



The Game Changers

Guide

From the Principal's Desk

Greetings Hawks,

Happy March! We are beaming with pride on the events, activities, and research that our Hawk Families engaged in while we celebrated Black History in the month of February. Although it is a great time to laser focus our efforts to memorialize and commemorate black founders, leaders, influencers, and activists, we do celebrate the history of our black families here in Hawk Land each and every day. As we know, Black History **IS** American History....we are grateful!



March is a very special month as we close Quarter 3 and push towards the opening of the final nine weeks of our school year. Within this time we measure the progress of our students through state testing. The testing window for this school year will run from April 5th- May 14th. Although the blended learning model for instruction and learning will continue for the remainder of this school year, Hawks will have to physically come into our school building in order to participate in our standardized assessments. We have finalized our school's testing schedule and have published it for you. Please see the calendar on the right, the website, and your child's Canvas page for the testing schedule.

Spring Break is here now! Hawks will enjoy their Spring Break from March 19th-March 28th. We have a focused Spring Academic Camp planned for any and all students who choose to further their learning during this Spring Break from March 22-25. Although we celebrate the importance of measuring progress and the necessity of planning for all academic needs here in Hawk Land, we encourage a strong balance in home and school life. Use the season of Spring to encourage your children to play outside, take a walk to the park with you, and to celebrate life. After all, Hawk Life is the best life!

Your Honored Principal,
Melissa Gurreonero

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 3/29-4/1: WRITING WORKSHOP
- 3/30, 4/1, 4/6, 4/13, 4/15, 4/20, 4/22, 4/27, 4/29: LANGUAGE - ENRICHMENT CAMP @ 3-4:30 P.M.
- 3/30: SATURDAY CAMP PARENT MEETING (TEAMS): 5:00-6:00 PM
- 3/31, 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28: COURSE RECOVERY @ 6:00 P.M.
- 4/2: **NO SCHOOL (GOOD FRIDAY)**
- 4/6: **FSA WRITING TEST FOR FACE-TO-FACE LEARNERS**
- 4/7: **FSA WRITING TEST REMOTE 6TH GRADE (LAST NAME A-L)**
- 4/8: **FSA WRITING TEST REMOTE 6TH GRADE (LAST NAME M-Z)**
- 4/8: **EARLY RELEASE DAY**
- 4/10: **SATURDAY CAMP (VIRTUAL): 9:00 AM- 12:00PM**
- 4/12: **FSA WRITING TEST REMOTE 7TH GRADE (LAST NAME A-L)**
- 4/13: **FSA WRITING TEST REMOTE 7TH GRADE (LAST NAME M-Z)**
- 4/14: **FSA WRITING TEST REMOTE 8TH GRADE (LAST NAME A-L)**
- 4/14: **REPORT CARDS**
- 4/15: **FSA WRITING TEST REMOTE 8TH GRADE (LAST NAME M-Z)**
- 4/15: **SAC MEETING @ 6:00 P.M.**
- 4/17: **SATURDAY CAMP (VIRTUAL): 9:00 AM- 12:00PM**
- 4/19: **FIRE DRILL/CODE RED DRILL**
- 4/20: **ESE VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE**
- 4/23: **HONOR ROLL ASSEMBLY**
- 4/24: **SATURDAY CAMP (VIRTUAL): 9:00 AM- 12:00PM**
- 4/29: **INTERIM REPORTS**
- 5/1: **SATURDAY CAMP (VIRTUAL): 9:00 AM- 12:00PM**



F S A

ELA & Mathematics
Assessments

about the
rules during
the test

Let's
talk

and how to set
yourself up for
success!

