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September Monthly Newsletter

Dear Bultum Academy Community,

As September kicks off, we're excited to bring you the latest updates from Bultum Academy! This month's newsletter shines a spotlight on our recent assessments (NWEA and Fastbridge) and our dynamic partnerships with Groves Academy and AmeriCorps to strengthen literacy and math support. We're also thrilled to share that we've expanded to two classes per grade from K-4, offering smaller class sizes and more personalized learning. For example, our 5th-grade class now has just 10 eager students, each thriving in our close-knit environment. On top of that, we're launching exciting extracurriculars like Science from Scientists and a brand-new Coding Program, alongside our investment in the Pitsco Science Curriculum to boost STEM skills. Thank you for being a part of our journey to create an engaging and vibrant learning community!



In this newsletter you will find:



Updates on our recent assessments, highlights of our partnerships with Groves Academy and AmeriCorps, information about upcoming extracurricular activities, and details about our new investment in the Pitsco Science Curriculum.

Academic Updates

We are pleased to report the successful completion of several key assessments, including the *NWEA*, *Fastbridge*, and *MobyMax* placement tests. These evaluations, along with ongoing classroom-based assessments, enable us to effectively gauge our students' academic standing. This critical data empowers our teachers to adjust their strategies to meet the individual needs of each student, ensuring that every learner receives the appropriate support necessary to thrive this school year.



Extracurricular Activities

Our partnership with Science from Scientists continues to bring hands-on STEM learning with real scientists engaging students through experiments. In January, we're excited to launch an after-school Coding Program, where students will develop tech skills and creativity. Later this year, author Zinet Kemal will visit our 6th and 7th graders to discuss her cybersecurity books, thanks to our collaboration with the Minnesota Academy of Science (MAS). MAS will also host a STEM Play Day for PreK-1st grade, introducing them to physics and architecture through interactive activities.



Partnerships and Programs

Bultum Academy is excited to continue its collaborations with Groves Academy and AmeriCorps.

Groves Academy: Renowned for its expertise in literacy instruction, Groves is providing essential curriculum support and training to our teachers, aimed at enhancing reading outcomes across all grades.

AmeriCorps: We are fortunate to partner with AmeriCorps Math Corps and Reading Corps this year, which has allowed us to welcome three Reading Corps tutors and one Math Corps tutor. These dedicated tutors will assist our students in developing strong foundational skills in reading and math. Additionally, we have expanded our team with reading and math interventionists to provide targeted support for those who need it most.





Parent Engagement

Parent Engagement Day at Bultum Academy is a special event that invites families to connect with educators and actively participate in their child's educational journey. Held during the school day, this event provides parents with the opportunity to observe classrooms, engage in interactive sessions with teachers, and learn more about the curriculum and programs offered at the school. Parents can take part in discussions on how to support their child's learning at home and explore various resources available to them. Parent Engagement Day fosters collaboration between families and the school, reinforcing the importance of a strong home-school partnership.



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The "Scientists from Scientists" program at Bultum Academy is an engaging initiative that takes place every other Wednesday, designed to spark students' curiosity and passion for STEM fields. During these sessions, real scientists visit our classrooms to conduct interactive experiments, allowing students to experience hands-on learning and explore scientific concepts in a fun and dynamic way. This program not only enhances students' understanding of science but also encourages them to think critically and creatively, fostering a love for discovery that will benefit them throughout their educational journey.

STEM Curriculum Investment

This year marks a significant investment in our STEM education programs, with the introduction of the Pitsco Science Curriculum, a world-class provider of hands-on STEM education. Pitsco emphasizes fostering innovation and problem-solving in subjects like robotics, engineering, and physics. With an investment nearing \$200,000, Bultum Academy is committed to equipping our students with cutting-edge learning tools that will prepare them for future success in STEM-related fields.

