



MCNICOL NEWS

CHARACTER COUNTS

January: Respect is the character trait for January. Respect is showing consideration, understanding, and regard for people, places and things.

February: Honesty is the character trait for February. Honesty is being truthful, trustworthy and sincere.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

1/29 Quarter 2 Report Cards Issued
2/5 Debate Tournament
2/11 Quarter 3 Interims Reports Issued
2/14 Early Release Day
2/27 PTSA/SAC Meeting @ 6 P.M.

FSA Testing Schedule
FSA Writing: April 2nd

FSA ELA: May 5 & May 6

FSA Math: May 12 & May 13

Civics EOC: May 18 (All Grade 7 students)

Grade 8 Science SSA & Biology: May 19

Algebra & Geometry: May 20 & May 21 (Grade 7 & Grade 8 Algebra and Geometry students)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Congratulations McNicol Family! McNicol Middle School has been awarded the Verizon Innovation Learning Grant! This means that EVERY McNicol Hawk will be assigned an Apple iPad along with a full data plan beginning in the 2020-2021 school year. McNicol Hawks will truly be transitioning to a full online school!

We are moving into the middle of Quarter 3. Many students have hit their cap at the 4 free ID Badge mark. Please keep in mind that once students receive their 4th ID Badge they must pay \$5 for each additional copy. Please help us by reminding your child to wear their ID Badge and to keep it safe each and every day.

FSA is right around the corner! We have many opportunities for students to grow and learn outside of the school day. Students can join us for extra help in Math and Literacy every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:15-4:00 P.M. Free transportation is provided. Saturday Academic Camp is set to begin on Saturday, February 22nd. Have your child join us!

MCNICOL'S 4 B'S FOR PARENTS

Be Responsible

Remind your child to be in full dress code each day. This includes a visible ID Badge each and every day.

Be Respectful

Listen to your child. Respect works both ways. When your child speaks...listen. Try keeping your phone out of your hand when listening to your child. Our kids need us!

Be Safe

Listen, notice, and talk. Middle school children are dealing with many new personalities and learning new social norms each day. Listen, ask questions, and report to the school any unsafe behaviors that may or may not involve your child. Safety is everyone's responsibility.

Be A Learner

Check us out on Twitter @mcnicolhawks to stay involved in daily happenings here on campus!

RESOURCES

Students do not receive homework EVERY night. However, it is extremely important that they are working and practicing skills and strategies learned during the school day.

Hawks have access to at least three great tools that assist every student to learn and grow.

Remind your child to log on and practice:

MATH: IXL

**LITERACY: I-READY
OR READ A BOOK**

**ALL SUBJECT AREAS:
VOCABULARY.COM**

No need to look and pay for a tutor...have your child log on and practice on these FREE tools each day!

Saturday Academic Camp

The following subjects will be offered for extended learning on Saturdays:
Civics, Biology, Geometry, and Algebra.

Saturday Camp begins on February 22nd. Email choudylne.poitevien@browardschools.com for more information.

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VERIZON INNOVATIVE LEARNING

Verizon Innovative Learning Schools (VILS) is part of the Digital Promise Program, which focuses on accelerating innovation in education and preparing 21st

century learners. Members of this initiative are part of a national network of schools and educators that aim to ensure to advance equity and excellence for every student.

Since 2012, Verizon has been working to help eliminate the gap in technology access for students to help transform their education. VILS are proud to help build better futures for its students and it is an honor that McNicol Magnet Middle and STEM School was selected to participate in the program. Please look at the wonderful work they have been doing all across America and now right here in our own backyard! <https://verizon.digitalpromise.org/>



FEBRUARY: SELF LOVE

As McNicol Hawks enter the month of February we will be focused on self-love.

During this month our students and staff will be offered multiple opportunities to appreciate and celebrate themselves.

Ask your child on each Thursday how they have learned to appreciate who they are. Students will engage in Lunch and Learns on each Thursday during their lunch periods.

Topics will include: mindfulness, emotional awareness, reflection, and relationships. Join us by carrying on these conversations at home.

Did you know....

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and human services resources in Broward County. Just Dial 2-1-1 or (954) 537-0211 or access the directory online.

