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AWESOME OLSEN ICAN MAGNET ACADEMY

PRINCIPAL HARRIS' MESSAGE

Valerie Y. Harris



It is one of the most exciting times of the year as we welcome new and returning faces to a new school year opening our doors for the first time in our school's history as a magnet school, the Awesome Olsen Middle iCAN Magnet Academy.

We have an unyielding commitment to produce outstanding scholars equipped to successfully meet high school expectations beyond.

We are now able to offer five distinct academies to empower our scholars to delve into their passion while equipping them with the global knowledge, skills, and abilities needed for college and career readiness, and life.

Life, after all, is the greatest academy that each and every child who enters our doors majors in, for our he/she has the unique opportunity to connect to their peers, mentors, and themselves, during and beyond the school day. This continual connection transforms each child along their individual path of discovery that enables them to be yet a child, while simultaneously developing into a scholar.

Repeated intentional social interaction is critical and matters greatly in the development of each child. Whether it is the book club, school dance, football game, movie night, band concert, fashion show, Breakfast with the Principal, popcorn socials, it all matters greatly in how our children interact with themselves and others and has



Students Return to Classes at Olsen Middle School

a tremendous impact on their growth and development. So, assuredly yes, the Fall Festival and Movie Nights matter just as much as the math homework.

These unique experiences enable our children to just be kids, laugh, create, connect, and build enduring bonds within and outside of themselves.

We prepare our scholars to develop into critical thinkers as well human beings who honor their community, school, peers and themselves.

We empower our scholars to not just believe, but also see that every person has worth, including themselves, for when our amazing children value and honor themselves, everything else flows from that rock-solid foundation.

Hence, we provide our scholars with limitless opportunities to connect to a small learning community, club, sport, and/or initiative (i.e. community or school service, internship, field trip, competition, and/or leadership).

Assuredly, yes, great things are happening at the Awesome Olsen iCAN Middle Magnet Academy and we are beyond thankful to lead your scholar, your child, through what undoubtedly will be the most amazing time of his/her growth and development.

We wish your child an AWESOME

school year and look forward to working alongside YOU, the heartbeat of our school, our amazing parents, as together, we continue to create excellence for each and every child who enters our doors.

Committed to Excellence.

UPCOMING DATES

- September 02 Labor Day
- September 12 Welcome Back Dance
- September 13 Interim Reports
- September 30 Rosh Hashannah
- October 09 Yom Kippur
- October 17 Last Day of First Quarter

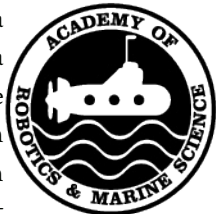
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AWESOME OLSEN MIDDLE BECOMES MAGNET SCHOOL THIS YEAR

by Michael Friedel

Awesome Olsen Middle is proud to announce that for the first time, during the 2019-2020 school year, we will be a full magnet school. That means that every student enrolled at Awesome Olsen will be part of a career academy of their choosing. The career academies are titled as follows: Academy of Business, Academy of Education, Academy of Hospitality & Tourism, Academy of Media & Music Conservatory, and the Academy of Robotics and Marine Science. This full school magnet program is possible through the iCAN grant which Awesome Olsen Middle School is a beneficiary. Furthermore, we have partnered with South Broward High school to align our curriculums that would help develop students' career and college readiness from 6th grade to graduation.

Our goal is to create 21st Century learners that will be able to compete in the ever-changing marketplace. Students within these academies will be exposed to in-class project-based learning in which students will propel their own learning through the exploration of a topic. These projects will be a hands-on experience that solve real-world problems students can identify with. Professionals from the community will be guest speakers and potential mentors to our students. We will also be using new software that personalizes lessons to the learner. Our Academy of Business will offer entrepreneurial classes as well as paths to Microsoft Office certifications. Awesome Olsen's Academy of Tourism will be opening



our "Viking Café" to give students experience in managing a restaurant. These offerings are just the beginning of the innovative curriculum we will bring to students over the upcoming school year.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT AND EMERGENCY CONTACT

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2019/20 school year. Emergency Contact and Code of Student Conduct forms for your child can be completed online. Forms are easy to complete and all data is protected and secure. For families with multiple children attending Broward County Public Schools, some information will only need to be entered one time.

