

# Rocket Newsletter



# APOLLO MIDDLE

May 2018

## Principal's Message

As this school year quickly comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank parents for the confidence and trust you have in my administration to make the best placement decision for our Rockets next year. Next year will be no different, and we look forward to advancing academically as a school.

Many students have taken the time to complete a Course Selection Card. This information will be very helpful for our staff and allows us to meet the needs of our students. Our scheduling team invests many days and hours placing our students in the right classes. Each students' individual academic needs are carefully reviewed for placement so their success is ensured. I appreciate the confidence you have in my administrators and scheduling team to make the best placement decision for our Rockets.

This month we have awesome events that include showing students and parents how proud we are of the hard work you've put in. This month we will celebrate diversity and all the student services our schools offer during the school year and summer on May 9, 2018 at our MCA iZone Meeting. Also, we are honored to show our teachers appreciation during Teacher's Appreciation Week (5/7-11). Finally, we wrap up the year rewarding our students with a fun day celebration and Farewell Pep Rally, Awards Ceremony and our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance. Please read further for details. Summer is approaching we look forward to ending this year with a bang!

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

SAC Meeting.....5/2

Interim Reports Issued.....5/2

2018 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance

"Sparkling Nights"

Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

@6pm in the Kiva

No School (Teacher Planning).....5/25

No School (Memorial Day).....5/26

**2018 AWARDS NIGHT**

**"SAILING TOWARDS  
EXCELLENCE"**

**THURSDAY, MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**@ 6PM IN THE KIVA**



Broward County Public Schools and Broward County Library are partnering up this summer to provide students with a Digital Direct Student Library Card.

With this card, students will be have opportunities to sustain learning and academic development during the summer months. The BCL Digital Direct Library Card gives 24/7 access to online library databases for research, college information, newspapers and more. Students will also have access to eBooks, Rosetta Stone language services, free, online, one-on-one tutoring resume/interview coaching and free computers with internet access at any library location.

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Learning to Spread a Little Kindness

# Middle School Kindness Challenge

Kindness challenge called Group Jump that turned into a Kindness Knot. In the photo kids had working together to untangle themselves...they finally got untangled and felt pretty accomplished by doing it!

- Ms. Martin



"I really enjoyed the lessons with my students...I was pleasantly surprised at how much my students participated and enjoyed the activities we worked on in class...It made me feel good"

- Ms. Markowitz

"I agree with Ms. Markowitz. I finished my four lessons this week and my 1<sup>st</sup> hour students ask me daily if they can have another kindness lesson"

- Ms. Bruno



## Our Pledge of Kindness

### The Be Fearless, Be Kind Pledge

I pledge to be fearless and kind,  
To be inclusive  
To stand up for those who need to help,  
And to make a difference whenever I can, wherever I can,  
because I can!

2018

8th Grade Dance

"Sparkling Nights"

Thursday May 24th

6pm

Apollo Middle School

## 2018 AMS Testing Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>APR 30</b>	<b>MAY 1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>MAY 2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>MAY 3<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>MAY 4<sup>TH</sup></b>
	<b>FCAT SCIENCE 8<sup>TH</sup></b>  Session 1&2 (80 minutes each) PBT	<b>FSA ELA 8<sup>TH</sup></b> Session 1 CBT (85 min)	<b>FSA ELA 8<sup>TH</sup></b> Session 2 CBT (85 min)	<b>BIOLOGY EOC</b>  (160 MINUTES)
<b>MAY 7<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>May 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MAY 9<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>MAY 10<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>MAY 11<sup>TH</sup></b>
<b>Algebra/Geometry EOC</b>  (90 min)	<b>Algebra/Geometry EOC</b>  (90 min)	<b>8<sup>TH</sup> MATH 8<sup>TH</sup></b> Session 1 CBT (60 min)	<b>FSA MATH 8<sup>TH</sup></b> Session 2 & 3 CBT (120 min)	<b>CIVICS EOC</b>  (160 MINUTES)
<b>May 14th</b>	<b>May 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MAY 16th</b>	<b>May 17th</b>	<b>May 18th</b>

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>JUNE 4th</b>	<b>JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>JUNE 6th</b>	<b>JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>JUNE 8th</b>
<b>SPANISH FINALS</b>	<b>SPANISH FINALS</b>	<b>SPANISH FINALS</b>		

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# Apollo Athletics



Mr. Pigan proudly announced that on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> Apollo Middle School Track Team competed in the Regional Championship at Nova High.