FOLLOW THE RULES



1. Remove all electronic devices.



If you have an electronic device

- at your desk,
- in your pocket,
- or anywhere you can reach it during testing or while on a break,



2. Do your own work.



If you are caught

- looking at another student's answers,
- allowing another student to look at your answers,
- or using any kind of unauthorized aid during the test,



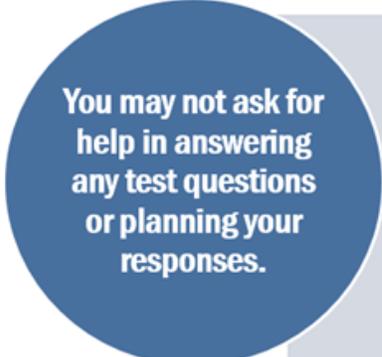
3. Don't be disruptive.



To make sure your test is scored...

It is very important for you to

- remain quiet,
- respect other students,
- and pay attention to and follow the instructions.



You may not ask for help in answering any test questions or planning your responses.

Your teacher or test administrator is not allowed to discuss the test or help you read, understand, or answer test questions.

Try to answer every question or respond completely.



Note to self:
Pay Attention

4. Don't leave school during a test session.



To make sure your test is scored...

If you leave the school's campus for

- lunch,
- an appointment,
- or any other reason

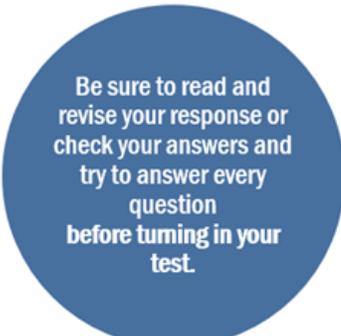
before you complete a test session,



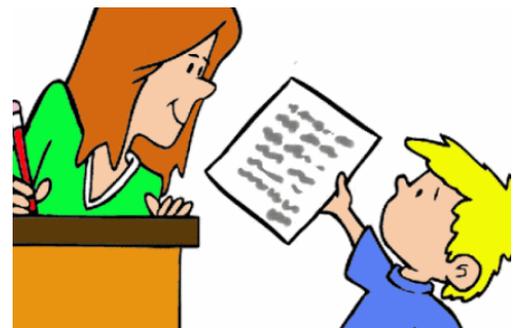
"you got this"



Once you finish and turn in your materials, you may not ask for them back.



Be sure to read and revise your response or check your answers and try to answer every question before turning in your test.



You will be asked to select a box next to the Testing Rules Acknowledgment to show that you understand the rules.

Testing Rules Acknowledgment

Remember:

- You may not have a cell phone during testing.
- Do not talk to other students or make any disturbance.
- Do not look at another student's test materials.
- Do not ask for or provide help in answering any test questions.
- Use only approved materials for taking notes.
- Do not have access to or use any electronic or recording devices at any time during this session, including during breaks.



I understand these testing rules. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated.

You will Succeed

You *are* allowed to...

circle or underline words in the reading passages or questions,

or make notes in the blank space in your test and answer book.

For questions that ask you to fill in a bubble or bubbles, be sure to fill in the bubble for your answer choice or choices completely with your number 2 pencil.



Taking the Writing Test

Students in **grades 4–6** will take the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) ELA Writing test on **paper**.

There is **one 120-minute session** for FSA ELA Writing.

You will complete the session in **one school day**.

Let's talk

about the materials you will use to take the test

You will receive an FSA ELA Writing test and answer book that contains reading passages, a writing prompt, and **three** lined pages where you will write your response.

Make sure you write **inside the box** that contains the lines.

Writing Test: Planning Sheet

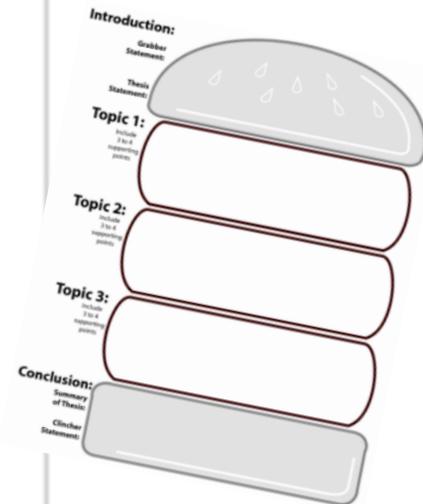
Before you begin, your test administrator will give you a **Planning Sheet** that you may use to take notes and plan your writing.

