

# Rocket Newsletter



# APOLLO MIDDLE

February 2018

## Principal's Message

February brings us Valentine's Day, President's Day and the sets us up for the first FSA English Language Arts Exam for Writing. Our teachers have worked together to provide students with instructional and enrichment opportunities to learn, practice, and perfect the writing process. All students have been invited to our school-wide FSA Writing Boot Camp that began on Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup> and continues on into February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Parents do not forget to send your child to Saturday Academy. We are still accepting students! Many students benefit from the practice, tutoring, and focused instruction that reinforces the skills they learn Monday – Friday in class. Our teachers are here to help. Read the flyer in this newsletter to get the days and times of each session. Everyone is welcome! Don't miss out on this great opportunity to get ready for the FSAs and EOCs.

Besides test preparation, Apollo was a gracious host for the Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Visitors spent time learning the ropes, with their moms, dads, uncles, aunts, and grandparents and then enjoyed a great lunch and special treats, courtesy of the Apollo Administration.

This month, we highlighted Civics and Social Studies with a special Black History medley by the Rocket Chorus led by our music director, Mr. McCall. On February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm our Social Studies department chair, Ms. Davis and the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Civics teachers will provide parents with pertinent information about the mandatory Civics End-of-the-Year exam that will be administered on May 11, 2018.

We are so proud of our students and are putting great plans into action as we push our students to higher heights and raise the academic bar of achievement. As always, thank you for allowing us the privilege of teaching your STEM-tastic children!

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8<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant

Principal

## IMPORTANT DATES

Report Cards Issued.....2/1  
Interim Reports Issued.....2/13  
No School (President's Day).....2/19  
Early Release.....Field Day.....2/22

### Title I Social Studies Night

Tuesday Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> @6pm

in the KIVA

**Saturday Academy 8am – 12noon**  
**All Grades (Math, Reading, Science and**  
**Social Studies/ Civics)**

Reading & Math

2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 4/7, 4/14

Science (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Only) & Civics (7<sup>th</sup> Grade Only)

4/21 & 4/28

## Apollo Middle School

Parent Information Session

# Social Studies & Civics

"Sailing Towards Excellence"

Attention Parents:

Want to make  
sure your 7<sup>th</sup>  
grader is ready  
for the End of the  
Year exams?



Tuesday, February 13, 2018

@ 6pm

Did you know...

The Civics EOC is written by  
professors at UCF?

Students study  
Political Cartoons

to prepare for standard based  
exam questions?

Florida

**EOC**  
Assessments

Test Preparation Dates:

Saturdays,

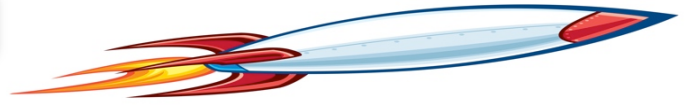
April 14, 21, & 28<sup>th</sup>

EOC Test Date:

May 11, 2018



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# APOLLO ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Playin' Around

Dear Colleagues, parents and students,

Every year we encourage our students to write an essay, poem or thank-you letter describing their favorite teacher and how that person has influenced and inspired them. We will collect the entries and submit them to our local Barnes & Noble store by March 1. A team of judges from Barnes & Noble and our community will choose the winner and recognize both the teacher and the student at a special ceremony during Educator Appreciation Days at Barnes & Noble. The winning teacher will be entered into the regional contest, and each regional winner will received a \$500 Barnes & Noble gift card – and the chance to be named the Barnes & Noble National Teacher of the Year. The national student winner will receive a \$500 Barnes & Noble



Apollo's Rocket Band has been invited to play at several local and regional events. With rave reviews coming from all over, take a look at what Rockets, rock out all over Broward County!

**BCPS Title I Annual Parent Seminar  
@ Signature Grand Hotel,  
Davie, FL**

January 27<sup>th</sup>

&

**Florida Panthers vs. Los Angeles Kings**

**@ BBT Arena,  
Sunrise, FL**

February 9<sup>th</sup>

## Get Vex'd

Shout out to our Vex-tastic (20944A) team here at Apollo who received the **Excellence Award – Middle School (VRC/VESU)**

award at the Broward County Public Schools-VRC Qualifier.

This honor qualifies them to compete at the **Florida State Middle School VEX Robotics Competition (VRC) Championship.**



Hats off

to



Apollo's Great Musicians!



# APOLLO ADDS A LITTLE EXTRA



## Title I & SAC News

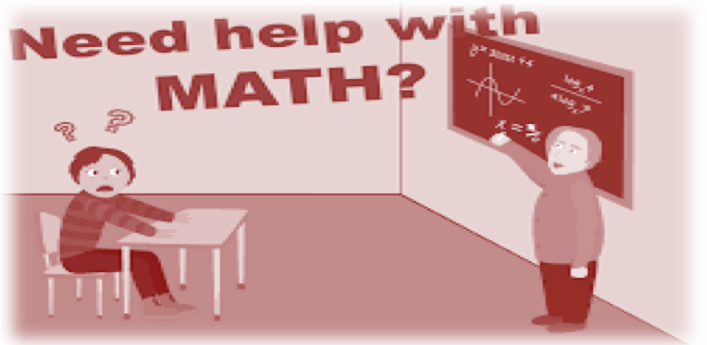
The Title I department is currently drafting the 2018-2019 School Improvement Plan. Stakeholders were asked to provide any input to the SIP and Title I Plan & Addendum.

