

Apollo Middle School Rockets Newsletter

January 2021



Principal's Message

Greetings Stem-tastic Rockets!

A new year is a time to take stock of our blessings and to declare our goals for the upcoming year. Moreover, it is a time for new beginnings. I say this as we are in the process of welcoming many students back to campus who started the school year remotely.

At Apollo Middle School, it has always been our goal to work collaboratively with our parents. This collaboration can only happen if we keep the lines of communication open. If your email address or phone number has changed, please update it by contacting our front office. We are sending weekly messages via Parent Link with copious information from the school. If your information is out of date, you will not receive these very important messages.

Parents, please ensure you are checking your child's grades in Pinnacle and that they are engaging in every class, each day! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Ms. Aycock

Your Proud Principal

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Hollywood, FL 33024

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Dates to Remember:

- 1/13-First day of 3rd quarter
- 1/11-1/29 I-Ready Reading Diagnostics
- 1/30- Annual Parent Seminar
- 2/15-No School
- 2/16- SAC Meeting
- 2/18-Early Release
- First Week April- FSA Writing
- First Week May- FSA Reading

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I-Ready Reading Diagnostic January 11-29, 2021

The *I-Ready Reading Diagnostic* is an adaptive assessment that adjusts its questions to suit your child's needs. Each item a student receives is based on their answer to the previous question. For example, a series of correct answers will result in slightly harder questions, while a series of incorrect answers will yield slightly easier ones. The purpose of this is not to give your child a score or grade but to determine how to best support their learning.

What can I do to help?

To help prepare your child for the *I-Ready Reading Diagnostic*, encourage them to:

- Get a good night's sleep and eat a full breakfast the day of the assessment.
- Try their best on each question and try not to rush.
- Try not to worry about questions they do not know—remind them that it is expected they will only get about half of the questions correct.
- Be respectful of other students who take longer to finish.

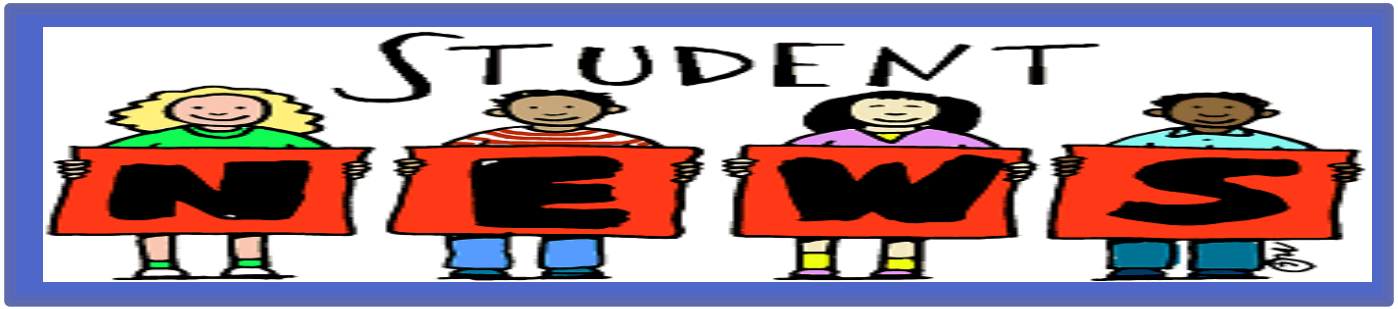


To support your child's learning in I-Ready, you can:

- Discuss your child's progress on their *I-Ready* lessons.
- Celebrate your child's learning and growth.
- Encourage them to use *I-Ready* at home.
 - They will need access to a computer or iPad, internet, and their login information. To check if your system meets *I-Ready* system requirements, please visit i-Ready.com/Support to run a system check.

Thank you for your continued support and for being a partner in your child's learning! We look forward to sharing *I-Ready* information with you throughout the year. If you have any questions about *I-Ready*, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the school. You can also learn more about *I-Ready* by visiting i-ReadyCentral.com/FamilyCenter.

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Attention Apollo Students Staff and Parents!

Florida Standards Assessment are coming soon. Please note the following dates and events.



- FSA Writing begins the first week of April 2021
- FSA Reading begins the first week of May 2021

Writers Café	3/8-3/12 (tentative)	ELA department
Reading Clinic	4/12-4/16 (tentative)	Reading department
Student pull-out for reading strategies	February through April	ELA & Reading department



Please Congratulate Our Debate Champions

For the first time in our program's history, we have dual champions at a tournament!

Ashley Romero- 8th Grader earned perfect 100-point scores in both rounds and became the Dramatic Interpretation Champion

Jackson Thrasher- 8th Grader became the new Humorous Interpretation Champion.

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School Advisory Council Meeting Dates

Parents are encouraged to be attend and be active participants in the monthly SAC meetings.

