

APOLLO MIDDLE SCHOOL

2020-2021
NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Message

Greetings Stem-tastic Rockets

I am your proud principal, Shawn Aycok. I want to welcome all of you to the 2020/2021 school year. As a school leader and parent, I realize these are unprecedented times. I empathize with the sense of angst our families and community members feel about starting the school year during a pandemic. Our Stem-tastic faculty and staff have worked extensively to prepare for online learning, and they will make every effort to ensure your children's experience closely mirrors what they would find in a traditional classroom setting. We know the transition to virtual school has been difficult, but our phenomenal faculty and staff are here to support our rocket families with the online learning platform, troubleshoot any technical issues, or answer any general questions.

At Apollo Middle, this school year is MISSION POSSIBLE:
All systems ARE GO!!!

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

The Apollo School Counseling Department would like to welcome all students back to school. We would also like to welcome our new 7th-grade counselor, Ms. Karen Strayer. Ms. Strayer is coming to us from Coral Springs High School. She has been a school counselor for 11 years and has experience in both high school and middle school counseling. She was a Language Arts teacher for four years prior to becoming a certified counselor. Welcome, Ms. Strayer!

With Ms. Strayer joining us, it is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Mr. Rosen. Mr. Rosen is retiring after 23 years of working for Broward County Public Schools. September 25 will be his last day at Apollo. Mr. Rosen was a school counselor at Apollo for 8 years. Mr. Rosen is a valued member of the school counseling department and we will miss him. Congratulations and good luck, Mr. Rosen!

If you have not already done so, please join the Apollo school counseling canvas page.

During the school day, school counselors are available to students and parents via email and phone.

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Mr. Daniel Pigan



**School-Related
Employee of the Year**

Mrs. Francee Gillis

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IMPORTANT DATES

- September 28, 2020.....Schools and Administrative Offices Closed
- October 16, 2020.....Early Release Day
- October 19, 2020.....Employee Planning (no school for students)
- November 3, 2020.....Employee Planning (no school for students)
- November 11, 2020.....Schools and Administrative Offices Closed
- November 12, 2020.....Report Cards Issued
- November 23 and November 24, 2020.....Schools Closed
- November 25 through November 27, 2020.....Schools and Administrative Offices Closed
- December 21 and December 22, 2020.....Schools Closed
- December 23 through December 25, 2020.....Schools and Administrative Offices Closed
- December 28 and December 29, 2020.....Schools Closed
- December 30 and December 31, 2020.....Schools and Administrative Offices Closed

Stay Informed!
Update your contact information

Send Email



754-323-2900



Back to school first day forms, including Code of Student Conduct, should be submitted as soon as possible. Forms are available virtually at

www.browardschools.com/backtoschool-onlineforms

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Title I



The Title I department presents information to stakeholders regarding the 2020-2021 School Improvement Plan (SIP). Monthly events are held to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to provide any input to the SIP and Title I Plan & Addendum. Apollo adheres to all Title I compliance requirements by ensuring parents and families have access to District/LEA Report Card and Parent Engagement Plan. These items can be found at www.browardschools.com. Additional school-level compliance items such as our Parent-School Compact and Parent & Family Engagement Plan are accessible on our school website at <https://www.browardschools.com/apollo>. Hard copies of these items are in the Title I office. In addition to these items, are hard copies of student FSA and EOC scores for Reading/ Language Arts, Math/ Algebra/Geometry, Science/Biology, and Social Studies/ Civics. Please contact our front office and registrar for questions regarding FSA exam score documents.

Apollo Middle School is proud to be a Title I school. We aim to provide all of our students provide all of our students with a high quality, standards driven 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 Ms. Golda Fairweather, Title I Liaison or Ms. Linda Howard, Program Specialist-Parent Engagement. Title I information can also be accessed at the district website at,

<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/34284>.

