



APOLLO MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Winter Newsletter December 2022

Greetings from our principal
Dr. Louis Kushner

I am so proud of the amazing progress that has been made here at Apollo Middle School. Since July, we have concluded many school beautification projects. Academically, we have shown positive growth. I have provided a breakdown of our growth and our beautification projects with some samples. We have partnered with an amazing organization, Kids Can Foundation, and will be doing some additional exterior beautification in January, including a garden, murals, and fence cups.

Our students and staff continue to amaze me every single day. Our girls basketball team went all the way to the semi-finals this season. Our debate students continue to excel and place in district level events. Our music department has been producing amazing selections. Our e-Sports team brought back \$750 for their placement at a district competition. STEM is rapidly growing at Apollo. There are so many student organizations to recognize! The number of students on A and B honor roll here at Apollo truly amazes me!

On behalf of our entire administrative team, HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Important Dates

School Resumes

Monday, January 9, 2023

Second Quarter Ends

Friday, January 13, 2023

(No School, Teacher Planning Day)

School Closed

Monday, January 16, 2023

(MLK Day)

Third Quarter Begins

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Free Tutoring!

**After School until February 9, 2023,
4:10 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.**

Monday: Civics and Math

Tuesday: Science and ELA/Reading

**Wednesday: Civics, Math, and
Science**

Thursday: ELA/Reading

Free Saturday Academic Success

Camps and Tutoring: Begins

1/21/23- More information to

**come! Student incentives and
prizes are available!**

Be on the lookout! Future!

- **2023-2024 Course Selection**
- **Second Quarter Report Cards**
- **Music MPA**
- **End of the Year Field Trips**
- **8th Grade End of Year Dance**
- **8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony**



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Safety Tips and Reminders

- ❖ Please follow our unified dress code policy which can be found on our website.
- ❖ All students should wear their I.D. badge from last year until you receive a new one during the second week of school.
- ❖ Supervision is provided for students from 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- ❖ Our gates will be locked and/or supervised at all times. Please be patient when arriving on campus. Safety first!
- ❖ Students should not congregate at the neighboring parks before and/or after school.
- ❖ If you see something, say something. We are here to help you and keep you safe!

<https://www.browardschools.com/securitytips>

General Updates and Reminders

- ❖ Please contact our front office for information regarding before and aftercare.
- ❖ Check pinnacle daily to stay up to date with your child's progress and attendance.
- ❖ Everyday counts! Please be on time and ready to learn.
- ❖ Visit our website: www.browardschools.com/apollo

See Something, Say Something
Be a Broward Buddy, Report a Tip!

In an emergency, call 911 immediately. To submit a safety or security concern that is not an emergency, please use one of the tip reporting methods provided below. Please remember you can choose to remain anonymous.

- Anonymous Tip Submission Box**
Submit a tip easily via our Anonymous Tip Submission Box. (no download required)
Provide as much detail as you can, including names of people involved, physical descriptions, school name, social media handles, etc.
BrowardSchools.com/SecurityTips
- Call Us Anytime (Even on Holidays)**
Call our District Security Operations Center (DSOC) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (including holidays). One of our friendly DSOC Specialists will take your tip over the phone and submit it immediately to our investigators. Please let the DSOC Specialist know if you wish to remain anonymous.
754-321-3500
- Send Us an Email**
Submit a tip using the email address below. Although your email address is displayed using this tip reporting method, you can choose to remain anonymous by simply requesting it in your message.
SecurityTips@BrowardSchools.com
- FortifyFL**
Submit a tip via FortifyFL online (no download required) or download the app for easier use. Visit FortifyFL using the link below. Your tip will immediately reach law enforcement and Broward Schools investigators.
GetFortifyFL.com



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Celebrating Our Success in Academics!

I am definitely encouraged by the data gleaned from Fast PM 2. I am sharing a high-level overview below:

1. FAST PM 1 Percent of Level 1 and 2 in Math= 90%
2. FAST PM 2 Percent of Level 1 and 2 in Math= 77%

1. FAST PM 1 Percent of Level 1 and 2 in Reading=70%
2. FAST PM 2 Percent of Level 1 and 2 in Reading= 62%

****Meaning- the percent of students scoring Level 1 and 2 has definitely decreased! Our students are learning and growing every day!!!**

1. FAST PM 1 Percent of Level 3, 4, 5 in Math= 10%
2. FAST PM 2 Percent of Level 3, 4, 5 in Math= 24%

1. FAST PM 1 Percent of Level 3, 4, 5 in Reading= 30%
2. FAST PM 2 Percent of Level 3, 4, 5 in Reading= 37%

****Meaning- the percent of students coring Level 3, 4, and 5 INCREASED for both Reading and Math. AMAZING!!!!**



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School Beautification Updates December 2022

Completed Projects

- 1. Front of the School Windows and Wall Wraps**
- 2. Student Services Office Wall**
- 3. Cafeteria Columns Wrapped**

Projects in Progress

- 1. Media Center Exterior Wall Wraps**
- 2. Hallway Column Wraps**
- 3. Gym Hallway Wall Wraps**

School Board of Broward County SMART Bond Projects in Progress

- 1. We are getting a brand new media center! The timeline is currently being set.**
- 2. We are getting a brand new roof and A/C. The timeline is currently being set.**

I give monthly updates on the progress of these projects at our SAC/SAF meetings.





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