Hello Rockets
Welcome back from Winter Break and Happy 2018 to all our Rockets! The new year is an exciting time for all of us. If find myself energized and more ready than ever to continue our mission of preparing our next generation to be the innovators of tomorrow. January and February is full of opportunities for students and parents to expand their participation in enrichment and involvement programs that will increase academic achievement and student success.

As we prepare students for assessments Language Arts will host pull outs during school days and a Writing Boot Camp on 4 Saturdays for struggling students from 8:00 am to 12:00pm. Our focus is standards based instruction, lesson planning, activities and enrichment.

Our students are extremely important to us and it is imperative they feel empowered and encouraged to do their very best on ALL of their work and ALL of their exams, ALL THE TIME! We look forward to helping our students achieve at the highest level on this year’s FSA (Florida Standards Assessments) with Saturday Academy for Reading, Math, Science and Social Studies. Please check the newsletter and school website for specific dates and times for tutoring and exams.

Along with all of the instruction, we would like to recognize students for positive behavior in the classrooms and in common areas around the school. We will acknowledge students for achievements in Writing, attending Saturday Academy, exceptional character and Academic Achievements!

As always, thank you for allowing us the privilege of teaching your STEM-tastic children!

Shawn Aycock, Principal
**Title I News**

The Title I department presented information about the current 2016-2017 School Improvement Plan. Stakeholders were asked to provide any input to the SIP and Title I Plan & Addendum.

Apollo Middle is asking that parents provide any input concerning the development of the 2017-2018 SIP and PIP. Both documents outline how Apollo plans to increase parental involvement and increase student achievement. During our SAC meeting on January 10, the committee was informed of the upcoming ELO (Extended Learning Opportunities) such as Apollo Rocket Academy, Writing Boot Camp and Title I Events geared toward each grade level. It is important to know that all of our Title I events will be offered at “flexible times”. Additionally, Title I will be administering its Annual Parent Survey. Please be on the look out for this great opportunity to let us know how our Parent Involvement Initiatives are working.

**SAC News**

The SAC Committee meetings dates are:

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](http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/Home.html).
## APOLLO ANNOUNCEMENTS

### APOLLO ATHLETICS

2017-2018

**APOLLO VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE**

- **(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

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### BCPS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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<th>Date</th>
<th>Assessment (Schools must follow posted session schedules)</th>
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<td>January 29 - March 22 (Paper-Based)</td>
<td>ACCESS for ELLs (Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners) and Alternate ACCESS – Formative/Progress Monitoring (More information: <a href="http://www.wida.us/membership/states/Florida.aspx">http://www.wida.us/membership/states/Florida.aspx</a>)</td>
<td>Grades KG-12, ELL students</td>
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<td>March 6 (Paper-Based)</td>
<td>Florida Standards Assessment English Language Arts- Writing Component (FSA ELA-WRITE) - Summative (More information: <a href="http://www.fsaassessments.org/">http://www.fsaassessments.org/</a>)</td>
<td>Grades 4-7 (Paper-Based)</td>
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<td>All students taking a paper-based test, in attendance on this day must Makeup for students absent on March 6 may continue through March 9.</td>
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<td>April 2-6 ELA Writing Makeup Week 1</td>
<td>Makeup Week 1 - Florida Standards Assessment English Language Arts-Writing Component (FSA ELA-WRITE) - Summative (More information: <a href="http://www.fsaassessments.org/">http://www.fsaassessments.org/</a>) Grades 4-10 results in initial reporting, Writing Retake results in late reporting</td>
<td>Grades 4-7 (Paper-Based) Grades 8-10 (Computer-Based) Writing Retake</td>
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<td>Spring Florida Standards Assessment English Language Arts (FSA ELA) - Summative Spring Florida Standards Assessment Math (FSA MATH) - Summative (More information: <a href="http://www.fsaassessments.org/">http://www.fsaassessments.org/</a>)</td>
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<td>Spring End of Course Exams: Florida Standards Assessment End-of-Course Assessments Algebra 1 &amp; Geometry (FSA EOC) - Summative (More information: <a href="http://www.fsaassessments.org/">http://www.fsaassessments.org/</a>)</td>
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