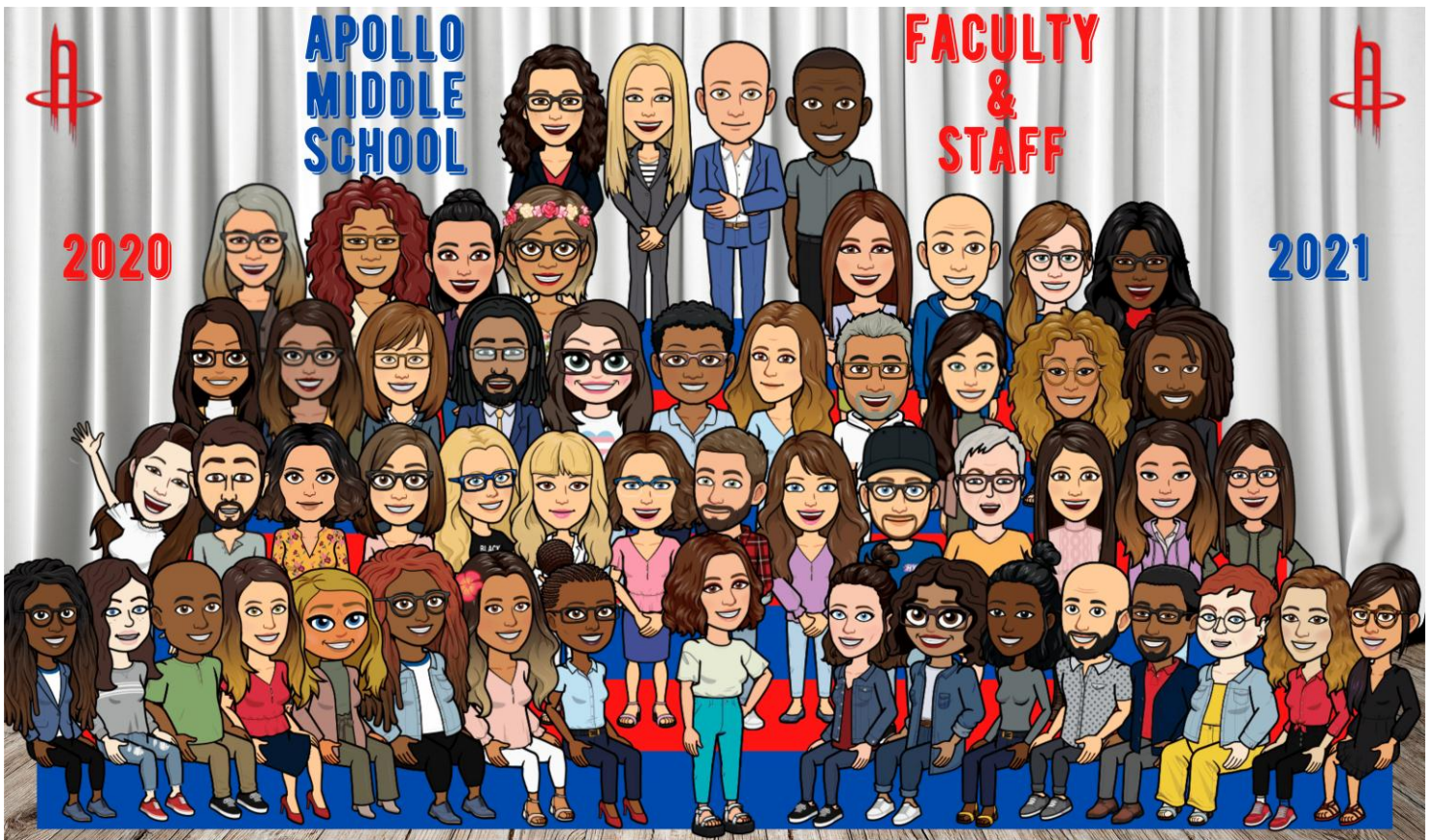
Parent and Family Engagement Community Outreach

As the school year begins, the Title I, Migrant & Special Programs Department realizes that our students learning is essential. Our learners, schools, and families are the heart of everything that is done at Title I, and we are committed to helping everyone have positive learning experiences, whether online or in school. In this uncertain environment, it is important that learning continues, even if it cannot happen in person. Although the Title I Parent Engagement Resource Center and Family Engagement Resource Centers (Mobile Units) may be closed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, instructional materials and games for Pre-K-12 are available for parents/guardians of Title I students to checkout. For more information, contact Annie Mosley at annie.mosley@browardschools.com.

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2020-2021 BITMOJI FACULTY & STAFF PHOTO



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SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

School Advisory Council



Apollo Middle School

WHEN

3rd Tuesday of each month at 5pm

WHERE

Microsoft Teams/Media Center

Website: www.browardschools.com/apollo

Remind code: email: rmd.at/2g66e **OR** phone: Text the message @2g66e to the number 81010.

[+1 754-216-1864](tel:+17542161864) Conference ID: 925 870 03#



**INFORMATIONAL SESSION:
AUGUST 25, 2020**

MEETING DATES:

SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

OCTOBER 20, 2020

NOVEMBER 17, 2020

DECEMBER 15, 2020

JANUARY 19, 2021

FEBRUARY 16, 2021

MARCH 16, 2021

APRIL 20, 2021

MAY 18, 2021

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Technology Corner

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Are you in need of academic assistance? Did you know that the Broward Remote Instructional Assistance (BRIA) is available to help?! The “Ask BRIA” link is now available for student on their Canvas page. Students can click the link to connect with a LIVE certified teacher Monday – Thursday from 3PM -8PM.

The infographic features a blue header with the text '20/20/20 TO PREVENT DIGITAL EYE STRAIN'. Below this, three circular icons are arranged horizontally. The first icon shows a laptop with a circular arrow around it, accompanied by the text 'TAKE A 20 SECOND BREAK'. The second icon shows a clock face with a circular arrow, accompanied by 'EVERY 20 MINUTES'. The third icon shows a profile of a human head looking to the right, accompanied by 'LOOK AT SOMETHING 20 FEET AWAY'. At the bottom of the infographic, there is a small text box that reads: 'Visit www.aoa.org for more tips on how to protect your eye health and to find a doctor of optometry near you for your annual comprehensive eye exam.' Below this text is the logo for the American Optometric Association.

The 20-20-20 Rule!

Have you ever noticed that when you sit in front of a computer for too long, your eyes seem to dry out and get tired? That is because you don't blink as often when looking at a screen. To promote healthy eyes and perfect 20-20 vision, use the 20-20-20 rule when using electronic devices to prevent eye strain. Every 20 min., look at something 20 feet away for 20 seconds. This can be as simple as gazing out of a window at a lamp post. Another variation of this is to close your eyes for 20 seconds, every 20 min., and move your eyes around 20 times (while they are closed). This will re-lubricate your eyes and keep them feeling better.