While testing, make sure that your planning sheet is not easily visible to other students.

Your test administrator will collect your planning sheet at the end of the test.



The image shows a sample of the FSA ELA Writing Planning Sheet. At the top left is the FSA logo. To the right are fields for 'STUDENT NAME' and 'DATE'. Below these is the title 'ELA WRITING PLANNING SHEET' and a note: 'Use this sheet to plan what you will write. The writing on this sheet will not be scored.' The main body of the sheet consists of a large rectangular area with horizontal lines for writing. At the bottom, it says 'This sheet will not be scored.'



The image shows a writing prompt template designed to look like a hamburger. The top bun is labeled 'Introduction: Grabber Statement'. Below it is a section for 'Thesis Statement'. The three middle sections are labeled 'Topic 1:', 'Topic 2:', and 'Topic 3:', each with a note 'Include 2 to 4 supporting points'. The bottom bun is labeled 'Conclusion: Summary of Thesis, Clincher Statement'.

Taking the Writing Test

Your writing should show that you can organize and express your thoughts clearly.

Read each passage carefully and respond completely to the writing prompt.

You are required to write your response in English.

Taking the Writing Test

read the passages,

Manage your time carefully so that you have time to...

write your response on the lined pages,

plan your response,

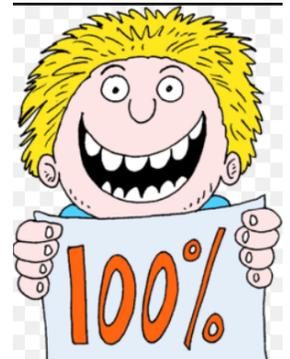
and proofread, revise, and edit your response.

REMEMBER!

Get a good night's sleep.

Relax and do your best!

Eat a good breakfast before the test.



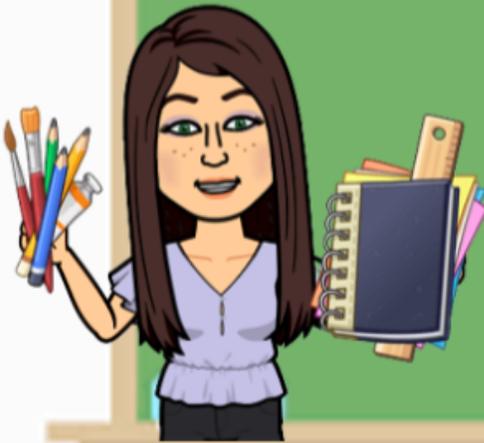
All Test Dates are available on the McNicol Middle Website



SPRING BREAK CAMP

[Enroll
Here
Now!](#)

Monday - Thursday
March 22nd – March 25th
8:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.



Join us virtually for an academic enrichment and intervention camp facilitated by your Mcnicol teachers!

Questions? Email Ms. McLeod at janell.mcleod@browardschools.com

Mcnicol Middle Magnet School

**MCNICOL MIDDLE SCHOOL
VIRTUAL SATURDAY CAMP**

4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 5/1

6th Grade - ELA & Math

7th Grade - ELA, Math, Civics

8th Grade - ELA, Math, Science

Perfect attendance enters your name into a raffle to win a game night with food & games for the entire family

Contact Ms. J. Robinson at (754) 323-3435 or jerelle.robinson@browardshools.com with any questions.

SCAN ME

Scan here to register



Supporting Readers

Reading is a necessary skill that it helps you grow mentally, emotionally and psychologically. Every book gives you an opportunity to learn new things and explore new ideas. Reading books increases your knowledge and makes you smarter.

