



# The Torch Newsletter

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## A Poem from Madison Smith, Mott Haven: *Founding Student*

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All lives matter - Madu Smith  
we get judged by the color of our skin  
when will we win?  
we try and try and try  
why do they think it's us who have to die?  
It's hard being who we are  
we can succeed, we can go far  
It's something we all can do  
it's hard but see it through  
people like me, people like you  
Police brutality isn't good  
they judge us all, and say were from the hood  
we go through all this pain  
we are humans, we have blood flowing through  
our veins  
your stupid they say  
but you are special in your own way  
you look dirty they claim  
don't listen to them, you are worthy  
they are the ones to blame  
appreciate your skin



## Upcoming Events

- 3/1/19 Friday – Culture Celebration
- 3/6/19 Wednesday – Assessment Cycle 4/ELA State Exam
- Dress Rehearsal
- 3/7/19 Thursday – Assessment Cycle 4 (ELA State Exam Dress Rehearsal)
- 3/8/19 Friday – Assessment Cycle 4/End of Trimester 2 & Trimester Showcase
- 3/11/19 Monday – 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester Begins
- 3/15/19 Friday – Pi Day
- 3/21/19 Thursday – Report Card Afternoon & Family Survey
- 3/22/19 Friday – ELA Pep Rally
- 3/29/19 Friday – Trimester 2 Honor Society



**Our Mission:** Through rigorous curriculum and high-quality instruction, provided within an invested and ambitious school community, **Emblaze Academy Charter School** prepares all students in grades five through eight to thrive in high school and graduate from the college of their choice.

## Emblaze Academy is participating in the 2019 NYC School Survey!

We want to hear from you! **ACTION REQUIRED:** **You will receive your NYC School Survey in a green envelope today in your student's backpack.**

**OPTION 1:** You can take the survey online by visiting [NYCSchoolSurvey.org](http://NYCSchoolSurvey.org). Use the eight-digit survey access code at the bottom of your paper survey to login.

**OPTION 2:** Complete the survey using the instructions at the top of the survey. Return your completed survey using the prepaid envelope included with your survey materials. You can mail it directly to:

**NYC School Survey**

**PO Box 64290**

**St. Paul, MN 55164-9742**

Each year, all families, teachers, and students (only in grades 6-12) take the NYC School Survey to share feedback about their schools. The NYC School Survey is one of the nation's largest education surveys. Survey feedback can help improve your child's learning environment.

**You can take this year's survey from February 11 – April 3.**

## *A blurb from School Counselor, Ms. Renta*

Developmentally, this is a time where students are developing and testing their personal values and beliefs that will guide their present and future behaviors. During this stage they may display the following:

- Concern and worry about school and peer relationships.
- Extreme rebellion.
- Unconcern with completing some tasks.
- May experience rapid weight gain (mostly in girls).

Reference: Child Development Guide. SUNY Research Foundation/ CDHS

We can support them during this time in the following ways:

- Ensuring children ages 6-13 years old, sleep 9 to 11 hours each day.
- Promoting healthy diets and consuming a combination of vegetables, fruits and whole grains.
- Allow for casualness and relaxation time.
- Be sure to spend adequate time with children.
- Setting consistent rules and practicing safe-discipline, such as temporarily removing something of value in the young person's life in consequence of him or her misbehaving or breaking rules.

*Ms. Renta is always available to students and families to help address any growth areas in need.*

