

Rocket Newsletter



APOLLO MIDDLE

December 2017

Principal's Message

Hello Rockets

As you and your families are gearing up for the approaching holidays, we too are preparing for a very busy December and January at Apollo. This month our students will participate in field trips, Science and Rocket Fair, Basketball playoffs, a Winter Showcase and contests galore!

Additionally, Apollo is showcasing our Stem-tastic curriculum and students by inviting the McArthur Innovation Zone feeder schools, which include West Hollywood Elementary, Boulevard Heights Elementary, Hollywood Park Elementary, Pembroke Pines Elementary and Orangebrook Elementary to our school to experience our great Magnet programs, classes and teachers first hand.

12/1-Sheridan Park Elementary Visit 8:30-10:30

12/7-Hollywood Park Elementary Visit 8:30-10:30

12/15-West Hollywood Elementary Visit 8:30-10:30

12/19-Boulevard Heights Elementary School Visit 8:30-10:30

12/20-Pembroke Pines Elementary School Visit 8:30-10:30

Also, to ensure our students make the best academic decisions that will prepare them to thrive in today's society, several Broward County high schools with Magnet and Technical centers will host information sessions that highlight the great programs that are offered to our students. Also, our graders travel to McArthur High to get the Mustang experience!

With so much happening at our school this month, I just want to make sure I wish you a safe and happy holiday break. We look forward to seeing you back on January 9th as we continue to sail towards excellence. As always, thank you for sharing your "gifts" with me - your Stem-tastic children. I am so grateful to serve as your principal!

Shawn Aycock,
Principal



We welcome our McArthur
Innovation Zone feeder schools:

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Telephone: (754) 323-2900

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Ms. Shawn S. Aycock, Principal

Ms. Traci Aveni, 6th Grade Assistant Principal

Mr. Damon Martin, 7th Grade Assistant Principal

Mr. Lloyd Manda,

8th Grade Assistant Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

SAC Meeting.....12/6

Title I Family Science Night
Tuesday, Dec. 12th @ 6pm
in the Kiva

Winter Showcase@6pm.....12/14

Winter Break.....No School.....12/26-1/5

IMPORTANT JANUARY DATES

Teacher Planning.....No School.....1/8

No School.....1/15



Apollo Middle School

Science Night

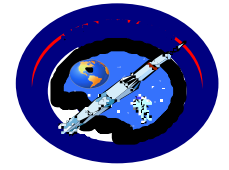
UNLEASH THE EINSTEIN IN YOU!
COME TO OUR
FAMILY NIGHT & SCIENCE FAIR

December 12, 2017

@ 6pm

ENJOY...

TASTY HOLIDAY SNACKS &



Happy Holidays



Featured Performances:

Beginning Band

Chorus/Glee Club

Dance Team

Drumline

Advanced Band

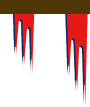
A special shout out to our fantastic Band Director/ Teacher
Mr. Bryan McCall II.

He and his students worked along with the Apollo Dance Team to provide a night of entertainment and *Holiday Glee*.

Mr. McCall and his Rocket Band, Chorus and Glee Club have been invited to perform at various events in Broward County and for organizations within the City of Hollywood. Please congratulate Mr. McCall and Ms. Hollis and their students for doing such a great job all year long!

