



Hawks Newsletter

October 2021

From the Principals Desk



Hawk Families,

Your child's experience at McNicol is richest when there is an alliance formed between your family and your child's McNicol family.

Processes and procedures are always put in place with the safety and success of your child as the focus. This month I have decided to share with my parents how they can help to accomplish our common goals. Safety is our first priority. Students who don't feel safe are less likely to learn. Please take some time to read how you can help with this.

1. Students are not to be dropped off before 7:15 A.M., as we cannot guarantee any adult supervision at this time. Although we allow parents to come on campus, we ask that your child remains in the car until 7:15 A.M.
2. Please drop-off your students in the car loop and not in the parking lot. Again, for your child's safety, we do not want to have students crossing in the car loop area. We would like to prevent a tragedy from occurring.
3. When you visit the school during the day, please have your driver's license or government issued ID ready to present to the security at the gate. The clerical staff will also need to see your ID before they buzz you in at the single-point-of-entry.
4. Student Code of Conduct states that students shall not be released within the final 30 minutes of the school day unless the principal/designee determines that it is an emergency, or the student has a medical appointment that cannot be reasonably scheduled at another time. There will be no early release after 1:45 PM except in an extenuating circumstance.
5. Our supervision of students doesn't extend beyond the school's boundary; therefore, we ask that you pick-up your students on the McNicol grounds. If you decide to meet your child off campus, please ensure that you are there to receive them no later than 2:15 PM. It presents a safety concern when large groups of students congregate outside the school.
6. In an effort to expedite the car line in the afternoons, we are initiating a QR code system. The directions will be sent home with your child shortly.
7. Parents of walkers, please urge your children to go straight home and not loiter outside the school.
8. Finally, if we see, hear or know something, say something. Encourage your child to report to an adult when they are having conflicts with other students. We are all a part of the McNicol family and need to keep each other safe.

Calendar of Events

10/18: Basketball Game @Olsen MS

10/22: Basketball Game @Attucks Middle School

10/25: Grades 6-8 Quarter 2 Expectations Assemblies

10/26: Basketball Game @McNicol

10/28: Basketball Game @Avant Garde Academy

11/2: Basketball Game @Hollywood Academy

11/8: Basketball Game @New Renaissance Middle School

11/10: Basketball Game @McNicol

11/11: No School: Veteran's Day

11/12: Honor Roll Assembly

11/16: Basketball Game @Lauderhill Middle School

11/18: Basketball Game @McNicol

11/18: SAC Meeting @McNicol Middle School at 6:00 p.m.

11/18: Magnet Open House @McNicol @ 6:30 p.m.

11/22-11/26: No School—Thanksgiving Break

EMBRACING NEW ADVENTURES, THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS



SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Rachel Montrose, School Counselor - 8th Grade

Chandra W. Lee, School Counseling Director - 7th Grade

Julia Gannon, School Counselor - 6th Grade

We Are Here For YOU

Direct student service

- **Instruction** - We teach the school counseling curriculum on Social and Emotional Learning.
- **Appraisal and Advisement** - We assess student abilities, interests and achievement to help them make decisions about their future.
- **Counseling** - We provide professional assistance and support to students in times of transition, heightened stress, critical change or other situations impeding student success

Indirect student service

- **Consultation** - We share strategies supporting student achievement with parents, teachers, other educators and community organizations.
- **Collaboration** - We work with other educators, parents and the community to support student achievement
- **Referrals** - We provide support for students and families with school or community resources for additional assistance and information.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Join our
FAMILY NIGHT

10/28 @ 6:30 p.m.





TITLE I, MIGRANT EDUCATION & SPECIAL PROGRAMS
PARENT TRAINING ACADEMY

4 + 3
2 + 5

MATH: MAKING EVERY PLAY COUNT

Registration Link
<https://bit.ly/3iv2upy>

Register Using
QR CODE

Thursday, November 18, 2021
7:00 P.M.

