

Rocket Newsletter



6800 Arthur Street, Hollywood, FL 33024

Telephone: (754) 323-2900

Fax: (754) 323-2974

Ms. Shawn S. Aycock, Principal

Mrs. Traci Aveni, 6th Grade Assistant Principal

Mr. Damon Martin, 7th Grade Assistant Principal

Mr. Lloyd Manda,

8th Grade Assistant Principal

APOLLO MIDDLE

OCTOBER 2017

Principal's Message

Happy Fall to all our Rockets!

It's hard to believe that the first quarter of the school year ends later this month. We are officially back on track and looking forward to the great fall traditions, events, and holidays. Broward County Public Schools has provided us with an updated 2017/2018 school calendar with hurricane make-up days occurring on Thursday October 19th and Friday December 22nd. Please refer to the calendar in this newsletter.

October is one of the months that we acknowledge several causes with projects, festivities and celebrations. The first two weeks of October are dedicated to Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15) and Disability History & Awareness Weeks, followed by College Week (Oct. 9-13) and finally Red Ribbon Week (Oct. 24-31). Students celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month at our Family Literacy Night, and will observe College Week and Red Ribbon Week (Oct. 23-31, Drug Free Campaign) with a list of activities that include an assembly on drug awareness.

This fall we have had our Family Literacy Night and Book Fair with the Hispanic Heritage Celebration. Now we look forward to our Mentoring Information and Meet & Greet breakfast taking place on Tuesday, October 17th.

Lastly, beginning this month, we will recognize our Super Staff for their time, dedication and hard work. This month we give a shout out to our Fabulous Administrative Team and our Custodial Staff. We also want to honor our 2017 Teacher of the Year, Ms. Kalima Carson and Our Employee of the Year Ms. Keyshira Hollis.

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

Shawn Aycock,
Principal



Important Dates

SAC Meeting @ 6pm in Media Center.....10/4

**Book Fair & Family Literacy Night
Thursday October 10th**

Flyers sent home via backpack by grade level
Doors open at 6pm, Presentation begins at 6:30

Early Release Cancelled

Teacher Planning & No School.....10/20

Upcoming Events for November:

Math Night11/7 @6pm

Rocket Fair11/15 @6pm

Interim Reports Issued11/20

1st Quarter Report Cards Issued11/16

Thanksgiving Break11/22-11/24



SEE WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS...
EXPERIENCE MATH EVERYWHERE

Join us on Tuesday

November 7, 2017

At 6pm for our
Family Math Night

Refreshments to all attendees
Door Prizes

OCTOBER 2017



Students Leading the Way



DIVA ALERT!
The Ladies of Style and Elegance is up and running! Applications can be retrieved from the 8th grade Reading and Critical Thinking teachers, the media center, the 8th grade office, or the front office. LSE is a mentoring

and tutoring program for 8th grade female students at Apollo Middle School. In this program our young ladies go through a rigorous entrance interview and are expected to demonstrate great character, exceptional behavior and excel academically. The ladies will learn how to manage time and develop good study habits. Also, members will learn to accept responsibility for their actions and how to problem solve. In the meetings students discuss teen topics ranging from hygiene to peer pressure with guest speakers and mentors. Meetings are every Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:15pm for LSE members only. We begin each year with a Pledge and work diligently upholding what a Lady of Style and Elegance represents by living by our motto ...“We shall not quit; we shall not fail.” . We look forward to a fabulous year of learning and fun.

For more information, please contact Ms. L. Smith



DIYM IS BACK!

Developing Intelligent Young Men is back. This mentoring and tutoring program for 8th grade male students at Apollo Middle School held an “Interest Meeting” on Wednesday October 16th at 4:10pm to 5:00 pm in the Media Center. In this program students learn how to manage time and develop good study habits. Students will learn to accept responsibility for their actions and how to problem-solve. In the meetings students discuss teen topics ranging from hygiene to peer pressure with guest speakers and mentors. **Meetings will be every Wednesday from 4:10 to 5:30pm for DIYM members only.** We are still collecting applications.

For more information, please contact Mr. Symonette

Apollo Rockets **STUDENT COUNCIL** **Student Leaders in Action...**

Are you a leader?

2017-2018 Officers

PRESIDENT Hailey Diaz

VICE PRESIDENT Melody Hines

Congratulations to our New Officers

Apollo still needs a Historian,

Treasurer and a Secretary for 2017!