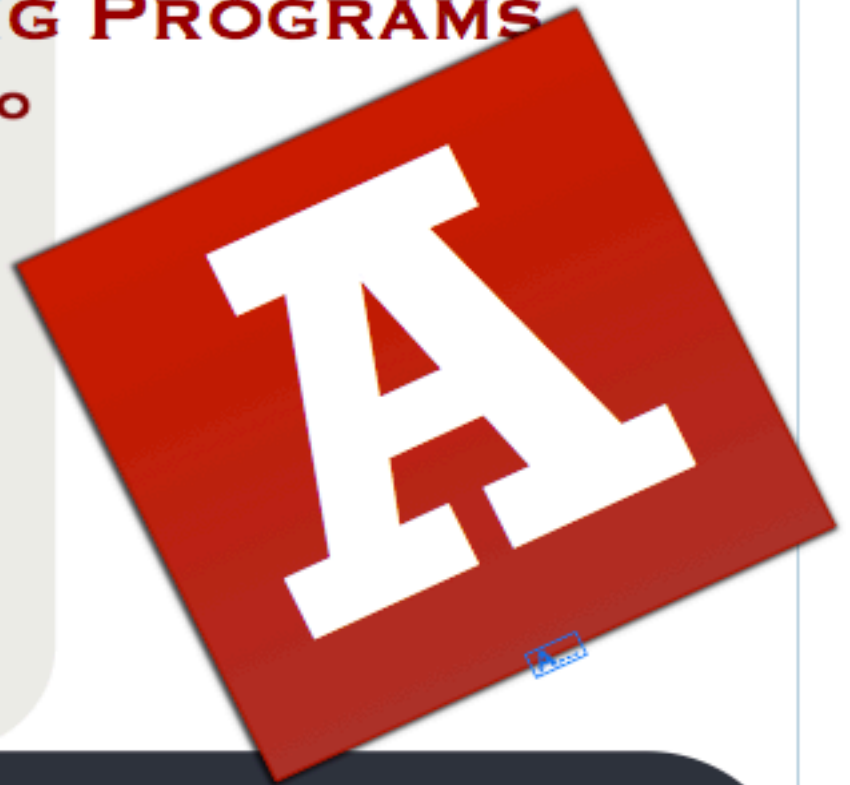
Happy Holidays

Directed by Mr. Bryan McCall II



APOLLO MIDDLE SCHOOL
MENTORING PROGRAMS

GET TIPS ON HOW TO
ENCOURAGE,
MOTIVATE,
BUILD SELF-
ESTEEM
& COMMUNICATE
WITH YOUR CHILD?



JOIN US FOR OUR
PARENT SUPPORT
BREAKFAST
TUESDAY
DECEMBER 19, 2017
8:18AM-9:15AM.

For More Information, please contact Ms. WB @ 754-323-2900

December 2017

Holiday Fun

APOLLO MIDDLE SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEK 12/18-12/22



Monday: Crazy hats and Scarfs



Tuesday: Twin day



Wednesday: Winter Wonderland (Wear your craziest holiday sweater)



Thursday: Sports Day (come dressed in your favorite players jersey or shirt)



Friday: Spirit Day (wear your class colors) 6th-White, 7th Blue, and 8th Red

Let's see which class has the most school SPIRIT!!!

APOLLO ATHLETICS



Apollo would like to congratulate the girl's basketball team in finishing the regular season with a 10-1 record. It is quite an accomplishment. We are now getting ready for the playoffs, which

begin Monday Dec 4th. Our playoff game will be against Indian Ridge @ 4pm. It is important that our students know we care about the wins and losses. If you see any of the players, please offer some words of encouragement. With basketball season coming to a close, Volleyball season is upon us.

Please review the schedule and carve out so time to support our students.

2017-2018 APOLLO VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

(M) 12/18	@WALTER C YOUNG
(W) 12/20	NEW RENAISSANCE
(T) 1/9	BEACHSIDE
(F) 1/12	SEMINOLE
(T) 1/16	@GULFSTREAM
(TH) 1/18	@NOVA
(T) 1/23	FRANKLIN COOPER
(TH) 1/25	FRANKLIN PINES (F)
(M) 1/29	DRIFTWOOD
(W) 1/31	FRANKLIN PINES (A)

ALL GAMES BEGIN AT

4:30

BOYS PLAY FIRST 12/18 – 1/16

GIRLS PLAY FIRST 1/18– 1/31

\$2 admission for students

\$3 admission for adults



DECEMBER 2017

BCPS ANNOUNCEMENTS



Title I & SAC News

The Title I department presented information in on the 2016-2017 School Improvement and Title I Addendum. These documents can be found in our front office in a Title I binder. Also, Broward County Public Schools provides access to all Title I documents on the OSPA website, under Initiatives and then School Improvement Plans. Our Title I Plan and SIP

are available online and can be found in the Title I office along with all of the 2017-2018 compliance items. This December, our parents were offered another opportunity to give input on the School Improvement, specifically online enrichment, upcoming extended learning opportunities, such as Saturday Academy and EOC preparation that will start in January. We have also solicited the help of our faculty and staff, to join stakeholders in participating in the development of the current SIP and provide ideas for the upcoming year.



The SAC Committee meetings dates are: Jan. 17th, (W) Feb. 7th, (W) Mar. 7th, (W) Apr. 4th, (W) and May 2nd. Parents and the SAC committee are tasked with completing the School Improvement Plan

and implementing any and all changes that are voted on and approved by the committee. Going forward, the entire plan is accessible via the Broward County OSPA (Office of School Performance and Accountability). As always, a hardcopy of last year's SIP is located in the front office, and available for your review. Apollo Middle's Parental Involvement Plan is also located in the same binder with the School Improvement Plan in the front office. A copy is also posted on our website.

