Come Soar with Us

2019 Rocket Newsletter

ROCKETS

A message from the Principal,

The Future

is Now

Hello Rockets:

What a wonderful year this has been. Our staff and students have done a phenomenal job acclimating to the new schedule and initiatives. Apollo is definitely SOARING.

As we embark on another well deserved summer break, parents I urae you to encourage students to read and stay

Apollo Middle School 6800 Arthur Street, Hollywood, FL 33024 Telephone: (754) 323-2900 Fax: (754) 323-2974 Ms. Shawn Aycock, Principal Ms. Traci Aveni, 6th grd. Assistant Principal Mr. Damon Martin, 7th grd. Assistant Principal Mr. Lloyd Manda, 8th grd. Assistant Principal

engaged with academic and physical activities throughout the summer.

APOLLO

We have several Summer Learning Camps and Programs taking place on our campus. These camps include 21st Century Learning, Unity for Teens, Rites of Passage, Transitions Summer Camp and ALIgn Summer Camp. Please feel free to contact our front office to get information on how to register your child in summer learning opportunities.

Our Rockets have soared this year winning awards, making achievement gains, excelling in sports and extra-curricular activities such as Debate, SECME, FBLA, Music, ProjectCSGIRLS, Flag Football, Basketball and many, many more!

We wish a wonderful 8th grade class well and welcome new students and staff. We hope you all have a safe and productive summer. I am proud of our progress and look forward to next year, because OUR TIME IS NOW!

As always, thank you for the privilege of educating your child. Sincerely.

Shawn Aycock, Principal

Important Information

Important Telephone Numbers

Main Office ESE Registrar Media Center Title I **Magnet Office** Guidance 6th Admin 7th Admin 8th Admin 754-323-2900 754-323-2923 754-323-2904 754-323-2925 754-323-2939 754-323-2921 754-323-2931 754-323-2907 754-323-2908 754-323-2909



SUMMER FUN!

21st Century Learning Summer Program June 17 - July 25 8:00 am to 12 noon Unity for Teens Summer Program June 17 - July 25 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Transitions Summer Learning Camp June 17 - June 27 9:00 am to 3:00 pm ALIgn Summer Camp July 15 - July 25 9:00 am to 3:00 pm



Apollo Middle School

A Nationally Recognized STEM Magnet School of Distinction 2017-2018 & 2018-2019







We Thank Our Stakeholders & Local Business Partners

- Publix
- Hungry Howie's
- KLM Divergent Funding Partners
- Exclusive Barbers
- Calvary Chapel
- T.R.U.T.H Mentoring
- 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)



Bank of America 🧐











Hollywood Professional Firefighters Association presented Apollo National History Fair Participants with a check for \$600 to support their travels to Tallahassee, Florida.







The Food and Nutrition Services Department is pleased to announce Universal Free Breakfast will continue to be available for the 2019/2020 school year. **All students**, regardless of eligibility status, will have the opportunity to participate in the Universal Free Breakfast meal program at no charge. The price for an adult breakfast meal will remain \$1.80.

The current lunch meal prices for students and adults will remain the same for the 2019/2020 school year. The current meal prices are listed below:

Price	Breakfast Meal Price			Lunch Meal Price
Element	tary	FREE		\$2.00
Middle		FREE		\$2.35
High		FREE		\$2.50
Adult		\$1.80		\$2.75

In addition, all grade level students eligible for **reduced meal prices** will continue to pay the current meal prices as listed below:

Price	Breakfast Meal Price	Lunch Meal Price	
	FREE	\$0.40	

CC: School Board Members

Senior Leadership Team

Directors, School Performance & Accountability Mark Mills, Finance Manager, Food and Nutrition Services

Food and Nutrition Services Area Supervisors Food and Nutrition Services Accounting Food and Nutrition Services Manager, Assistant Managers, and Intern Managers Darlene Fowinkle, Division of Food, Nutrition and Wellness-NSLP, Florida DOA



All families are encouraged to complete the online Multi-Child Application for Meal Benefits at www.myschoolapps.com. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the on-line meal application, **please contact the Food and Nutrition Services department at 754-321-**0250.

Title I & SAC News

The Title I department presented information in regards to the 2017-2018 School Improvement Plan to provide an opportunity for Stakeholders 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 2017-2018 compliance items. From August 30th to December 6th Title I and SAC are committed to discussing and implementing any changes that are necessary to enhance the School-Parent relationship by providing information and trainings that are specific to the needs of students and parents. Please continue to visit our website to get orientation and Open House dates once they are approved by our district and OSPA.

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. If you are interested in having a voice in the decisions that impact your child's education, please join our School Advisory committee. All school related plans are accessible via the Broward County OSPA (Office of School Performance and Accountability). A hardcopy of the 2019-2020 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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School Advisory Council at Apollo Middle School

WHEN First Wednesday of each month 6pm – 7pm

WHERE Media Center

At Apollo Middle School Website: www.browardschools1.com/apollo

Title I Family Engagement & Parent Information Events offered at flexible times 2019 - 2020 Annual Open House & SAC Meeting Dates TBA

Uniform & Dress Code

Please make sure your student is prepared for the day by having them in full uniform. As a reminder, the guidelines for our uniform are below. Parents will be called and asked to come correct their student's uniform if their apparel is outside of our uniform dress code.