The current SIP can be found in the Title I office along with all of the compliance items. In the spring of 2018 Title I and SAC is committed to discussing and implementing any changes that are necessary to enhance the School-Parent relationship and increase parental involvement. Apollo Middle is asking that parents provide any input concerning the development of the current SIP and PIP by attending SAC Meetings or reaching out to our Title I department. Both documents outline how Apollo plans to increase parental involvement and increase student achievement. During our SAC meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup>, the committee was informed of the dates and times for FSA, EOC, and NGSS assessments, assessment schedules and preparation efforts for student school-wide. Parents will also have an opportunity to provide input in the 2018 Title I Annual Parent Survey. Additionally, there are dates for the last two Title I events for 2017-2018. On Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> will be our Cultural Diversity Family Night and on Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup> Title I will sponsor the Literary and Creative writing parent session to provide parents with Summer Reading resources and information on websites to support students success throughout the summer.



## Math Club Tutoring

- Monday 4-5pm – Leibowitz, Rm. 130
- Tuesday 7:30-8:30 – Alexander, Rm. 146
- Tuesday 4-5pm – Blair/ Hogan, Rm. 145
- Wednesday 4-5pm – Thompson, Rm. 921
- Thursday 7:30-8:30am – Hogan, Rm. 145



### The SAC Committee meetings

**dates are:** (W) Mar.7<sup>th</sup>, (W) Apr. 4<sup>th</sup>, (W) May 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

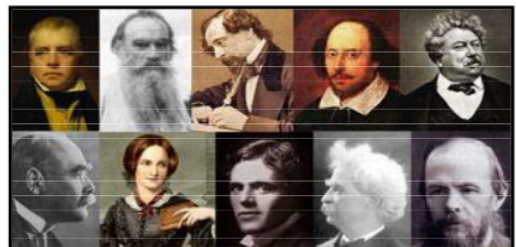
Please contact the District Title I Office Program Specialist, Linda Howard, for more information or if translation is needed, or go to the district website at,

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

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Broward County Public Schools

## District Literary Fair



Handbook for High School and Middle School  
2017-18

Pioneer Middle School:

Student entries are due to LA Teachers no later than  
January 23, 2018

District Literary Fair at the Broward Center for the  
Performing Arts on April 25, 2018

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# Showin' Love at Apollo!



## Kids of Character

## Rachel's Challenge

This month, we are recognizing all of the great teachers, students, and events that support character development, which we believe is an integral part of a child's education. On January 11, 2018, Apollo Middle hosted the United Way as they presented "Rachel's Challenge" to the 7th and 8th grade students. This is a program started by the family of Rachel Scott, the first student killed in the Columbine shootings. In an effort to provide Social Emotional Learning instruction that include self and social awareness, this section of our newsletter recognizes Apollo students showing love for themselves and others.

### Our Kid of Character for the Month of February

7<sup>th</sup> Graders Jose Ortiz,

Social Studies Teacher, Ms. B. Smith wants to show some love to 7<sup>th</sup> grader Jose Ortiz, she writes,

"One of my students from Puerto Rico came here as one of the displaced students due to the hurricane Maria. He speaks little English but always does his work and achieved a 70 percent on a test yesterday on the Executive Branch which was all in English and I did not help him with. I was so moved by that. He is a ray of light."



## Important Telephone Numbers

Main Office	754-323-2900
ESE	754-323-2923
Registrar	754-323-290
Media Center	754-323-2925
Title I	754-323-2939
Guidance	754-323-2931
6th Admin	754-323-2907
7th Admin	754-323-2908
8th Admin	754-323-2909
Magnet Coordinator	754-323-2921



Ms. McCauley and Apollo's Agents of Change Peace Club helped host and welcome our "Rachel's Challenge" guests. There is a banner with over 400 names of Apollo students that accepted the challenge to support bullying prevention in our cafeteria.





**February 2018**

## *Our Hearts are with Stoneman Douglas High School*

Our hearts are heavy as we deal with the horrific Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School tragedy that is impacting our community.

Marjory Stoneman Douglas High remains closed for the rest of the week and all of the school's activities are cancelled.

There is increased law enforcement presence at each of our District schools.

Grief counselors are available for all of our students, families and staff.

To speak to a BCPS Family Counselor from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Thursday, February 15 and Friday, February 16, call 754-321-HELP or 754-321-4357. You can also email [wesupport@browardschools.com](mailto:wesupport@browardschools.com).

In addition, for Marjory Stoneman Douglas students, grief counselors are on site at the following locations:

- Pine Trails Park Recreation Center and Amphitheater
- Coral Springs Gymnasium
- Coral Springs Center For The Arts

For Marjory Stoneman Douglas staff members, grief counselors are available at Parkland Library. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

## *How you can help the victims of the Stoneman Douglas High School tragedy*

In the wake of this horrific tragedy, Broward Education Foundation has set up an official GoFundME page to support victims, families and those impacted by this senseless violence.