Please contact the District Title I Office Program Specialist, Linda Howard, for more information or if translation is needed, or go to the district website at,

<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/Home.html>

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BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2017-2018 ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

Date	Assessment (Schools must follow posted session schedules)	Targeted Student Population
January 29 - March 22 (Paper-Based)	ACCESS for ELLs (Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners) and Alternate ACCESS – Formative/Progress Monitoring {More information: http://www.wida.us/membership/states/Florida.aspx }	Grades KG-12, ELL students
March 1 – March 9 (Computer-Based & Paper-Based Accommodations)	Florida Standards Assessment English Language Arts- Writing Component (FSA ELA-WRITE) - Summative {More information: http://www.fsassessments.org/ }	Grades 8-10
March 6 (Paper-Based test. (Grades 4-7 Paper-based tests).	Florida Standards Assessment English Language Arts- Writing Component (FSA ELA-WRITE) - Summative {More information: http://www.fsassessments.org/ } All students taking a paper-based test, in attendance on this day must Makeups for students absent on March 6 may continue through March 9.	Grades 4-7 (Paper- Based)
April 2-6 ELA Writing Makeup Week 1	Makeup Week 1 - Florida Standards Assessment English Language Arts- Writing Component (FSA ELA-WRITE) - Summative {More information: http://www.fsassessments.org/ } Grades 4-10 results in initial reporting, Writing Retake results in late reporting	Grades 4-7 (Paper- Based) Grades 8-10 (Computer-Based) Writing Retake
April 16 - May 18 (Computer-Based & Paper Based Accommodations)	Spring Florida Standards Assessment English Language Arts (FSA ELA) - Summative Spring Florida Standards Assessment Math (FSA MATH) - Summative {More information: http://www.fsassessments.org/ }	Grades 4-10 (FSA ELA) Grades 3-8 (FSA MATH)
April 16 - May 18 (Computer-Based & Paper Based Accommodations)	Spring End of Course Exams: Florida Standards Assessment End-of-Course Assessments Algebra 1 & Geometry (FSA EOC) - Summative {More information: http://www.fsassessments.org/ }	Grades 6-12, Students enrolled in Algebra 1 or Geometry courses
April 16 - May 18 (Computer-Based & Paper Based Accommodations)	Spring End of Course Exams: Biology 1, Civics, US History EOC Assessments (NGSSS EOC) - Summative {More information: http://fcat.fldoe.org/eoc/ }	

Apollo Rockets Shine in 2017



Students participating in the Food Expo for Broward County Public Schools.



Great job to Apollo Middle School who repeated as CHAMPIONS at the Broward County Drone League Competition that took place at Miramar High School on Dec. 9th

IT'S DEBATABLE!



A message from Mr. Pigan:
Our Debate team competed at Northeast High School. We want to congratulate our Great Debaters.
In the Public Forum event, 8th Grader Wyatt Dye and 6th Grader Taryiah Stover won their round.
In the Impromptu Event, 8th Grader Christian Aviles earned 2nd place in the 1st round and 8th Grader Charly Elie earned 2nd place in the 2nd round.
Please congratulate these students on their success as they have been working hard on improving their skills and preparing strong speeches.