Getting to know the foundations of Reading

- ❖ Phonemic awareness - refers to the specific ability to focus on and manipulate individual sounds in spoken words.
- ❖ Phonics- is the understanding of how sounds correlate with letters in an alphabetic system.
- ❖ Fluency-the ability to read continuous text with appropriate momentum, phrasing, attention to conventions, and stress.
- ❖ Vocabulary-is the knowledge of words used in language and their meaning.
- ❖ Comprehension-ability to process and draw meaning from text(s) on many levels.

As teachers support struggler readers there is a way that parents can enhance academic success in all student. Ms. Perdomo is a reading teacher here at McNicol Middle School who has put together a variety of resources available for students.

Enjoy.....

Students

Canvas Emmerse reader- a tool in Canvas which models reading aloud to students.

iReady Pathway - a personalize software that targets skills depending on the student's needs

Reading 20 minutes a day for FUN

[Young Adult's Choices Reading List 2020](#)-Great selection of newly published books for adolescents

[Unite for Literacy Books for Growing Readers](#)

[Black Lives Matter Instructional Library](#)-Contains great children's books perfect for online read alouds

Broward County Library "WOW!" Without Walls: Download eBooks, audiobooks, and stream video to your device at no charge.

50 activities to Promote Digital Media Literacy-
www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/16290/urlt/kit.pdf

Parents

Access Supporting Secondary Learners Canvas course- <http://bit.ly/SupportingSecondaryLearners>.

Clifford Reading Tips for Parents
www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7539/urlt/Clifford.pdf great tips for parents about the five essential components of reading

Reading suggestions and tips for parents of all aged children
www.floer.org/core/fileparse.php/7539/urlt/parent-tips.pdf

Reading Rockets: reading related videos and parent resources
<http://www.readingrockets.org/reading-topics/reading-aloud>

Attendance: students who attend regularly are more likely to have grade level proficiency.

Students who read, thrive and succeed; students who don't read, fall behind.

Resources

The School Counseling Corner

School Counselors

Creating Partnerships and Providing Tips for Teachers



DISCIPLINE CORNER

DID YOU KNOW that projectile devices such as BB guns, hard pellet guns, and paintball guns are Class B Weapons. Possession of any of these on campus could result in an external suspension of up to nine days for the first offense. A second offense warrants a recommendation for expulsion.



1. Stop 
2. Think 
How will this affect myself or others?
3. Make a good choice! 

PBIS EVENT

Our McNicol students were recognized for their positive behavior in the 3rd QTR. They received a PBIS certificate and an invite to the **“Hawk Game Room.”** Our students had tons of fun!



