

Rocket Newsletter



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APOLLO MIDDLE

November 2017

Principal's Message

Hello Rockets

Well, we are vastly approaching one of the best times of the year. November is the month where we take time to give thanks. This year, we should all take time to pause and appreciate all of the wonderful things in our lives. One of the things I am thankful for besides my family, are Apollo teachers and administrators. They all work so diligently to provide a high quality education for our students and I am grateful to work with such great educators.

Apollo believes in investing time and care in helping to shape and develop the "whole" student. As a result, Broward County Public Schools Diversity, Prevention & Intervention department hosted an *Above the Influence* rally with guest speaker Steve Grant, former NFL Linebacker. Mr. Grant addressed students on topics relevant to students that include consequences and choices, identity, respectful relationships and achieving their dreams.

Apollo is also excited to reward our Rockets. We will honor our high achieving students at the end of the month as well (check the school calendar and website for details).

Apollo also hosted a Magnet Open House on Wednesday, November 15, 2017. Apollo showcased our school-wide STEM Magnet program, activities, and innovative electives for the current and 2018-2019 school-years. Open enrollment for Magnet programs begin on December 1st to February 9th. I look forward to rewarding our great students for striving for academic excellence achievement.

As always, I want to thank you for the privilege of educating your child.

Shawn



Important Dates

Title I Family Math Night
Thursday, Nov. 7 @ 6pm
in the Kiva

SAC Meeting.....11/8
Veteran's Day.....No School.....11/10

Magnet Open House
Wednesday, Nov. 15 @ 5:30pm

Report Cards Issued.....11/28
Anti-Bullying Week.....11/13-11/16
ThanksgivingNo School.....11/23-25

First Quarter Honor Roll:

November 28- 6th grade

November 29 - 7th grade

November 30 - 8th grade

8:15am in the KIVA

IMPORTANT DECEMBER DATES

Interim Reports Issued.....12/1
SAC Meeting12/7

NOVEMBER IS...

Anti-Bullying Week ~ Nov. 13-16

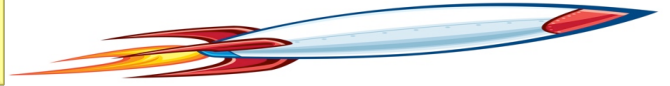
The School Board of Broward County has approved the first school district Anti-Bullying Policy in Florida. The District's Anti-Bullying Policy specifically prohibits bullying of or by any District student or employee, with consequences for those acts that meet the definition of bullying as defined in the policy:

"Bullying" means systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students or employees."

The policy sets forth guidelines for the identification and reporting of bullying – as the overall goal of the initiative is the protection of students and their increased feelings of safety and belonging. The policy requires teachers and staff to utilize a variety of prevention and intervention activities and includes tools and resources that create environments of safety and respect and expectations of appropriate behavior.

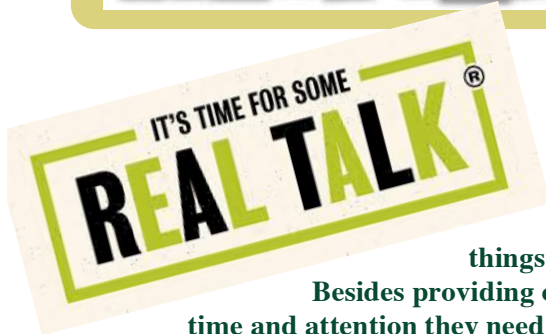
The Anti-Bullying Policy was developed by a District task force, which included community and parental involvement.





APOLLO ANNOUNCEMENTS

what's happening



Apollo Middle School's Real Talk Mentoring Program sets the stage by teaching our students to talk things our and give thanks.

Besides providing our students with the time and attention they need to develop into productive, respectful, empathetic young adults, these mentors are showing Apollo students what it takes to "pay it forward" by supporting others as a mentor. A mentor can play a variety of roles in a young person's life – a teacher, a friend, an advocate, a coach. Real Talk believes all young people should have access to safe places and caring adults who help them grow socially, spiritually, emotionally and academically.