Meetings are every Monday in Room

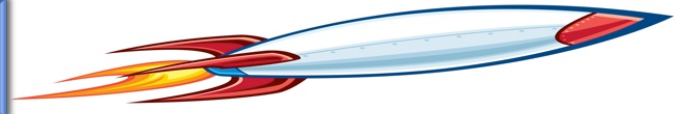
908 @ 4:05pm

IT'S DEBATABLE !

Apollo's Debate team participates in the first Debate Tournament of the 2017-2018 school year.

When you see Mr. Pigan and his Great Debaters, be sure to wish them well and congratulate their success!





BCPS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Title I & SAC News

We are proud to be a Title I School. As a Florida State Title I School, we are dedicated to this community by including students and parents in Literacy programs that are open to all families. We hold several events throughout the year including Open Houses, Parent Education Nights, Health, Math, Science, STEM Magnet fairs, as well as events to raise cultural awareness and recognition of students to enhance the educational experience of our prized student body.

The Florida Department of Education requires us to provide you with valuable information about the **School Improvement Plan, Parent Involvement Plan, District (LEA) Parent Involvement Plan, School Accountability Report (SPAR), and the percentage of paraprofessionals and teachers at this school that rank as highly qualified.** All of this information can be found in the following locations:

<http://www.broward.k12.us/titleone/parent-involvement-lea-plan.asp>. And <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/mclbspar/index/cfm>. Last but not least, Apollo Middle School has collected 89% of our Parent School Compact that was disseminated in the first week packets. This keeps us in compliance. Apollo is well on our way to a great year.

Title I and SAC are committed to discussing and implementing any changes that are necessary to enhance the School-Parent relationship, increase parental engagement, and improve academic achievement.



SAC held a make-up meeting on September 20, 2017 to vote on use of discretionary funds for USA Test Prep, an online enrichment program to increase

reading comprehension in Science, Social Studies and Language Arts. On October 4th, the Committee was informed of the Title I compliance on several items: Notification of location of the District LEA/ Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP). Parents were given this document on August 31, 2017 during our Annual Parent Meeting and Open House.

The 2017-2018 SAC Committee meetings are Wednesdays on the following dates: Nov. 1st, Dec. 6th, Jan. 10th, Feb. 7th, Mar. 7th, Apr. 4th, May 2nd. Meetings are held in our Media Center and begin at 6pm.



Broward County School Board Approved Hurricane Make Up Days

The amended calendar shifts the start of the second Quarter from 10/23 to 10/30; and the start of the third Quarter from 1/9 to 1/16. Two early release days 10/19 and 12/22 were extended to full instructional days.



2017/18 SCHOOL CALENDAR*

AUGUST					SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4					1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31		25	26	27	28	29	30	31			
NOVEMBER					DECEMBER					JANUARY				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3					1	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	4	5	6	7	8	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	11	12	13	14	15	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	18	19	20	21	22	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30		25	26	27	28	29	29	30	31		
FEBRUARY					MARCH					APRIL				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
				1	2					1	2	3	4	5
5	6	7	8	9	5	6	7	8	9	9	10	11	12	13
12	13	14	15	16	12	13	14	15	16	16	17	18	19	20
19	20	21	22	23	19	20	21	22	23	23	24	25	26	27
26	27	28			26	27	28	29	30	30				
MAY					JUNE									
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F					
	1	2	3	4					1					
7	8	9	10	11	4	5	6	7	8					
14	15	16	17	18	11	12	13	14	15					
21	22	23	24	25	18	19	20	21	22					
28	29	30	31		25	26	27	28	29					

- Employee Planning (no school for students)
- Schools & Administrative Offices Closed
- Schools Closed
- Report Cards Issued
- Interim Reports Issued
- Hurricane Makeup Day
- Early Release Day
- First & Last Day of School

Hurricane makeup days in order of preference: 10/19/17, 12/22/17, 2/22/18, 3/22/18, 6/6/18
*Year-Round Schools Follow Different Calendars

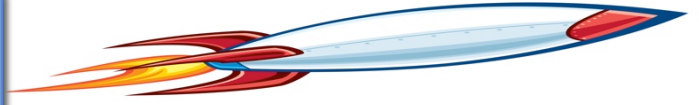


Important Telephone Numbers

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

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, prohibits any policy or procedure, which results in discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, national origin, marital status, race, religion, or sexual orientation. Individuals who wish to file a discrimination and/or harassment complaint may call the Executive Director, Benefits and EEO Compliance at (754) 321-2150 or Teletype Machine TTY (754) 321-2158. Individuals with disabilities requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA) may call Equal Educational Opportunities (EEO) at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine TTY (754) 321-2158.

