Power Lunch Pen Pals Program

Overview

Power Lunch is more than just a mentor and student reading together; it builds a consistent, supportive relationship that sets students up for success. That’s why we want to ensure our students can still lean on and learn from their mentors while they are at home. Created in response to COVID-19 school closures, Pen Pals allows mentors, students, and families to keep their connections strong by sending messages back and forth through EWDC. As we know, maintaining personal connections is critically important in times like these!

Message Submission

Mentors and students should:

- Engage to the extent that they wish; students and mentors are NOT required to participate
- Submit a variety of message formats
  - Write notes, share drawings, and even record audio; photos/videos/etc. of people will not be accepted
- Email all messages to penpals@everybodywinsdc.org
  - Email subject line should include the student’s name, school, and grade (e.g., Jamil_Brent_1stGrade)
  - For ongoing communications, folks can also reply to the last email from EWDC
- Allow two business days for delivery confirmation

Message Review

In the same way that School Coordinators monitor live Power Lunch sessions, EWDC retains the right to review all messages. Minor edits may be made to protect participants’ privacy and maintain EWDC standards of communication. If substantive content edits are necessary, Program Staff will reach out to clarify expectations and offer a resubmittal as appropriate.