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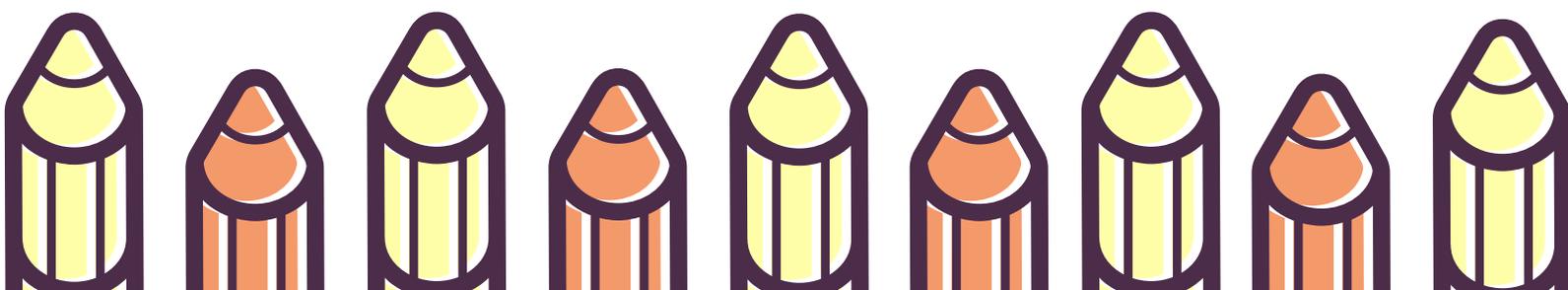


SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28TH
AT 6:00 PM JOIN US!**



THE SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC) IS A GOVERNING BODY MADE UP OF PARENTS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, TEACHERS, STAFF MEMBERS, AND STUDENTS. THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THE SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL IS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN. THROUGH MONTHLY SAC MEETINGS, THE SAC MEMBERS MONITOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (SIP) AND DISCUSS OTHER IMPORTANT TOPICS RELEVANT TO SCHOOL BUDGET, SCHOOL NEEDS, AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT.





Always Remember

THE 4 BS

BE
RESPECTFUL

- Use a respectful tone of voice
- Respect the ideas, beliefs and opinions of others
- Never make excuses for your behavior

BE
RESPONSIBLE

- Set goals
 - Plan your time wisely
 - Prepare nightly for the next day
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BE
SAFE

- Know and follow the school's safety policies
- Practice healthy habits
- If you see something, say something

BE
A LEARNER

- Pay attention in class and take notes
 - Get all assignments done in a timely manner
 - Ask for help when needed
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MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT



Math is FALLing into place.

Mr. Shwartz joined our McNicol team this month as the new 7th grade math teacher, we are excited to have him!

This month the Math department is going to be taking Professional development trainings on how to better use iReady in our classrooms and how it can help guide our instruction.

We will also be participating in learning the new B.E.S.T. Thinking and Reasoning standards throughout Professional Learning Community.



**ENJOYING NEW ADVENTURES AT
HAWKLAND**

FAMILY NIGHT

**McNicol Middle School
STUDENT SERVICES / COMMUNITY**

RESOURCE NIGHT



TREATS

PRIZES & FUN



READING DEPARTMENT

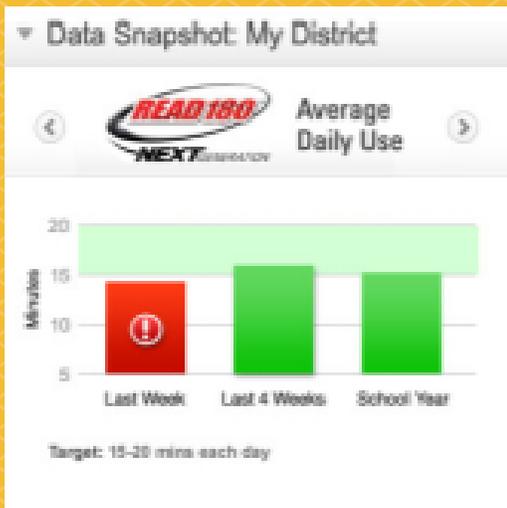


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Our FOCUS this Month...