The online forms can be accessed below via the Back to School wizard, which walks you through the process. You will need your child's student identification number to complete the forms, which are provided in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole and Portuguese.

The Emergency Contact and Code of Student Conduct forms must be completed at the start of each school year for each student enrolled in the District. It is recommended that you set aside 20 to 30 minutes for this process. If you are not able to complete the online forms in one session, you can resume where you left off at another time. Once you complete and submit the forms, you will receive an email confirmation.

If you prefer to use hardcopy forms you can download them at Code of Conduct. The completed forms must be submitted to Olsen Middle School.

Thank you for being part of Olsen Middle/Broward County Public Schools. For additional information, please visit Olsen.browardschools.com or call 754-323-3800.

The Code of Student Conduct, Policy 5.8, provides specific information regarding the rules that all students are expected to adhere to, as well as consequences for violations. Important among these rules are consistent and timely attendance, respect for people and property, appropriate dress, technology usage, student publications, student activities, student records and the right to appeal, including grievance procedures. The School Board of Broward County, Florida, approves and affirms its support of the Code of Student Conduct, Policy 5.8.

Visit our website at Olsen.browardschools.com to read the Code of Student Conduct handbook. You can also access the handbook at <http://browardschools.com/codeofconduct> Please return hard copies of acknowledgement forms to first period teacher or Guidance Department.

GRADE LEVEL ADMINISTRATORS

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8TH GRADE
MR. JASON ALFORD
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CELL PHONES AND OTHER PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The use of Cell phones or items of personal technology (ipods, MP3 players) are prohibited during instructional hours unless permission is granted by your teachers.

Personal technology should be turned off and kept out-of-sight inside a pocket, book bag, or purse. If these devices disrupt the educational process or are out at any point during the school day, progressive discipline will be implemented and the item in question will be confiscated. If confiscated, the item will be only be released to a parent. Pick up may occur from 7:15 am to 2:30 pm.

If a wireless communication device (cell telephones, camera telephones, or pagers) is lost or stolen, security may assist in locating it as a courtesy but school employees are not responsible or liable for any lost or stolen devices.

While we encourage the use of ear buds in the classroom, these are not allowed in the hallways. Please place them in your bookbags or pockets.

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SUPERVISION

Supervision is provided 30 minutes before and after school or school sponsored events.



Our regular hours of supervision are from 6:45 AM to 2:15 PM.

Students that are not involved in a school sponsored activity or aftercare program must leave campus within five minutes of dismissal. Students not picked up by 2:15 PM will be brought inside and assigned to an aftercare program.

RESPECT

Respect yourself and others

Respect is interwoven in everything we do. Always demonstrate courtesy. Show respect for yourself and others by following the rules, by the way you speak, by your reactions to situations, and by the way you dress/groom yourself.

DRESS CODE

Dress appropriately

Do not wear anything that is inappropriate, distracting or unsafe. This distracts the learning environment

HALLWAYS

Walk to the right.

Enables students to travel to their destination in an efficient, safe, and timely manner. Enables teachers and staff to monitor movement to ensure student safety.

TARDINESS

Be in class on time. "On time" is defined as being in class before the bell rings.

Tardiness disrupts the learning environment and students miss classroom instruction. Demonstrate positive habits today that will last a lifetime.

ELECTRONICS

No cell phones or electronic devices from 6:45 - 2:00

Cell phones and electronics are a hindrance to the learning environment and decrease your ability to be aware of your surroundings.