- The SAC committee provides a place where parents can voice their opinions and suggestions. They have an active role in making decisions that will best serve the students.
- SAC also gives the opportunity for parents to actively participate in setting goals and making plans to achieve those academic goals.
- SAC allows for parents to identify issues that need to be addressed concerning the school climate.

School Advisory Council

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WHEN

3rd Tuesday of each month at 5pm

WHERE

Microsoft Teams/Media Center

Website: www.browardschools.com/apollo

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Or call

1 754-216-1864

Conference ID: 942 087 564#

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INFORMATIONAL SESSION:

AUGUST 25, 2020

MEETING DATES:

SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

OCTOBER 20, 2020

NOVEMBER 17, 2020

DECEMBER 8, 2020

DECEMBER 15, 2020

JANUARY 19, 2021

FEBRUARY 16, 2021

MARCH 16, 2021

APRIL 20, 2021

MAY 18, 2021

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Parent and Family Engagement 2021 Fully Charged: Keeping Parents Engaged

The Title I, Migrant & Special Programs Department will be hosting its 2021 Annual Title I Parent Seminar, virtually, in collaboration with Bilingual/ESOL and Head Start/Early Head Start on Saturday, January 30, 2021.

Our keynote speakers this year include Hollywood Veteran Tina Lifford, who plays the vivacious breakout character Aunt Vi on the critically acclaimed television drama, Queen Sugar and Dorina Sackman, a motivational speaker and Florida Teacher of the Year! We have added breakout sessions that promise to empower parents to support their children who are participating in multiple learning formats. Our District Departments are geared up to offer a plethora of topics for parents to select from.

As this is a virtual event, we are happy to welcome any parent that is interested in attending. Parents can access the registration form using the code and link within the flyer. Registration must be completed by Friday, January 22, 2020. This year, the number of parents is unlimited!

2021 FULLY CHARGED:
KEEPING PARENTS ENGAGED VIRTUALLY
ANNUAL PARENT SEMINAR

REGISTER USING QR CODE OR LINK
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/3GTIOJE](https://bit.ly/3GtIoJE)

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REQUESTING VOLUNTEERS REPRESENTATION AT THE TITLE I PARENT TRAINING ACADEMY WORKSHOPS

We need parents to represent our school at the Title I Parent Training Academy workshop sessions for the 2020-2021 school year. Our theme is 2021 Fully Charged: Energizing Parents, Families and Students in Every School.

The goals of the Title I Parent Training Academy are:

- To explain the Title I Program
- To improve parenting and literacy skills
- To model for parents and families strategies that will be used at home to help their children with reading, writing, math and science.

There will be seven training sessions including an Orientation, STEM Fest and the Annual Parent Seminar. Parent Training Academy Workshops are held virtually from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Title I parents and families are encouraged to attend all the workshops. It is our hope that you would make a commitment to share your new knowledge with other parents.

MEETING DATES FOR THE TITLE I PARENT TRAINING ACADEMY VOLUNTEERS

The District Title I Parent Training Academies will be held at the following locations:

Date	Workshop Focus
Thursday, October 15, 2020	Orientation
Thursday, November 19, 2020	Sparking the Reading & Writing Connection
Thursday, December 10, 2020	STEM Fest
Saturday, January 30, 2021	Annual Parent Seminar
Thursday, February 11, 2021	Boosting our Minds and Bodies
Thursday, March 11, 2021	Igniting the Connection between Academics and Arts
Thursday, May 20, 2021	Jumpstart your Summer Learning

If you are interested in being a volunteer/representative for your school, please complete the section below and return it to the front office by **Friday, October 2, 2020**.

Parent Name: _____ Email address: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Child's Name: _____ Child's School: _____

Teacher's Name: _____ Child's Grade: _____ Primary Language Spoken: _____

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The Title I department presents information in regard to the 2020-2021 School Improvement Plan to provide an opportunity for Stakeholders to provide input to the SIP and Title I Plan and Addendum. In addition to other compliance items such as the District LEA and Parent Engagement Plan, stakeholders discuss how the school's 2020-2021 Parent Involvement Allocation will be used for parental engagement activities. Hardcopies of the SIP and Parental Involvement Plan are located in front office and posted on the school's website.

Apollo Middle School is proud to be a Title I school. We aim to provide all of our students with a high-quality education that will prepare them to thrive in the 21st Century and beyond! For more information on Title I funding, activities, and compliance documents, please contact Golda Fairweather, Title I Liaison or Linda Howard, Program Specialist - Parent Engagement, or go to the district website at <https://www.browardschools.com/title1>.