- Attend District Trainings to master our skills
- Collaborate in PLCs to learn from each other
- Understand the needs of our most fragile students (Lowest 30%)
- Understand that practice makes perfect ♥



Together
Everyone
Achieves
More



SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

We know that last year was tough, but we are getting back into the swing of things. We are not going to look at the past but instead we are worrying about the present and the future. We are committed to taking the steps necessary to get our students back on track. All grade levels have done at least one lab activity and have had multiple demonstrations.



Our FOCUS this Month...

6th Grade

Students are learning about the atmosphere and weather. If we have another storm out there it would be great if the parents can track it along with your child. This would be a great learning experience for everyone.



Our 7th grade and 8th grade students are working on the beginnings of life and the what makes up all matter.

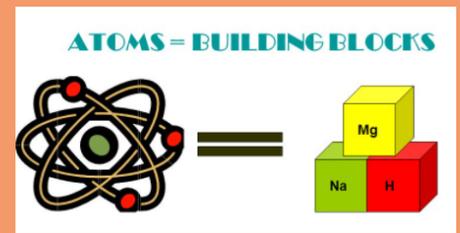
7th Grade

The 7th grade students are working on the building blocks of life which is the cell.



8th Grade

Our 8th grade is working on the building blocks of matter which is the atom.



PARENTS ...

Any support you can give your child would be greatly appreciated.

- explain to them the importance of using their notes
- encourage them to ask them questions

It takes a village to raise a child and TOGETHER we can make a difference in your child's life.

- Mr. Mantalto





CURRICULUM & ASSESSMENT

Our ESE team is working hard and closely with our students! We are working on ESE goals, standards, and are gearing up for the FSA & FSAA. The FSAA is for our SVE students that are no longer working on Florida State Standards. They work on what's called Access Points. The FSAA stands for Florida Standardized Alternative Assessment. This allows hands on & one-on-one support for our SVE students while they take their state exams.

The Brigance curriculum shows our SVE teachers our students' strength/weaknesses and ability levels.

MEET MS. LEITNER



Congrats Ms. Leitner for being on this month's spotlight for our ESE department.

Ms. Leitner is a talented teacher that gives her absolute best in making sure her students are successful and happy. Ms. Leitner is certified in multiple subjects and ensures our SVE students are making learning gains. Thank you for all that you do Ms. Leitner! We love you!



PROUD OF OUR

DEBATE TEAM!



To our custodial family

You are the definition of **essential** and we want to

THANK YOU!



TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Ms. Poitier

We asked Ms. Poitier what inspires her daily to be an amazing educator? This is what she had to say...

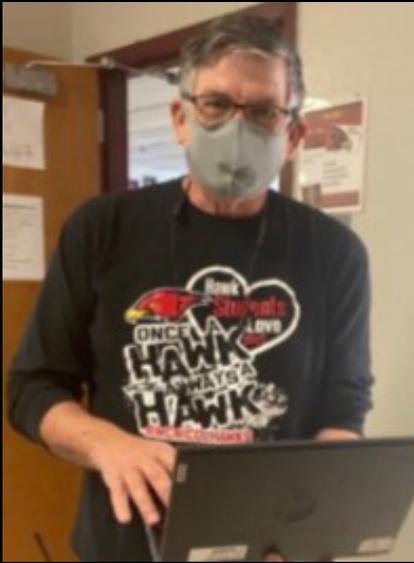
My students inspire me more than they'll ever know. They inspire me to be the best educator I can be. They inspire me because I remember being in their shoes, and I remember how tough middle school was. I remember that teacher that made learning worthwhile; that teacher that made me forget just how tough middle school was; that teacher that made learning fun. The teacher who made the most impact on me was the teacher who took time to get to know me and build a relationship with me. So, my inspiration comes from a famous John C. Maxwell quote: "Students don't care how much you know until they know how much you care".

To my students, thank you for inspiring me. To my colleagues, thank you for believing in me.



EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

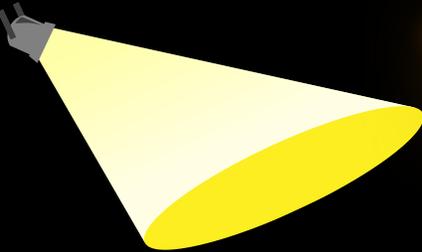
Mr. Garcia



We asked Mr. Garcia what inspires him to be an amazing employee?

This is what he had to say...

What inspires me? It is very easy; to be part of a TEAM that gives only the best towards our kids' education. I am grateful to this country that welcomed me and has given me many opportunities.



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Get to know Mr. Wilson, who is a new member to the McNicol Hawk family.

He has over 20 years of experience in education. He's worked in five different counties and taught grades 2nd - 12th. His purpose for teaching is instilling in every student a sense of pride and direction to become productive citizens. He believes wholeheartedly that all children can learn, & each should be given every opportunity to do so. He's married with one bonus daughter! He loves reading and watching sports--especially soccer and basketball. His favorite motto is "A child doesn't care how much you know until they know how much you care."



BASKETBALL SEASON IS HERE!!

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
Monday 10/18	Olsen	4:45pm	Olsen Middle
Friday 10/22	Attucks	4:45pm	Attucks Middle
Tuesday 10/26	Beachside	4:45pm	McNicol Middle
Thursday 10/28	Avant Garde	4:45pm	Avant Garde Academy
Tuesday 11/2	Hollywood Academy	4:45pm	McNicol Middle
Monday 11/8	New Renaissance	4:45pm	New Renaissance Middle
Wednesday 11/10	AC Perry	4:45pm	McNicol Middle
Tuesday 11/16	Lauderhill	4:45pm	Lauderhill Middle
Thursday 11/18	Franklin Cooper City	4:45pm	McNicol Middle

****Admission will be charged for all basketball games.**

-Adults \$3/Students \$2

****Playoffs TBD****

GO HAWKS!

STOP BULLYING

4 Types of BULLYING

PHYSICAL Bullying

Hitting, kicking, slapping, pinching, spitting, tripping, pushing, blocking

Stealing or destroying someone's possessions

Making mean or rude hand gestures

Touching in unwanted and inappropriate ways

VERBAL Bullying

Name calling

Insults

Teasing

Intimidation

Homophobic or racist remarks

Inappropriate sexual comments

Taunting

Threatening to cause harm

SOCIAL Bullying

Lying and spreading rumors

Leaving someone out on purpose

Telling others not to be friends with someone

Embarrassing someone in public

Damaging someone's social reputation or relationships

CYBER Bullying

Posting/sending hurtful texts, emails or posts, images or videos

Making online threats

Imitating others online or using their log-in

Deliberately excluding others online

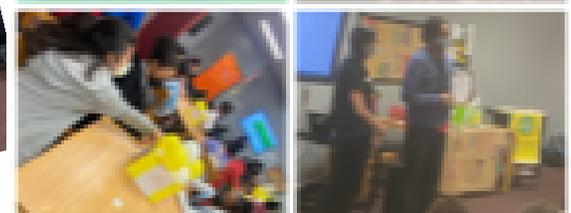
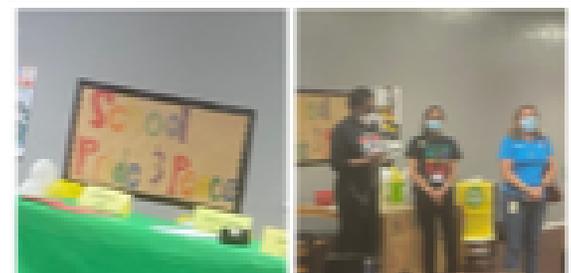
Spreading nasty gossip or rumors online

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MCNICOL REPRESENTS



PEACE!!!!



BIPOC

What does it mean and where does it come from?

This acronym, which stands for Black, Indigenous, and people of color, has gained popularity as a more inclusive term than "people of color" when talking about marginalized groups affected by racism.

People are using the term to acknowledge that not all people of color face equal levels of injustice. They say BIPOC is significant in recognizing that Black and Indigenous people are severely impacted by systemic racial injustices.