Pants, Skirts, Shorts

Solid colored navy, khaki, or black pants, shorts, or skirts that are not ripped or without logos or embellishments.



Shorts should go to the knee. Skirts and dresses should be to the knee or longer.

If under-shirts can be seen underneath collared shirts the undershirt must be black, navy, khaki or white without patterns or logos. Shirts must be without logos and collared . On Fridays students may wear Rainier Prep spirit wear or college t-shirts.

Shirts

Solid colored white or navy polo shirt (short or long sleeved) without logos or embellishments.

APOLLO MIDDLE School Band

SOLO & ENSEMBLE ASSESSMENT RESULTS

Flute Choir: Rachel Bolivar Aniya Hamilton Andrea Canizalez Guevara Patrice Hilaire Gracy Mederick Rating: Excellent (B)

Clarinet Quartet: Gilberto Almonte Victoria Bonilla Serrano Emily Severino Dael Desmeraux Rating: Superior (A)

Wood Wind Trio: Rachel Bolivar Emily Peralta Kalie Crespo Rating: Excellent (B) Saxophone Trio: Jheyli Alcerro-Medina Shawn Hodges Andres Norena Rating: Superior (A)

Euophonium Duet: Warren Rollins Andres Contreras Rating: Superior (A)

Clarinet Trio: Aisha Catejon Micheala Bell Taylor Matranga Rating: Excellent (B)

2018-2019

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. MCCALL AND ALL OF OUR APOLLO MIDDLE BAND STUDENTS THAT SHOWED UP AND STOOD OUT THIS YEAR!

Celebrating Our Lady Rockets!



Samantha Rodriguez Alex Schacter Trombone Award Winner!

ProjectCSGIRLS is a nonprofit organization working to cultivate a love for technology and computer science in girls and encourage them to pursue their interests and careers in these fields. They believe that nurturing an interest in science, math, and technology during the critical middle school period will help them to better see themselves as the future leaders of tomorrow.

On May 13th, Dr. Kerr announced the Apollo student Semifinalists for the 2019 ProjectCSGIRLS Competition for Middle School Girls. These projects represent innovative, creative, and impactful applications of technology for social good.

Apollo students soared during this completion. Congratulations to Cassandra Amir (7th), Laynette Rivero (7th): The topic for their theme was, "Gun Violence", to show the people of our world why we should not promote guns or violence.

Tasnimah A'Rahim (7th), Leena Shaikh (7th): The topic for their theme was Environmental pollution, which occurs when something is polluted directly or indirectly and discharged into water bodies without proper treatment to remove harmful chemicals and compounds.

Apollo Middle School Band Director, Mr. McCall writes: "We all know too well of the tragedy that took place on February 14th, 2018 at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Of the students who died that day was a freshman Trombone player named Alex Schacter. The Schacter family and All-County Music wanted Alex's life to live on in all Music programs in Broward County and with the great aid of Conn-Selmer, 50 original Trombones were created to honor the life of Alex Schatcher. The Trombones were awarded to 50 middle school students today in the South Florida area and are customers etched with Alex's name and logo. I am proud for Apollo Middle School was one of the schools chosen for this award and I am extremely proud to have nominated one of my most promising and hard working students Samantha Rodriguez. I couldn't have picked a student more deserving and I can't say how much of an amazing impact this will have on her and all the students awarded today. If you have Samantha Rodriguez in your class you know she is an extremely sweet, kind young lady. While she is very quiet, she is an extremely hard worker and very talented musicians. When I had to choose a Trombone player to accept this honor, she was the one who came to mind first."

Celebrating Apollo G.L.O.B.E. Greatness!

Mrs. Brown and her students just got back a couple days ago from what will turn out to be an integral part of their Community Action Project...PBL at its best, no doubt!

Representatives from the Global Scholars class spent a day at **Hugh Taylor Birch State Park** helping return native plants to their natural habitat in the Mangrove. Students learned about the **Black Mangrove Tree** which absorbs salt water and still thrives, the White Mangrove Tree which has a mechanism that repels the water when the tide comes in so *it* can thrive, and the Red Mangrove Tree which puts out its tentaclelike roots high above ground to help sustain itself. They got down in the dirt as they engaged in using shovels to dig holes where they helped restore native species of plants to their rightful place.

They learned about, and spent time fishing in the intra-coastal waterway on which the park sits. They caught fish too!! They toured the upland area to inspect the hardwood hammocks and more. 6th grade parents Ms. Shelly Constantine and Ms. Jalane Maloun, as well as Art teacher Mr. Small were also on hand

learning *and* participating right alongside the students.

Clearly, Ms. Brown and her principal Ms. Aycock make it their mission to treat the Global Scholars Program at Apollo as a community effort.

The class began the work needed to put their **Unit 5 Community Action Project** together and of course that will incorporate all the documentation brought back from their visit to this important space in our local community. They also had an enlightening display at the Annual Global Scholars Showcase.