To make a contribution, please

visit <https://GoFundMe.com/stonemandouglasfund> or <http://BrowardEducationFoundation.org>.

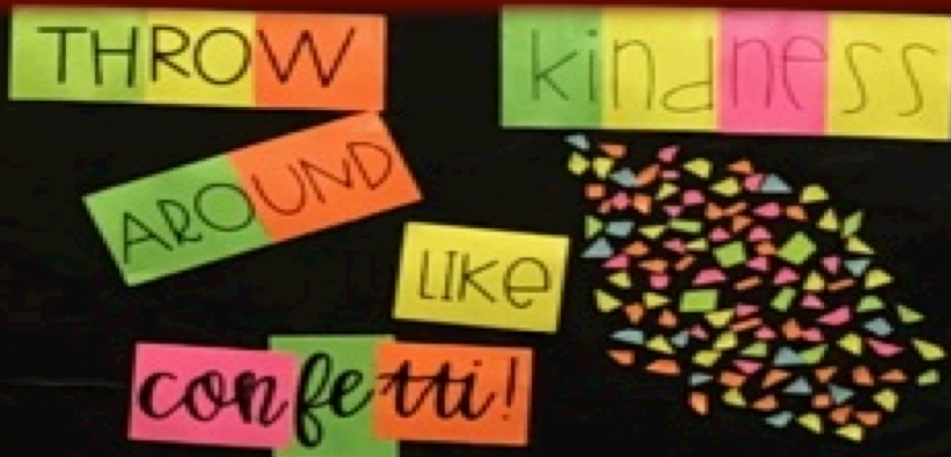


# Spreading Love

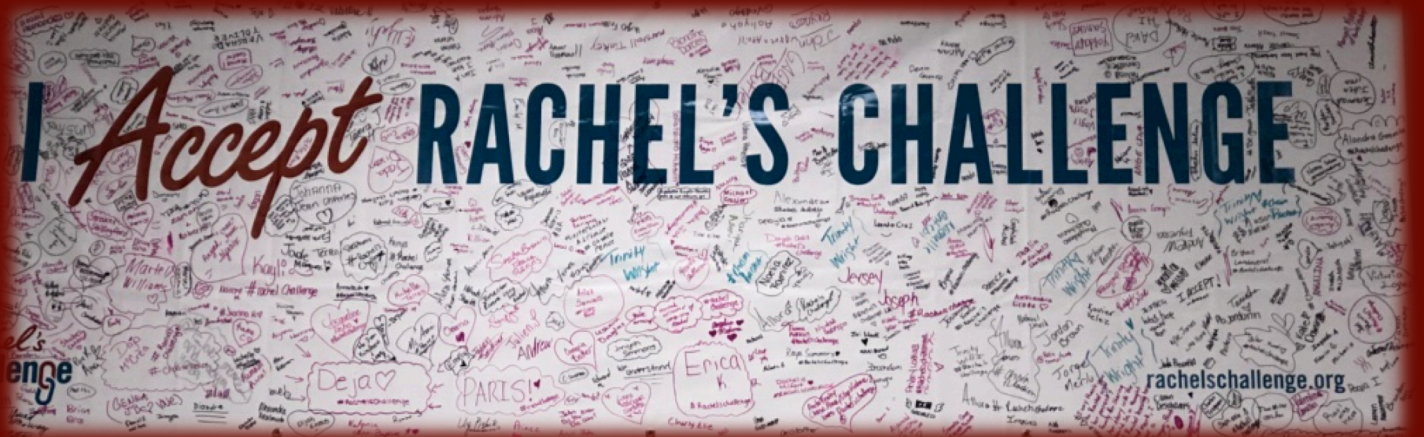
Shout out to all of Dr. Kerr's classes for showing love and support to the victims of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School by sending supplies and letters to students and teachers.



Shout out to Ms. McCauley for leading a school-wide Kindness Campaign and supporting displaced teachers and students as well with her Peace Club as they write out kind messages to uplift the spirits of those affected by the Stoneman Douglas tragedy.







**Love at Apollo is not a reaction...it's who we are.  
We want everyone to enjoy peace, love, and happiness.  
Shout out to our Peace Club for working diligently to spread  
the message of kindness, anti-bullying, respect & love.**



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APOLLO MIDDLE  
ROCKET ACADEMY

**DATES & TIMES**

**TIMES 8:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 p.m.**

- ✚ FEBRUARY 24 (WRITING, READING & MATH)
- ✚ MARCH 3, 10, & 17 (READING & MATH)
- ✚ APRIL 7 (READING & MATH)
- ✚ APRIL 14 (READING, MATH, SCIENCE, CIVICS)

**TIMES 8:00 a.m. ~ 11:00 a.m.**

- ✚ APRIL 21 & 28 (8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SCIENCE & 7<sup>TH</sup> CIVICS)

Direct questions to Ms. Hogan, Math Dept. Chair at 754-323-2900