Here are five traits we provide as a mentor:

1. A MENTOR EMPOWERS YOUTH TO MAKE POSITIVE CHOICES.
2. A MENTOR ENCOURAGES YOUTH TO TAKE OWNERSHIP IN THEIR LEARNING.
3. A MENTOR HELPS YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP LIFE SKILLS.
4. A MENTOR HELPS YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP CORE VALUES: honesty, integrity, spirituality, respect, confidence, responsibility, perseverance, courtesy and judgment.
5. A MENTOR STRENGTHENS INTERPERSONAL SKILLS AND PEER RELATIONSHIPS.

Real Talk is founded and sponsored by David Rosa of Cruciform Church in Pembroke Pines, FL. He is joined by Ms. Maria Garcia to help mentor our students in grades 6 – 8.

Talk it Up & Give Thanks

National Family Partnership in honor of National Red Ribbon Week, hosted an assembly this month, and welcomed Above the Influence special program and inspirational speech. Sports World Motivational Speaker and Former Professional Athlete, Steve Grant, provided our 7th graders with a message that was meant to nurture the full potential of healthy, drug free youth.



Ms. DWORZAN AND THE "DRONADO" DRONES CLUB WON 1ST PLACE IN THE BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMPETITION ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 28TH!



Apollo Middle School

is honored to support, facilitate and partner with several charitable efforts, business and organizations that provide a helping hand to families in Broward County.



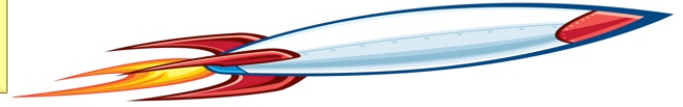
CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN



Broward County Public Schools participate in an annual food Drive, Harvest Drive, sponsored by our Student Government Council (SGA). Moss, Inc. based out of Ft. Lauderdale donated \$400 to Apollo Families, and The Immanuel Temple at 4070 Pines Blvd., donated Thanksgiving dinner boxes and held events that offered fun, festivities and a place to enjoy family and friends.

Our Rites of Passage also provided Apollo families with supports and services that they need to enjoy the holiday this year.





BCPS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Title I & SAC News

The Title I department presented information in Regards to the 2016-2017 School Improvement Plan in order to provide an opportunity for Stakeholders to participate in our SIP initiatives and district parent training sessions that will be offered throughout the year. Our School Improvement Plan has an embedded compliance component that requires schools like Apollo to vote on A+ funds and other budgetary funds that are used to support student achievement. This month, Apollo Faculty Council proposed an A+ funds disbursement plan. SAC approved the proposal and on November 17, 2017, faculty and staff approved the disbursement plan. 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. From November 5th to December 18th 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 by 32%. In order to accomplish this goal, Apollo will host three Title I events dedicated to grade levels to focus on issues relevant to each age/ grade. 8th grade students will need to attend our graduation and college and career readiness night. 7th graders will need to know why Civics EOCs impact graduation from high school. 6th grade parents will need to attend the course selection night dedicated to assisting students with selecting the appropriate electives going forward.



Apollo Middle School

is a proud to be a Certified National Magnet School that serves as a Magnet Demonstration school for the Department of Education.

On Wednesday November 15, 2017, we hosted our Magnet Open House inviting over perspective Rocket families to our campus to experience the STEM-tastic Apollo first hand. Along with our core course offerings, Apollo offers an innovative list of courses, electives, activities, and clubs that include:

STEM Science

- Aeronautics
- Coding
- Advanced IT
- Earth/Astronomy
- Innovative Programs**
- IC3
- Dual Language
- Math (GEM)
- STEM LEE0
- Innovative Program
- Digital Tech/MOS
- VEX Robotics
- MOS/Finance
- Computer Application in Business



Electives/Extra-Curricular/Support

- Band & Chorus/Glee Club
- Journalism/Yearbook
- Debate/Speech
- Latinos in Action
- Physical Education/Yoga
- Peer Counseling
- Art
- Student Government

Magnet Programs:

- Expand educational choices for students
- Promote diversity within our schools
- Set high expectations for all students to improve student achievement
- Prepare students for further education and the world of work
- Develop positive school climates with academic emphasis
- Provide real-life and hands-on experiences
- Offer mentorship and internship opportunities.