Please click on the link below for the Apollo Middle School 2020-2021 School/Parent Compact. It outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and how the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards. Please read the compact and acknowledge that both you and your child agree to its terms by each typing in your names. We are looking for 100% participation, so please complete your response as soon as possible. **[Title 1 School Parent Compact- Mandatory!](#)**

Title I Virtual Academic Material Checkout Procedures (Academic Material Search)

Using these simple steps, Title I parents/guardians can now checkout academic materials to use at home to reinforce their child's learning.

Step 1: To access the Title I Catalog, click on this link. **[Title I Resource Catalog](#)**

Step 2: Login using the Username and Password, contact Annie Mosley to receive this Information at annie.mosley@browardschools.com

Step 3: Under the "Item Categories" Tab, next to Parent Checkout, click "View"

Step 4: Then you can scroll though the list of items available. (You may select up to 3 items)

Step 5: Record the "Item Number" 1 through 100 (no need to record a description)

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Join us for the Virtual Magnet Showcase and Open House

VISIT THE ONLY NATIONALLY CERTIFIED MAGNET DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL IN BROWARD COUNTY



APOLLO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Virtual Magnet Showcase & Open House

JOIN US AT <https://tinyurl.com/yveqjdfw>

WEDNESDAY, January 20, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Learn more about our AWESOME Magnet Program and EXCEPTIONAL Innovative Programs

- STEM Aeronautics
- STEM Astronomy
- STEM Coding/Design/Advanced IT
- STEM Computer Application
- STEM Entrepreneur/Business
- STEM Engineering
- STEM Forensics
- STEM Meteorology
- STEM Robotics
- Art/Studio Art
- Band/Chorus/Percussion
- CAMBRIDGE International Studies
- Creative Writing
- Dance
- Dual Language/Spanish Speakers
- Drama/Theatre
- Film Studies
- Finance Academy
- Journalism
- Latinos in Action
- Law Studies
- Living Well
- Peer Counseling
- Photography
- Physical Education
- Service Learning/Leadership
- Spanish Beginners & High School
- Speech/Debate
- TV Production/Media Production
- Yearbook
- Yoga
- Plus new programs for 2021-2022

For more information contact Bonnie.Bernstein@browardschools.com

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Need help with homework? Ask BRIA!

The Broward Remote Instructional Assistant provides live homework support exclusively for K-12 BCPS students. It's FREE and available Monday – Thursday on school days! [See details by grade level.](#)



Attention Students and Parents!

HOMework SUPPORT FOR BCPS K-12 STUDENTS

Free, Live and Exclusive Homework Help from Certified Teachers and Subject Matter Experts
Available Mondays-Thursdays on School Days!

Rave Reviews for Ask BRIA

"To me, this is the absolute best version of tutoring possible during these unprecedented times. It highlights how our district is coming together to help our students the best way we know how."

Literacy Coach Melissa Cabrera

"When I heard about Ask BRIA I didn't want to join because I thought I'd be seen as dumb. I thought "why would someone need help with homework if they're smart?" I was having trouble with my Algebra 1 Honors course, so I joined the 8th grade math Teams meeting. I was skeptical at first, but the teacher helped me with the problem I was having and even called me smart for catching on quick. My experience with Ask BRIA was great! I recommend it – it's a ten out of ten!"

Middle School Student, Justin E.

"I think it's awesome that BCPS is offering a free tutoring service...It's giving kids quick and easy access to get help at the click of a button after school if they find they're really struggling with the day's lesson."

High School Senior William B.

Elementary (Grades K-5) Students:
Homework support available Mondays to Thursdays
from 3:15 to 7:15 p.m.

1. Login into SSO/Canvas and click on the Ask BRIA link.
2. Complete and submit a request form.
3. Open Microsoft Teams and wait for a call from Ask BRIA for a one-on-one session with a certified teacher.

Subjects: English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies and more!

Secondary (Grades 6-12) Students:
Homework support available Mondays to Thursdays
from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m.

1. Login into SSO/Canvas and click the Ask BRIA link in your Canvas course or the tile on your Clever Launchpad.
2. On the Ask BRIA landing page, scroll down to select school level and then select region for your school.
3. Choose subject you need help with and wait in the lobby of the Teams meeting until an Ask BRIA teacher lets you in to help you with your assignment.

Subjects: English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, AP/Honors, Cambridge International and more!



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This [Community Partners Resource Guide](#) is comprehensive, and it provides county-wide partnerships that are strong and of incredible assistance to all school communities by capitalizing on the resources our partners can offer. This important Guide Provides stakeholders with a “One-Stop-Shop” for resources available not only in their community but across the country.

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) can affect children and young people directly and indirectly. Beyond getting sick, many young people’s social, emotional, and mental well-being has been impacted by the pandemic. Trauma faced at this developmental stage can continue to affect them across their lifespan. Click the link below to access this resource guide developed to help support parents, caregivers, and other adults serving children and young people during this COVID-19 pandemic.

[COVID-19 Parent Resource Guide](#)



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