GET INVOLVED. JOIN ONE OF OUR AWESOME OLSEN CLUBS:

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)

Student Government (SGA)
Future Educators (FEA)
Cultural Arts Club
First Priority

Yearbook Club
Athletics
Global Scholars
Best Buddies
Science Olympiad

SECME
Vex Robotics

THE BIG FIVE

ACADEMY OF ROBOTICS AND MARINE SCIENCE

This academy supports students pursuing college and careers in STEM and Robotics. The academy will be using an underwater remotely operated vehicle (ROV) as a hands-on device for students to learn with. Simultaneously, students will be learning a curriculum in and out of the classroom that educates students on the ocean and marine life. The combination of these two disciplines will prepare students for several different careers in robotics, marine science, or becoming a maritime professional.

We have partnered with FIU, and local Maritime professional associations to bring students firsthand knowledge and experiences.

This academy supports students pursuing college and careers in STEM and Robotics. Students will use an underwater remotely operated vehicle (ROV) to apply their knowledge of robotics to marine ecosystems. An emphasis on marine organisms, behavior and their interaction with the environment supports a major component of life on Earth. The combination of these two disciplines will prepare students for several different careers in robotics, marine science, or maritime professions. We have partnered with FIU, and local Maritime professional associations to bring students firsthand knowledge and authentic hands-on learning experiences.

ACADEMY OF EDUCATION

The Academy of Education is established to help children learn the skills it takes to become a childcare professional, classroom teacher, or potential college professor. Content will include learning about early childhood development, the art of pedagogy, as well as educational policies and laws that support high standards in education. Students will also develop certifications in Microsoft Office to help them master technology in the classroom. We will have mentors throughout the county speak with the students about the field of education. Students will apply their knowledge of education while working with zone schools to mentor and teach preschool and elementary age students.

This academy supports students pursuing college or career in the educational field. The content of this academy includes the development of leadership skills, communication skills, and employability skills; resource management, exploration of careers in the field of education; the importance of health and safety in the learning environment; developmental stages of children and appropriate learning activities, observation of children, and the use of technology in education-related careers.



ACADEMY OF BUSINESS

The Academy of Business will focus on understanding the fundamentals of business, marketing, and entrepreneurship. Business leaders throughout the county will serve as guest speakers and mentors. Students will be using, hands-on, project-based learning to develop their own businesses and plans. Academy of Business students will apply their knowledge of marketing to develop a strategy to market the various events and programs happening at Awesome Olsen Middle School. Students will also be earning certifications in Microsoft Office products to help ready them to compete in the 21st Century business world.



ACADEMY OF HOSPITALITY & TOURISM

This academy supports students pursuing college or career in the hospitality & tourism field. The academy includes the management, marketing, and operations of restaurants and other food services, lodging, attractions, recreation events and travel. Students within the academy will be responsible for setting up our new Viking Café. This will be a student run bistro on campus where students can gain real world experience in the full operation of running a food service establishment. Students will learn the mechanics of restaurants including budgeting, staffing, inventory and food preparation. Students will also be exposed to local hotel and resort operations to help them understand the multiple career paths available to them in tourism.



ACADEMY OF MUSIC AND MEDIA CONSERVATORY

The Academy of Music and Media Conservatory will be split between two pathways including Band and Journalism. Band students will develop skills related to musical performing arts, such as; synchronization, sight-reading, harmonization, composition, and improvisation. The band will also support the magnet programs by composing musical content for the Awesome Olsen Middle academies. Journalism students will learn the fundamentals of journalism and be immersed in a multimedia curriculum of video, audio, and web content production. Mentors from the Miami Herald and BECON tv will be coming to speak to our students. The journalism students will also take part in the production of our Viking TV station.





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Broward ESE Advisory Council



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HAPPY 2019/20 FROM BROWARD ESE ADVISORY COUNCIL!

Broward ESE Advisory Council is a parent-driven volunteer group established under Broward County Public Schools policy to provide recommendations to the School Board and Superintendent on systemic issues relating to Exceptional Student Education.