Our next Title I Family Night will focus on Science "This is Your Brain on Science on Tuesday December 12^h at 6pm in the Kiva.



The SAC Committee meetings

dates are: (W) Dec. 6th, (W) Jan. 17th, (W) Feb. 7th, (W) Mar. 7th, (W) Apr. 4th, (W) 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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The Broward County Public School district is a nationally recognized leader in the quality and diversity of education we offer students. Magnet Programs offer educational choices in Broward County Public Schools. While similar courses and programs may be available in comprehensive schools, Magnet Programs attract students by offering unique opportunities for in-depth experiences and study in specific areas of interest. Each Magnet Program emphasizes a specialized theme. Our goal is to create educational interests, celebrate cultural and ethnic diversity, and foster student achievement.

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APOLLO ATHLETICS

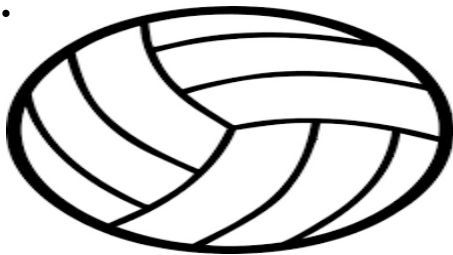
2017-2018 APOLLO BASKETBALL SEASON IS WINDING DOWN... BELOW IS THE REMAINING SCHEDULE AND AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE UPCOMING VOLLEYBALL SEASON.



(M) 11/28 @ NEW RIVER
(W) 11/30 @ NOVA

VOLLEYBALL IS HERE!

The 2017-2018 Volleyball meeting will be held Thursday, November 30, 2017 from 4-4:30pm in the Gym. Please see Coach Bookman for details.



Important Telephone Numbers

Main Office	754-323-2900
ESE	754-323-2923
Registrar	754-323-2904
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

Dear Parents;

Our school participates in an important district initiative called **Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports** or **PBIS**. PBIS is a process for creating a safer and more effective school. The process focuses on improving our school's ability to teach and support positive behavior for all students. We know that when good behavior and good teaching come together, our students will excel in learning. PBIS includes school-wide expectations for *all* students, staff and visitors in *all* of our campus areas.

Our school's expectations are:

- *Always Be Respectful*
- *Put Forth Best Effort*
- *Offer Encouragement to Others*
- *Listen Carefully*
- *Live Responsibly*
- *Own Actions and Decisions*

Not only will you see our expectations posted across campus, but you will also see rules posted in common areas such as classrooms, the cafeteria and hallways. These rules are connected to our expectations and will serve as Apollo's mantra. We respect the Rocket Way!

THE ROCKET WAY

Shoot High
With High Expectations

Always Be Respectful

Put Forth Best Effort

Offer Encouragement Others

Listen Carefully

Live Responsibly

Own Actions and Decisions

AMS Positive Behavior Expectations

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FALL PICTURES

#APOLLOROCKETSROCK!

Celebrating Teaching & Learning

Ms. McCauley's ESE class is learning about American History and Thanksgiving. They enjoyed experiencing the holiday as Pilgrims and Indians. They wish the Apollo family, Happy Thanksgiving 2017.



NOVEMBER'S STAR ROCKET FATIMA AGUILAR SHINES AS SHE POSES WITH OUR PRINCIPAL, MS. AYCOCK



DIVERSITY ANYONE?
NOVEMBER IS DIVERSITY MONTH....APOLLO'S PEACE CLUB CREATED THIS GREAT DIVERSITY BANNER IN OUR CAFETERIA TO CELEBRATE AND ACKNOWLEDGE OUR GREAT DIVERSITY.



We wish the Apollo Community a

Happy Thanksgiving