Two runners qualified for the County Championship on Monday, May 14, 2018 at Coral Springs High School.

7<sup>th</sup> Grader Carly Stermer won the Regional Championship in the 200 Meter Dash  
And 8<sup>th</sup> Grader Shanyah Washington was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Regional Championship in the 100 Meter Dash.

## Title I & SAC News



Apollo Middle school is a proud Title I School. On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, our School Advisory Council accepted the 2018-2019 School Improvement Plan, 2018-2019 Parent-School Compact, 2018-2019 Parent and Family Engagement Plan and Title I Plan & Addendum.

Throughout the school year stakeholders were able to provide suggestions and input on how our school would support student achievement.

For the end of the 2017-2018 school year, students will be able to enjoy several incentives that would not be possible without Also, this may, Apollo will host the McArthur iZone Meeting for Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in our Kiva. During this event, we will celebrate Cultural Diversity and the many Student Services offered by BCPS schools.



The SAC Committee is tasked with completing the School Improvement Plan and implementing any and all changes that are voted on and approved by the committee. Our plans are 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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# Get in the Zone!



## McArthur Innovative Zone Meeting



*featuring Guest Speaker*

Florida House of Representatives

**Rep. Shevrin D. "Shev"  
Jones**

***"Winning Against All Odds"***



**Celebrating Diversity &  
Student Services**

Apollo Middle School \* 6800 Arthur St. \* Hollywood \* 33024

**Wednesday May 9, 2018**

**\* @6pm in the KIVA**



**Celebrate**  
*Cultural  
Diversity*

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**Register**  
for  
*Summer  
Before & After  
School Care*

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**Meet**  
*our  
Mentors*

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**Enjoy**  
Guest Speakers  
Student  
Performances  
UF Food &  
Nutrition  
Information  
Ethnic Foods

*Sponsored by Title I*



# Let's Give'm a Hand



Flute Duet:  
Whitney  
Nicole  
&  
Justin Caico



Saxophone Trio:  
Jheli Alcerro-  
Medina  
Mark Boetcker  
Andreas Norena



Tuba/ Ephonium Quartet:  
Warren Rollins  
Andreas Contreras  
Giovanni Whyms  
Vivek Wallace-Feliciano

Mr. McCall is proud to announce "Musical Excellence from Apollo Middle School".

On Saturday May 5 several small ensembles performed at Pioneer Middle School in the "solo" and "ensemble" categories. All three groups that performed received Superior Ratings – the highest they can earn

Mr. Mc Call states, "these students only had guidance from me while they had to work together to learn the music on their own and had to learn to work as a unit without me leading them.

Bravo Rocket Band members, & congratulations on your high achievements.

# Rockets Rock the FSA

## 2017-2018 FSA STUDENT INCENTIVES

Learning Gains in Reading OR Math:  
DANCE

Learning Gains in  
Reading AND Math: DANCE  
& FIELD DAY

READING, MATH, AND SCIENCE LEVEL 3 AND  
ABOVE: FIELD DAY

LEVEL INCREASE:  
DANCE AND  
ENTERED IN DRAWING

Social Studies Level 3  
AND above : Pizza Party

Score Level  
6,7,8,9,10 In Writing:  
Movie Day

\*Students who meet more than one criteria are eligible for  
more than one incentive\*

Drawing Prizes: Kindles, Gift Cards (Movies  
App Store & iTunes, Google Play, DQ, Panda  
Express), Beats Headphones and more!

