



The Game Changers Guide

From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to a "Game-Changing" school year!

Every family has a choice in middle schools. Thank you for choosing us! You have chosen a school that lays its foundation of teaching on the 4 B's: Being Respectful, Being Responsible, Being Safe, and Being Active Learners! These character traits are what we embrace in our craft, teach our students, and encourage our families to demonstrate.



With every new experience comes a learning curve--not just for students but for organizations and adults. Our teachers and support staff have been super busy since March 13th growing and developing in this new teaching and learning virtual space. I ask that you encourage us in our growth in the best interest of your child. Help our team with patience, gratitude, and support as we jump in and help our students attain academic and social goals that they will be proud of!

Your children are in great hands with a team that WILL help them become high school ready and college-bound. It starts with a connection and relationships in our teaching and that is where we will place focus during our first week of school. With deliberate planning, constant monitoring, and revising academic plans that are reflective of individual student needs, ***we will help our Hawks soar to new heights!***

I am excited about this years' journey and I am hopeful that we can come together soon when it is safe for our entire Hawk family!

Let's do this...together!

Mrs. Gurreonero
Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 8/18- VIRTUAL OPENHOUSE 6:00-8:00PM
- 8/19- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (E-LEARNING)
- 9/7- NO SCHOOL (LABOR DAY)
- 9/17-SAC/PTSA VIRTUAL MEETING 6PM
- 9/17- VIRTUAL SCHOOL COUNSELING FAMILY NIGHT 6:30-7:30PM
- 9/28- NO SCHOOL





Meet Your Administration

We are Game Changers!

We are Digital Citizens!

Digital citizenship refers to the responsible use of technology by anyone who uses computers, the Internet, and digital devices to engage with society on any level.



Mrs. Ryser

6th Grade Assistant Principal



Ms. Benka-Coker

7th Grade Assistant Principal



Mr. Decembert

8th Grade Assistant Principal



Verizon Innovative Learning

Catalyst for Change! Woo Hoo! We are so happy to announce that McNicol Magnet Middle and STEM School is officially a Verizon Innovative Learning School (VILS) effective the 2020-2021 school year. As one of five Broward County Public Schools selected to participate in a partnership with Verizon Innovative Learning and Digital Promise, this initiative has the potential to be a catalyst for change in education here at McNicol. We will help to close the equity gap to ensure that our students soar. Digital Promise collaborates with Verizon to provide EVERY student and teacher with a device, and up to a four-year data plan! We cannot emphasize enough how having a device will impact the equity gap, affording access to technology to all our students. We are honored to have been selected to be a VILS for the next two years, with the opportunity to apply to extend it for an additional two years. More information on device distribution is to come. You can start connecting with other VILS by creating your account on VILSConnection. Enter your BCPS email, and select forgot password to log on for access.

Sincerely,
Sasha M. Behm





Meet Your Magnet Coordinator

Hi Hawk family, I am happy to join the team as the new magnet coordinator. As an educator for 10 plus years, I previously taught several disciplines that included elective classes and mathematics. Throughout my professional career I have held positions in various fields such as accounting, drafting, teaching and program management. I am driven to empower our youth while creating innovative means of maintaining their interest in education. My personal interests includes dancing, traveling, board games, shopping, and gardening. As a member of your team I will be committed to collaboration and student achievement. I hope to make a positive contribution, and I am excited to learn and grow with you all.

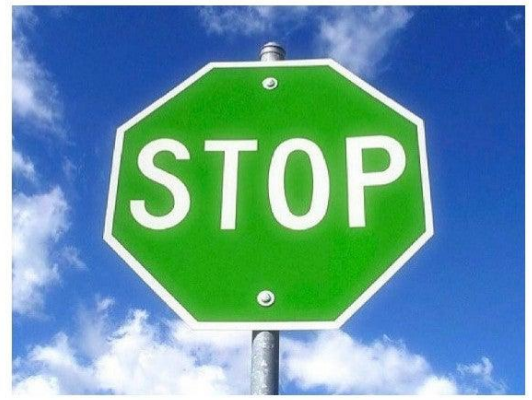
Charlene Franklin



Parents: Here's How You Can Be Game Changers

Parents and Guardians,
We want to thank you for your support and understanding as we, as a nation and community respond to the unexpected and prolonged COVID-19 pandemic. However, we must all be proactive and prepared to continue educating our students, no matter the circumstances. Here are a few ways you can optimize your child's learning experience.

- Follow your child's schedule
- Create designated learning space
- Reduce distractions (ie. TV, Social media, video games)
- Reach out to your child's teacher
- Familiarize yourself with the online learning platforms
- Encourage physical activity/exercise
- Show empathy
- Encourage reading
- Make sure your child gets a good night's rest
- Make sure your child eats well-balanced meals
- Take care of you
- Remember, we're all in this together



Parents and Students:

The Code of Student Conduct Handbook Goes Green! Parents are invited to review the Code of Student Conduct Handbook and complete the required forms by accessing the Back to School Forms link found on the Broward Schools' webpage at: www.browardschools.com.

You can also visit our school website in the School News section of the homepage.

**BACK TO SCHOOL
ONLINE FORMS**





We Are Game Changers!

We are McNicol : Game Changers in "The Game of Life".
We're boarding our "Battleship", leaving behind any and all strife.

Our school is truly the best; similar to "Candy Land",
There are many paths to take, all helping you learn as much as you can.

Education is no "Trivial Pursuit",
It's the seeds we plant today that'll (one day) bear the most beautiful fruit.

So, if you should get distracted, concentrate as if you're playing "Jenga",
Remember, YOU are the numero "Uno" Game Changer.

The effort you put into your education should be similar to "Chess",
Be strategic, learn from your mistakes, and always try your best.

Your teachers are here for you when a lesson gives you "Trouble",
Your administrators are very important pieces of the "Puzzle".

Years ago, 'E-learning' may have been "Taboo",
But the game has changed, and "Bingo!", that Game Changer is YOU!



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