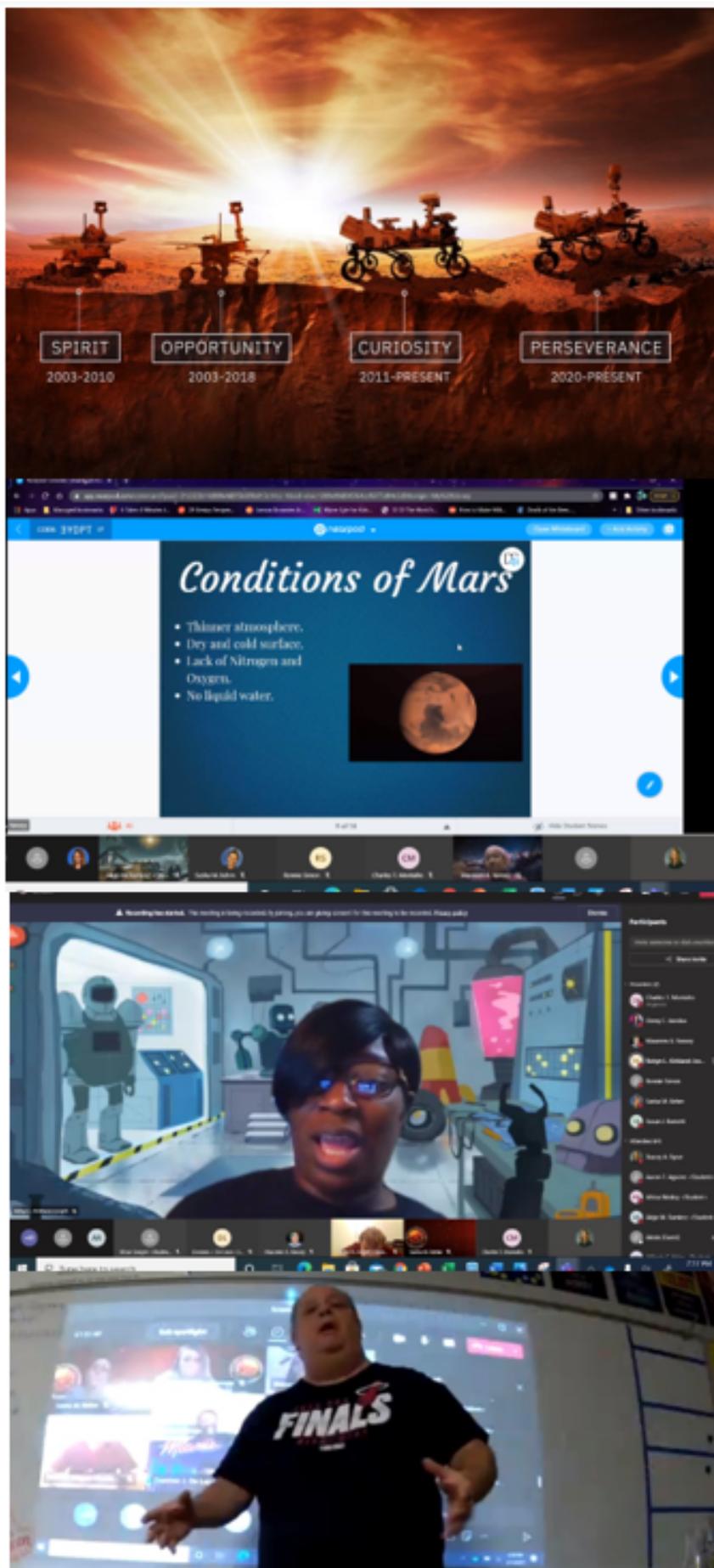
- ✚ “Even though I lost in Mario Kart, I had a lot of fun! I really liked the comic books, too!” -Jade Robinson
- ✚ “I was so excited to be nominated for this event! I loved the stickers and my friends were invited too! I even made new friends!” – Jaylecia Hill
- ✚ “The games were really fun! I loved all the candy.” -Jamilyha Joseph
- ✚ “I am very thankful to have been nominated for this event! My favorite part was dominating in Mario Kart!” -Daion Wright

McNicol Science Family Night: March 11, 2021

The McNicol Middle School Science Night was an informative and entertaining night of science. The night was hosted virtually by our science teachers. Benjamin Franklin once said "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." This ideology was used to design our Family Science Night.

Congratulations to all our budding scientists for a job well done. Family Science Night was an opportunity to have a virtual hand on exposure to Science. We had three of our students win some great prizes for their participation. Raheem Rhoden won a family 4 pack to Off the Wall, Olivier Carlo won a family four pack to Sky Zone, and Erickson Cadet won a 25-dollar gift card to Target.

There were so many interesting activities from experiments about chemical reactions, learning how drones operate, and we learned a great deal of information about Mars and the Mars Rover Perseverance that landed on Mars on February 18, 2021. Overall it was a great night of science.



All About...

Women's History Month



What is it?

Women's History Month is the celebration of women's **contributions** to culture, history, and society. It has been observed **annually** in March in the United States since 1987.

Why should we celebrate it?

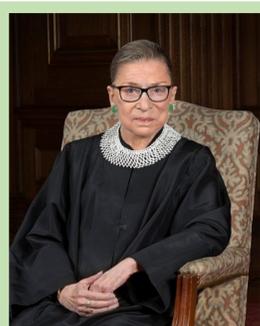
Women continuously hard to make our world a better place. Women deserve recognition for being leaders, athletes, artists, scientists, and everything in between.