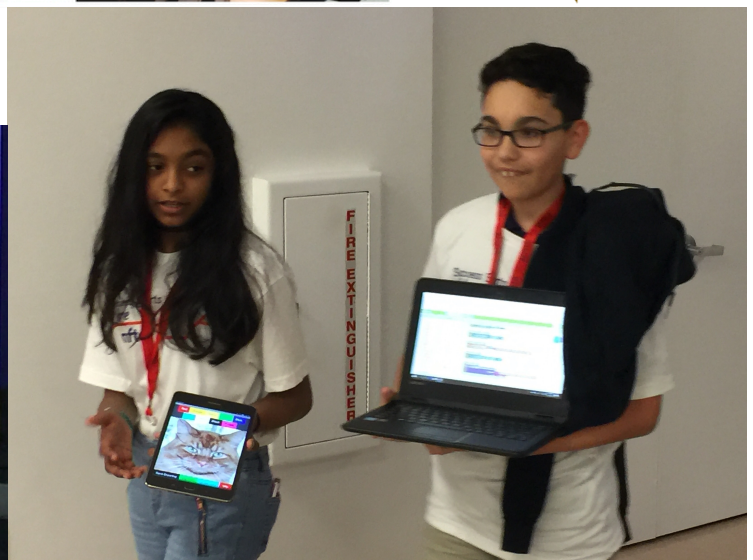
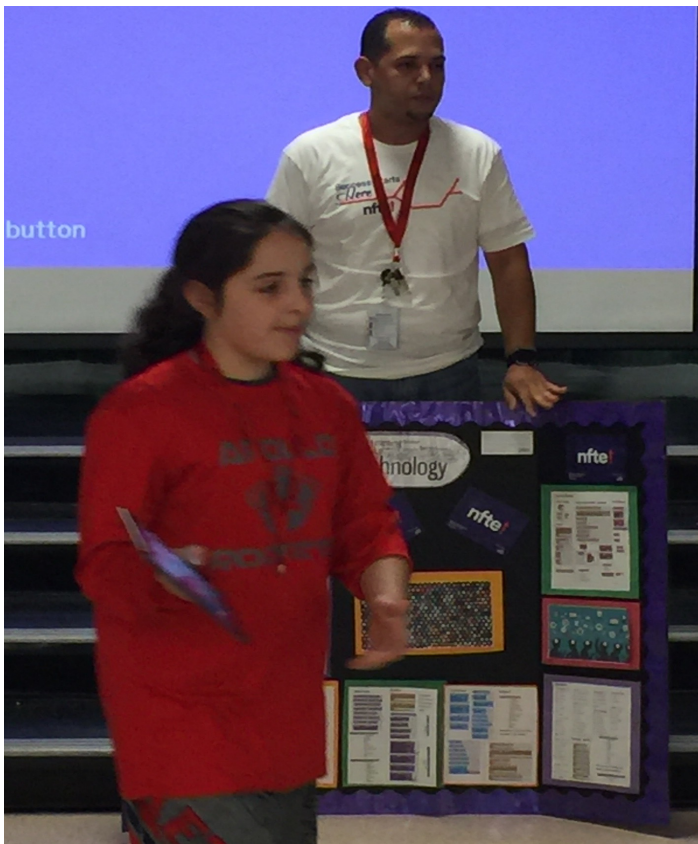
LEEO students go on a Stem-Tastic Field Trip!



Apollo Rockets Share & Care



Apollo's Latinos in Action (LIA) are proud and excited to tutor students at West Hollywood and Pembroke Pines Elementary



A shout out to Mr. Roche and his team of tweens that helped him boost Apollo's clout at an elementary school visit. In an effort to expand our reach and branch out to students that are looking for an engaging and enriching academic program, Apollo teachers and students along with our Principal, Ms. Aycock and our Magnet Coordinator, Ms. Bernstein are getting the word out that Apollo Middle School is the BEST school in Broward.

Apollo Rockets Specialize in Greatness



Broward County Public Schools hosts its own Special Olympics every year. The ultimate objective of Special Olympics Florida is to help people with intellectual disabilities participate as productive and respected members of society at large, by offering them a fair opportunity to develop and demonstrate their skills and talents through sports training and competition, and by increasing the public's awareness of their capabilities and needs.

Ms. Michel and Ms. McCauley with the support of our ESE Support Facilitators worked to ensure our students were ready to compete. Special thanks to Mr. Bookman, Ms. Guzman and our administrators for making this happen and giving our ESE department the support they needed to make this a great opportunity for our students. The event took place on December 8, 2017 at South Broward High School. For more information on how to support Broward County's efforts to include and develop every child it serves, please go to <http://specialolympicsflorida.org/what-we-do/mission/>



Sailing Towards 2018

BECOME A PARTNER!

Do you have a business you would like to advertise in our newsletter? The Rocket Newsletter is a great way to connect with our community, drum up business and get involved at our schools. Every month our newsletter features a business partner and is recognized at our Title I Family Nights. To become a partner and advertise in our newsletter, please contact Ms. WB in the Title I Office. Start the New Year off right, support Apollo Middle School!

Apollo Middle School

A Nationally Recognized STEM Magnet School of Distinction



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We Thank Our Stakeholders & Local Business Partners

- Publix
- Hungry Howie's
- KLM Divergent Funding Partners)
- Exclusive Barbers
- Cruciform Church
- Rites of Passage Non-Profit Organization
- Hollywood Chamber of Commerce
- Hollywood Professional Firefighters Association



Some of our elective choices also include:

- Aeronautics • Speech/Debate • Art • Band/Chorus
- Meteorology • LEEO (includes Microsoft Certification)



Hollywood Professional Firefighters Association presented Apollo Middle School National History Fair Participants with a check for \$600 to support their

