance

Eric R. Sabree

Wayne County Treasurer

Owner occupants needing help with their payments

Wayne Metro – waynemetrol.org, email wmconnectcenter@waynemetrol.org or call (313) 388-9799.

United Community Housing Coalition (UHC) – uchcdetroit.org, email taxhotline@uchcdetroit.org or call (313) 405-7726.

State of Michigan DHHS – michigan.gov/mdhhs, call (517) 241-3740.

Renters needing help

Wayne Metro, UHC, and DHHS (above).

Tax assessment issue or need Principal Residence Exemption (PRE)

City of Detroit Assessor – detroitmi.gov/departments/office-chief-financial-officer/office-assessor, email Assessors@detroitmi.gov or call (313) 224-3035, or contact your local assessor.

Water Bill issue

City of Detroit DWSD – detroitmi.gov/DWSD, email mvdwsd@detroitmi.gov or call (313) 267-8000, or contact your local water department

Poverty Tax Exemption (PTE)

City of Detroit Board of Review – detroitmi.gov/HOPE, email BoardofReview@detroitmi.gov or call (313) 224-3035, or Contact your local Assessor.

Financial Empowerment Center (FEC)

www.DetroitFEC.org, email detroitFEC@detroitmi.gov or call (313) 322-6222

Foreclosure prevention

Wayne Metro – waynemetrol.org, email wmconnectcenter@waynemetrol.org or call (313) 388-9799.

United Community Housing Coalition (UHC) – uchcdetroit.org, email taxhotline@uchcdetroit.org or call (313) 405-7726.

Southwest Solutions – swsol.org email kralston@swsol.org or call (313) 841-3727.

Michigan State Housing Development Authority – michigan.gov/mshda, email MSHDA@michigan.gov or call (855) 646-7432.

U-Snap-Bac – usnapbac.org, email info@usnapbac.org, or call (313) 640-1100.

Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired – gdabvi.org, call (313) 272-3900.

Free legal advice (helpful if a deceased family member's name is on the deed).

Legal Aid and Defender – ladadetroit.org, or call (313) 967-5555.

Michigan Legal Services – milegalservices.org or call (313) 964-4130.

United Community Housing Coalition (UHC) – uchcdetroit.org, email taxhotline@uchcdetroit.org or call (313) 405-7726.

Senior Citizen Services

City of Detroit Board of Review – detroitmi.gov/HOPE, email BoardofReview@detroitmi.gov or call (313) 224-3035.

Detroit Area Agency on Aging – detroit seniorsolution.org, call (313) 446-4444.

Wayne County Senior Services – waynecounty.com/departments/seniorservices/home.aspx, call (800) 851-1454.

Veterans Services

Wayne County Veterans Affairs – waynecounty.com/departments/hhvs/veteran-s-services.aspx, call (313) 224-5045.

Utility Bill Assistance

DTE – Payment plans and assistance. – newlook.dteenergy.com/, call (800) 477-4747.

THAW – Home Heating Assistance. – thawfund.org/, call (313) 226-9465.

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For more information, call (313) 224-5990 or e-mail taxinfo@waynecounty.com

PERFECTING CHURCH
HELPING OUR COMMUNITY
DURING URGENT TIMES OF NEED!

GLEANERS
FOOD BANK

FOOD GIVEAWAY

TUESDAYS 1:00 – 3:00 PM

PERFECTING CHURCH ANNEX (J-MAC BLDG.)
17950 VAN DYKE • DETROIT, MI 48234

2nd Tuesdays

September 9, 2025

October 14, 2025

December 9, 2025 (7100 E. Davison)

4th Tuesdays

September 23, 2025

October 28, 2025

WEDNESDAYS 1:30 – 2:30 PM **NEW TIME**

7616 E. NEVADA • DETROIT, MI 48234
(PARKING LOT)

September 24, 2025 ** (2:00-4:00 pm only)

October 22, 2025

November 19, 2025

December 17, 2025

January 28, 2026

February 25, 2026

March 25, 2026

April 22, 2026

May 20, 2026

June 17, 2026

July 15, 2026

August 26, 2026

September 23, 2026

Saturday, November 22, 2025 ~ Community Turkey Give-Away



FAMILY RESOURCE DISTRIBUTION CENTER

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FRITO-LAY

The Office of Enrollment, Family and Community Engagement will offer donation based family resources through our partner. Come to Family and Community Engagement for sweet surprises when you participate in a Workshop.