OCTOBER 2017



Apollo Activities



Mrs. Dworzan and her Stem-tastic Drone Squad will enter the year's first Drone competition Oct 28, Stoneman Douglas. First competition using FPV (first person view) goggles and Tiny Whoop drones!

FALL DANCE

**Wednesday,
October 18, 2017**

In the **KIVA** from **4 – 6 p.m.**

Cost is \$5

Money will be collected

Monday, October
16th thru Wednesday,

October 18th in the
GYM in the morning and
during LUNCHES

DOOR PRIZES given away
and **SNACKS** will be sold



Apollo wants to give a special shout out to Ms. Remy and Ms. Hernandez for providing our Family Literacy Night attendees with a wonderful Hispanic Heritage Celebration and Translation services. The students who contributed to our celebration include:

Readers

Nhi Do
Alex Espinosa

Performers

Sandor Amador
Brian Martin
Estafani Molina

Technicians

Mauro Rodriguez
Sebastian Gonzalez
Daniela Perez

Reilyn Pena
Cindy Rodriguez
Fernanda Roma

Latinos In Action

Thalia Perez
Aaliyah Melgarejo
Angeline Mendoza
Sadi Peralta
Giovanna Lopez

APOLLO ATHLETICS



From Mr. Bookman

Basketball season is just around the corner. The schedule for this year is attached. Please print and post in your room if you can. Please note that 9 out of 10 games are here at Apollo so you all have the opportunity to come and see a game. Please advise your students that there is an admission charge of \$2 and parents are \$3. Teachers are admitted free of charge. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Show your Rocket Spirit!

2017-2018
 APOLLO
 BASKETBALL
 SCHEDULE

(M) 10/23 WALTER C YOUNG
 (M) 10/30 HOLLYWOOD ACADEMY
 (TH) 11/2 @ SEMINOLE
 (M) 11/6 BEACHSIDE
 (T) 11/7 GULFSTREAM
 (W) 11/9 NOVA
 (M) 11/13 FRANKLIN CC
 (W) 11/15 PERRY
 (M) 11/27 MCNICOL
 (W) 11/29 FRANKLIN PINES

ALL GAMES BEGIN AT 4:30
 EXCEPT WHERE NOTED
 BOYS PLAY FIRST 10/23 – 11-7
 GIRLS PLAY FIRST 11/9- 11/30

ADMISSION IS CHARGED AT ALL GAMES
 \$2 admission for students
 \$3 admission for adults

And the votes are in We honor our 2017 Teacher & Employee of the year

This year Apollo Middle School is proud to announce the two Broward County Public Schools winners for Teacher of the Year, Ms. Kalima Carson and Employee of the Year, Ms. Keyshira Hollis.

Ms. Carson is one of our most treasured teachers at Apollo Middle School. A teacher is not only one that instructs, but also one that is a problem-solver, a care taker, and a dynamic relationship-builder; Ms. Carson is all of these things and more. The love, enthusiasm and passion for her students and subject matter, has no limits.

Ms. Hollis has provided Apollo Middle with countless hours of her time and serves on our clerical staff. More importantly, Ms. Hollis spreads her time to our students by coaching the boys and girls Volleyball teams and Dance Team for the past 5 years. From her first day here at our school, she has volunteered, supported, stepped-in and stepped-up for tasks ranging from Cafeteria Monitor to Safety Team lead.

Apollo is proud to recognize the great work and dedication these great ladies bring to our school community.

CROSS COUNTRY JUICE



Apollo Cross Country Team Carlos Velez and Eli Gafanovich competed last week in a divisional meet. Both students ran a great race. Go Rockets!



Administrative Corner

This month we want to give a special shout out to Apollo Administrators and Custodial Staff. The beginning of the 2017 school year was riddled with emergency evacuations, big changes, and even a natural disaster! They are the masters of fixing disasters!