We are a voice for students with disabilities, their families and those who work with them. We advocate for a stronger system of supports, while promoting meaningful inclusion and equitable access to opportunities for all. Our board comprises parents of students with disabilities, elected *by* parents of students with disabilities.

Our general meetings, which are open to *everyone*, provide a forum for discussion, advice, guest speakers and presentations on topics of interest. Each meeting also features a chance for questions and answers with district personnel. We are delighted to widen our reach this year by adding two more sub-committees; one on Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities, the other on Dyslexia & Specific Learning Disabilities, joining our ACE (Autism) and Down Syndrome committees. Please see over for their monthly public meeting dates. We look forward to seeing you and serving you this year.



ESE ADVISORY CALENDAR 2019/20

General meetings: 6.30pm-9pm at The Nook (Media Center), Piper High School,
8000 NW 44th St, Sunrise, 33351, on:

August 21st , September 18th, November 20th, February 19th, March 18th, May 20th

Two will also be held 9am-11.30am at Baudhuin Preschool,
7600 SW 36th St, Davie, 33328, on: October 16th & April 15th

5th Annual Family ESE Advisory Resource Fair: 6pm-9pm January 15th, Piper High School

Executive board meetings 7pm at We Rock the Spectrum, 5159 South University Drive, Davie, 33328, on:
Sept 5th, Nov 4th, Jan 13th, March 2nd, May 4th .

ACE (AUTISM) COMMITTEE

Chairs: Jennifer Gray & Jenn Ellis

Email: acebroward@gmail.com

Web: www.acebroward.org

Twitter: @ACEBroward

Facebook: www.facebook.com/AutismCommittee/



General meetings 9.30-11.30am, Baudhuin Preschool, 7600 SW 36th St, Davie, on:

Sept 11th, Oct 10th, Nov 13th, Dec 11th, Jan 15th, Feb 12th, March 11th, Apr 8th, May 13th.

Executive board meetings are held on FB Messenger video link: Sept 5th, Oct 3rd, Nov 7th, Dec 5th, Jan 9th, Feb 6, March 5, April 2, May 7. Members of the public wishing to be included should email for info.

DOWN SYNDROME COMMITTEE

Chair: Bach Todaro

Email: dscommitteeboard@gmail.com

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/DSCcommittee/



General meetings 10am-12pm, Davie Police Dept, 1230 S.Nob Hill Rd, Davie, on:

Aug 29th, Sept 26th, Oct 24th, Nov 21st, Jan 23rd, Feb 27th, Apr 23rd, May 28th.

Executive board meetings are held at 10am at Einstein Bros Bagels, 8500 W.Broward Blvd, Plantation, on: Aug 22nd, Nov 14th, Feb 13th.

EMOTIONAL/BEHAVIORAL DISABILITIES COMMITTEE

Chair: Leigh Townley

Email: eseEBD.chair@gmail.com



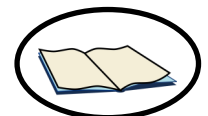
General meetings 6.30pm at The Quest Center, 6401 Charleston St, Hollywood, on:

Sept 4th, Nov 6th, Jan 8th, March 4th, April 1st, May 6th. **Also 9am on:** Oct 2nd at The Quest Center; Dec 4th at **Whispering Pines Center, 3609 S.Douglas Rd, Miramar 33035;** & Feb 5th at **Cross Creek School, 1010 NW31st Ave, Pompano Beach, 33069.**

DYSLEXIA/SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITIES COMMITTEE

Chair: Monique Perez

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Dyslexia/SLD

General meetings 6.30pm Hollywood Hills High School, 5400 Stirling Rd, Hollywood, on:

Sept 10th, Oct 8th, Dec 10th, Jan 14th, March 10th, May 12th.

Also 9am-11.30am at JAFCO Children's Ability Center, 5100 N.Nob Hill Rd, Sunrise, 33351 on Nov 12th, Feb 11th, April 14th.