



Happy Holidays from your PFE Administration team!

Quote of the Month

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or *the smallest act of caring*, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

-Leo Buscaglia

Upcoming Dates

December: Evaluation for Spring eligibility (grades 9-12)

December 7: Final day to approve November reflections

December 7: Live training for **new** 9-12 coordinators

December 4: Spring semester applications due (new schools only)

December 31: Last day of Fall semester visits

January 1: First day of Spring semester visits

Spring: Temporary programming options continue



Temporary COVID Programming

- Yard Work
- Food Delivery
- Care Package
- Read a book and discuss it
- Listen to a podcast/TED talk
- Write Letters
 - K-8 requirement = 2 letters/week
 - 9-12 requirement = 3 letters/week

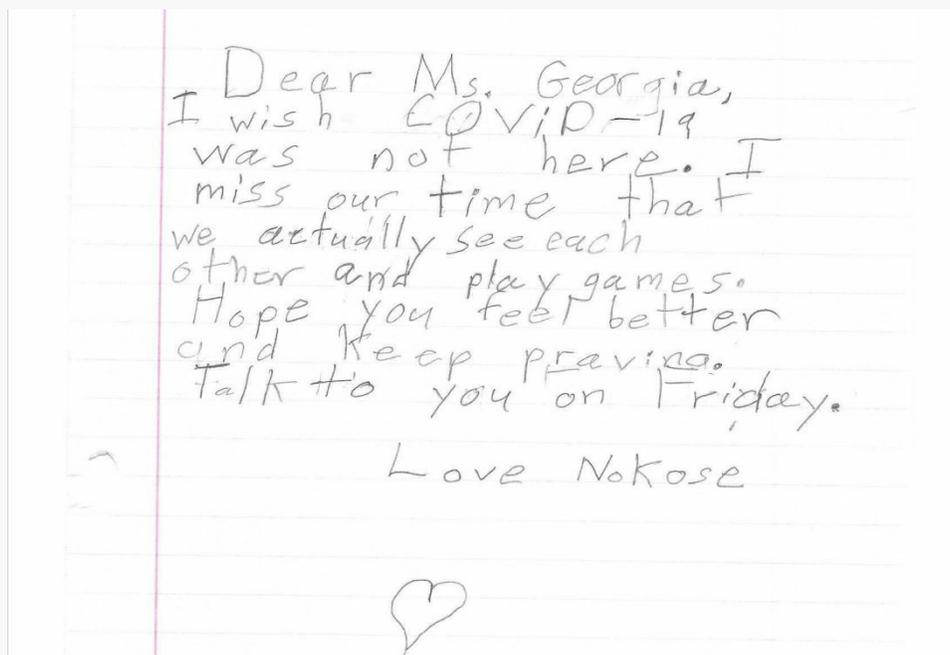
Berean Christian Junior Academy

Peggy Walker (coordinator) shares many stories of PFE success within their community. One she shares with beaming pride is of 3rd grader Nokose Wess. As a kindergartener, Nokose lost both his parents - Mom's unexpected passing and being separated from Dad. Nokose's grandmother lovingly moved him into her home in Atlanta, Georgia. Nokose started attending public school, where he was harmfully teased for honoring his Native American traditions of leaving his hair uncut. (Nokose's mother and father have Native Indian heritage). Nokose's grandmother started looking for a private Christian school where she felt Nokose would be safe and nurtured. Though not Seventh-day Adventist, they came across Berean, where Nokose was welcomed. Both school and church scholarship and PFE tuition assistance allow Nokose to continue in his fourth year at Berean. Nokose says one day he will be a cardiologist and build hospitals where people with little or no money will be able to come for medical care. Nokose travels with The Medical Team and his grandmother on the mission field where he shares Jesus and his life with other children his age. He shares with them how blessed is he, and the importance of doing your schoolwork and his motto, "do what you have to do in order to do what you want to do."

Nokose has faithfully visited his mentor Mrs. Georgia Gandy over the past several years. Nokose and his grandmother both share how much they love PFE, as evidenced by the below reflection recently submitted. We appreciate that Nokose and Mrs. Georgia are finding meaningful ways to connect despite COVID restrictions.

"Today I spoke with my mentor Mrs. Georgia. She wasn't feeling that great today. We talked by phone until she got tired. She is dealing with back and knee pain. She has an appointment with a specialist to see about her back. We talked about my week at school and I told her next week I would be on quarter break. I told her I believe I got all A's for the first quarter. She was so proud of me. She wants to see my grades when I get them. She seemed to not be her usual self today. I prayed for her because she is also dealing with her husband who is at home in hospice care. My mentor is very strong. I talked to her about the story of David who killed the giant that was threatening the children of Israel. He was nothing but a young boy who killed the giant Goliath. I think Mrs. Georgia was encouraged today. We told each other that we loved each other and we would talk next week. I told my grandma that I wanted to check on her again before the weekend was over."

Nokose includes in his reflection that while he was speaking with his mentor, his grandmother was present in the room "praying softly in the background when I prayed for Mrs. Georgia. Mrs. Georgia is having a hard time right now."



San Diego Academy

"For this week's visit Mr. Carter asked me to bring markers, pens, and a white paperboard. He said that during these weeks which we've been meeting I've helped him quite a lot and he felt it was time to return the favor. The reason behind bringing these materials was to start on my vision board. Mr. Carter says Junior year of high school is the most significant one because it's when you are occupied with classes the most and when colleges start to notice you. He

decided it was important for me to have a vision board to plan out the steps I must take to achieve my goals, and to serve as a reminder what I'm working hard for. Not only did Mr. Carter help me glue pictures of my goals onto the paperboard but he also gave me advice on how to reach my specific goals.

Mr. Carter and I spent two hours researching the best nursing programs, scholarships I should apply for, what prerequisites I need for my classes, and the best course of action to save money when studying. Mr. Carter opened my eyes to the many opportunities I have for education, the help the government gives to students, and helped me create a plan to obtain my nursing degree without drowning myself in student loans. He also helped me create a plan not only to achieve my academic goals but also to travel and do things I've always wanted to do.

After this visit I was left feeling relieved and thankful. I admit that for some time now the thought of college made me anxious. Spending this time with Mr. Carter and having him to turn to when I had doubts was truly beneficial. Now I feel prepared and ready to start my journey to achieving my nursing degree. I also feel thankful because through this PFE program I was able to get to know Mr. Carter.

Throughout my visit I could easily feel Mr. Carter's excitement and happiness. He was so happy that he could help and be part of the process of starting my future. He said he was excited to see what I would accomplish in the years to come. Mr. Carter said he was able to learn about the struggles our generation now faces during the process to attend college. He said there's quite a vast difference between now and when he was applying to college. Mr. Carter also expressed that before this visit he had never thought about how lost some high school students might be when it comes to applying for college.

Our plan next week is to have another Spanish lesson, it has been quite some time since our last lesson. I also plan to bake some gluten free and low in sugar brownies for Mr. Carter; due to his sickness he can't eat a lot of sugar."

-Natalia Parada (11th grade)



Visit Suggestion

Create a vision/life board. Include goals such as -

Career

Travel

Family

Finance

Make it **COLORFUL!**

Be **CREATIVE!**



K-8 OCTOBER STATISTICS

Participating Schools: 131

Participating Students: 942

Hours of Isolation Eased: 3,364

Total Scholarship: \$83,850

9-12 SEMESTER STATISTICS

Participating Schools: 25

Participating Students: 219

Total Scholarship: \$175,200