Celebrating Women's History Month allows time for us to celebrate and say "thank you" to trailblazers of today and yesterday.

Meet some visionary Women

Ruth Bader Ginsburg 1933 - 2020



Ruth Bader Ginsburg was a lawyer who would later become the 2nd woman to be a part of the Supreme Court. She attended Columbia Law School and graduated tied first in her class. She was nominated for the Supreme Court in 1993. Her fight for equal rights during her career was fueled by her own struggles with inequality.

Kamala Harris 1964-



Kamala Harris is a lawyer turned politician. In 2016, she was elected to the Senate. She was the first Indian American to serve as a senator. She was also the second Black woman to do so. In 2020, she became the first Black and first Indian American to be elected Vice President of the United States.

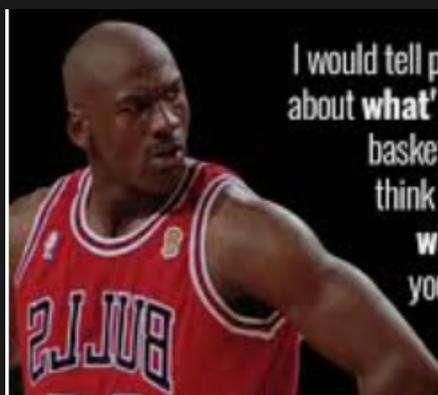
BASKETBALL



So far, our Boys Basketball Team is off to a great start under the direction of Coach Fudge. Our Cheerleaders, under the direction of Mrs. Baker, perform at all of our home games and enthusiastically cheer our team on!



Go HAWKS!



I would tell players to **relax** and never think about **what's at stake**. Just think about the basketball game. If you start to think about **who is going to win** the championship, you've **lost your focus**.

- Michael Jordan

Join the **GIRLS SOCCER TEAM!**



Why?

- **Helps kids stay fit and healthy:** Playing soccer is great exercise.
- **Involves teamwork:** Soccer players practice teamwork, a skill needed to be successful in school, work and family!
- **Boosts self-confidence/ self-esteem:** Playing a sport helps kids gain confidence in themselves.
- **Increases concentration and focus:** Playing soccer involves a great deal of focus
- **Promotes cognitive development:** Playing soccer helps kids enhance their visual- spatial awareness as well as problem solving skills.
- **It's fun!** Soccer is fun and exciting which is why it is one the most popular sport in the world!

How?

- **Who:** Ms. Poitier/ Ms. Perdomo
- **What:** Soccer Tryouts
- **When:** April 6th and 7th at 3 pm
- **Where:** Meet Ms. Perdomo in Media Center
- **How:** Have your permission slip and Quarter 3 GPA 2.0
- **Why:** It's fun!

UPCOMING SPORTS THIS YEAR:

• **Floorball- April**



• **Soccer- April**

• **Track- April**

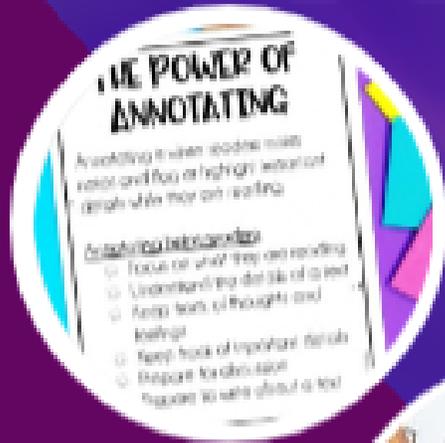


Make sure to check our school website for more info



Writing Workshop

Monday, MARCH 29th
Annotating



TUESDAY, MARCH 30TH
Brainstorming



WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 31st
**Thesis and
Intro**



Let's get
ready to
write!

THURSDAY, APRIL 1st
PEEL paragraphs