Tara Young, a director at UC Berkeley who identifies as Black, Native American, Cherokee and Creek, believes the use of the term is a product of younger generations, but she appreciates its attempt to reflect both Black and Indigenous cultures.

"With older generations, they were so pushed to just choose one. You don't see a lot of people who are like 'I am Black, Native American,' or Black Indigenous in this case," she told CBS News. "It's trying to reflect both which I think is actually nice."

David Dent, an associate professor of journalism and social and cultural analysis at New York University, said he is open to using the term to recognize the struggles that people in Black and Indigenous communities share.

"In some ways, it connects Native Americans or Indigenous Americans more firmly to the cause — to the continued threats of racism in our society. I think that on some level that connection hasn't always been cemented," Dent told CBS News. "It is important, certainly at this moment, to help draw a significant connection."

RESPONSIBILITY

Family Newsletter

Dear Parents:

Responsibility is the character trait of the month of October. This newsletter offers you activities and ideas, which will assist you with helping your child to understand the importance of responsibility. Responsibility is essential for becoming a healthy, happy, and productive person, and it is the basis for a free and civil society where each person does what he or she is expected to do. This belongs at home where children learn to take care of their belongings, clean up after themselves, do chores with a good attitude, finish their homework and resolve conflicts peacefully. Encourage your children to take responsibility in "little things" so they are ready for greater opportunities in the future!

Ideas to Do as a Family

- Have your child share with you about times they are responsible. Emphasize that being responsible requires knowing what is expected and not making excuses.
- Share with your child about something you did that required responsibility. Explain how you are responsible.
- Schedule daily household chores that your child will be responsible for.
- "Catch" your child being responsible and offer your encouragement by verbally showing your appreciation.
- Watch a movie or TV program together and discuss how the characters are being responsible.
- Volunteer as a family to do a community service project together.
- Remember that the best teaching tool is to always model the behavior you want your child to learn.



Character Education: Elementary

October



Diversity, Prevention & Intervention
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Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311
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Fax: (754) 321-1691
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Kimberly.Young@browardschools.com

Character Check

- Do your friends encourage you to be responsible?
- In what ways do you feel you are responsible?
- What are three ways you can be more responsible?

"Parents can only give good advice or put them on the right paths, but the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands."
- Anne Frank



Once a week at a family meal, have family members tell about their responsibilities.



Broward County Public Schools Celebrates

H I S P A N I C

H E R I T A G E M O N T H

September 15th- October 15th



Florida Statute 1003.42 requires that the history and contributions of Hispanic Americans be included in K-12 instruction.

Resources/Activities

- **Hispanic Heritage Resolution**
browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/Domain/13475/Hispanic%20Heritage%20Month%20Resolution.pdf
- **Elementary Resources:** bit.ly/2F5eOvs
- **Secondary Resources:** bit.ly/31YzvCf



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SEE SOMETHING. SAY SOMETHING.
DO SOMETHING.



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- REMAIN ANONYMOUS

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Discipline Corner

“Cyberbullying”

According to the Broward County Public School Discipline Code, bullying is defined as:

Systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students or employees that is severe or pervasive enough to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment; or unreasonably interferes with the individual's school performance or participation. Bullying includes instances of cyberbullying. Note: Bullying must meet the RIP criteria – (Repeated, Imbalance of Power and Purposeful).



Cyberbullying is bullying that takes place over digital devices like cell phones, computers, and tablets. Cyberbullying can occur through SMS, Text, and apps, or online in social media, forums, or gaming where people can view, participate in, or share content. Cyberbullying includes sending, posting, or sharing negative, harmful, false, or mean content about someone else. It can include sharing personal or private information about someone else causing embarrassment or humiliation.

The most common places where cyberbullying occurs are:

- Social Media, such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, and Tik Tok
- Text messaging and messaging apps on mobile or tablet devices
- Instant messaging, direct messaging, and online chatting over the internet
- Online forums, chat rooms, and message boards, such as Reddit
- Email
- Online gaming communities



Please report ANY instance of cyberbullying to your grade level Assistant Principal or your teacher immediately.