Monday - Friday 10AM - 2PM

16164 Asbury Park Detroit, MI 48235

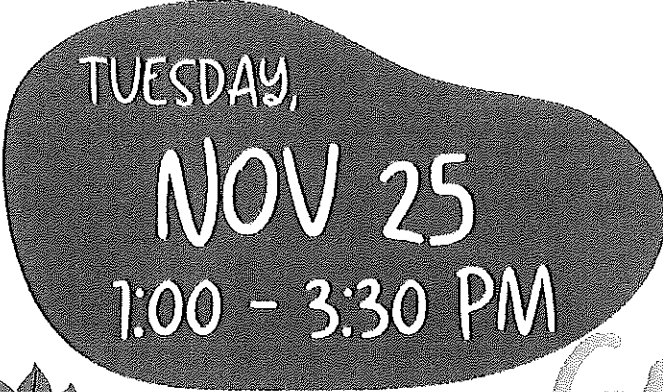
***Be prepared to load items**

**DISTRIBUTION
DATES**
FROM 10:00AM-12:00PM

THURSDAY, 09/18/2025
THURSDAY, 10/16/2025
THURSDAY, 11/13/2025
THURSDAY, 12/11/2025
THURSDAY, 01/15/2026

THURSDAY, 02/12/2026
THURSDAY, 03/12/2026
THURSDAY, 04/16/2026
THURSDAY, 05/14/2026
THURSDAY, 06/11/2026

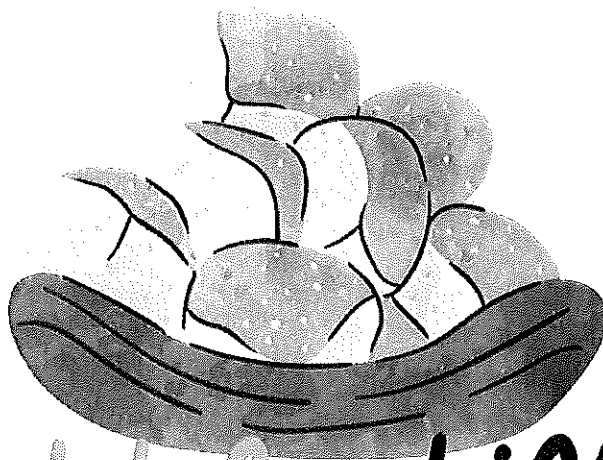
ONLY DPSCD PARENTS CAN PICK UP ITEMS ONCE A MONTH FROM ONE FRDC LOCATION.



TUESDAY,

NOV 25

1:00 - 3:30 PM



Gobble til'
We Wobble

THE BLACKWELL FAMILY

HOSTS

3RD ANNUAL

Friends
Giving

DINNER PARTY

Blackwell's Cafe'

9330 Shoemaker

Detroit, MI 48213

Please Enter Door 1

RSVP to Main Office by Nov. 20 at 313-866-4391



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Ms. Omega Hatchett, Dean

NOVEMBER

National Homeless Youth Awareness Month

**DETROIT
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
COMMUNITY DISTRICT**
Students Rise. We All Rise.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
QUOTE OF THE MONTH: The more we appreciate, the more we grow.						
2 GOAL OF THE WEEK: Notice something good about each day of school.	3 Quarter 2 Begins Report Cards CPR Training for 7th and 8th	4 DISTRICT PD NO SCHOOL 	5 After school Tutoring starts 4:00 pm – 5:45 pm	6 Elevation Friday! Wear your shirt	7 Last Day for Beautiful U Food Drive	8
9 GOAL OF THE WEEK: Find one thing you're proud of in your learning.	10 Highschool Placement Test for 8th Grade	11	12 Food Drive Giveaway World Kindness Day	13 Elevation Friday! Wear your shirt	14	15
16 GOAL OF THE WEEK: Speak kindly to yourself and others	17	18	19	20 Elevation Friday! Wear your shirt Student PBIS Parent Workshop: Building Wealth	21	22
23 GOAL OF THE WEEK: Celebrate how far you've come since the start of the year.	24 Friendsgiving Event 1:00pm-3:30pm Sign up in Main Office	25	26 Thanksgiving Break 	27 No School 	28 No School 	29
30				FACEBOOK @CatherineBlackwellDP SCD	TIKTOK @BlackwellPharaohs	

CORE VALUE OF THE MONTH: STUDENT'S FIRST EXPECT RESPECT MONTHLY: "KINDNESS" SEL COMPETENCY: "SOCIAL AWARENESS"