

What's Your
WHY?

APOLLO MIDDLE SCHOOL

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2019 – 2020 Rocket Newsletter

Principal's Message



Rocket Families,

The first quarter of the school year is in the books. It is hard to believe that it is already November and we are getting ready for the holiday season.

This October, some of our parents participated in a Parent Academy. During this event, Ms. Hogan, one of our Stem-tastic parents, Ms. Calixte, and a host of exemplary students provided an informative perspective on the benefits and dangers of technology. This edition of the Rocket Newsletter provides directions for parents to upload informative Apps. to help them access Canvas, USA TestPrep, and Pinnacle in order to track students' attendance, assignments, and grades.

The second quarter of school is dedicated to maintaining the level of rigor and setting higher expectations for our students. Diagnostic assessments have informed instruction, and teachers have developed an extensive amount of lessons and are applying engaging strategies to increase achievement for all of our students. Parents, it is important that students attend school regularly and enjoy in a healthy breakfast provided daily by our cafeteria, free of charge. Please feel free to contact our front office to set an appointment for a parent-teacher conference and ask to review our School-Parent Compact.

This month students and families are invited to get "scholastic" at this year's annual Scholastic Book Fair and Literacy Night event on Tuesday, November 5th at 6pm in the Kiva. On Wednesday, November 6th students will also be able to get into the groove at the Harvest Drive dance. Tickets for the dance are on sale from October 31st to November 5th for \$2, on will sale for \$3 on Wednesday (Day of the Dance special). Additional upcoming events that are taking place at Apollo Middle School are noted below.

Lastly, BCPS wants parents to have the opportunity to let us know how we're doing. If you are interested in providing input regarding the performance evaluations of Apollo Middle School instructional and/or administrative evaluations you may contact our office at 754-323-2900 by April 10, 2020. If you have any further questions regarding how to provide input, please contact Employee Evaluations at 754-321-5067.

Once again, thank you for your continued support of our safety policy, as all students and visitors must present an ID or badge while on our campus. As always, we thank you for the privilege of educating your child.

Shawn Aycock, Principal



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Important Dates

October – November 2019

10/17.....	Early Release
10/18.....	Teacher Planning
	Title I Parent Academy: Technology Night Tuesday, October 22, 2019 @6pm in the Media Center
	Title I Book Fair & School-Wide Literacy Family Night Tuesday, November 5, 2019 @6pm in the KIVA
11/6.....	Harvest Drive Dance
11/11.....	No School
11/13.....	Report Cards Issued
11/19.....	Interim Reports Issued
11/27-11/29.....	Thanksgiving Break (No School)

Important Information

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
Magnet Office	754-323-2921
Guidance	754-323-2931
6th Admin	754-323-2907
7th Admin	754-323-2908
8th Admin	754-323-2909

Ms. Shawn Aycock, Principal
Dr. Justin Jackson, 6th grd. Assistant Principal
Ms. Traci Aveni, 7th grd. Assistant Principal
Mr. Damon Martin, 8th grd. Assistant Principal
Ms. Bonnie Bernstein, Magnet Coordinator
Ms. Maria Desmond, Guidance Director
Ms. A. Whitworth-Barner, Curriculum Specialist
Ms. Angelic Seely, Literacy Coach
Mr. Winston Symonette, Behavior Specialist

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CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER....



And the ladies are....

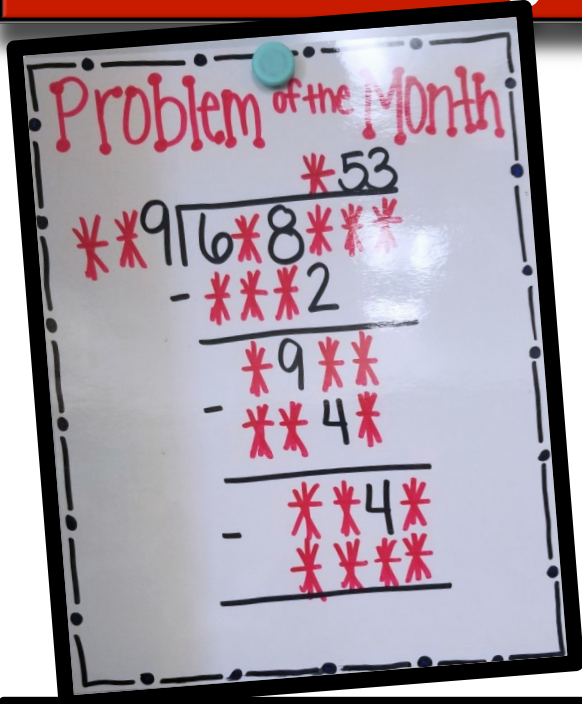
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Bonler, Isabel	Richardson, Jasmine
Georges, Ebony	Jackson, Mauricyonna
Quispe, Kary	Laroque, Brianna
Peraza, Rita	Hamilton, Nashinda
Newton, Averyanna	Moore, Mya
Williams, Naveah	Hernandez-Bravo, Maya
Curtis, Breanna	Jones, Kamaya
Tafur, Luna	Hamilton, Aniya
Trento, Hailey	Morris, Michaela
Parsons, Destini	Leon, Sarian
Ilahi, Asiya	Fucien, Sonika
Israel, Shalomyth	Bellestas, Sara
Joseph, Jersey	Young, Laila
Salesman, Shayla	Potter, Natalie
SaintLuis, Ruth	Orient, Ameerah
Buchanan, Natasha	Batisa, Julie
Brown, Janasia	Gonzalez, Angelika
Ben-Nahum, Shiran	Davis, Jonatae
Cime, Janel	Fangundes-Hyde, Chailyn

Congratulations to this year's Ladies of Style & Elegance (LSE) inductees. The purpose of this program is to teach young ladies etiquette, grace, integrity, dignity, communication techniques and style appropriate for selected occasions. This club will further offer young ladies the opportunity to flourish and commence the preparation of a portfolio that will highlight their individual achievements. They will focus on education, people, organizational skills, and their potential future careers. Permitting them to rub elbows with powerful, intelligent female speakers quarterly will enhance their knowledge of career options. They will emerge strong, sophisticated, polished individuals. Once again, hats off to you ladies and we look forward to seeing you shine.

LSE Meetings
are on Wednesdays
from 4:05PM to
5:00PM in Room 165

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Teaching & Learning at its BEST



The Math Department provides our star Matheletes with a **"Problem of the Month"**. Students are challenged to complete the problem and are celebrated with an incentive if they get it right! The September Problem of the Month Solvers are:

6th Graders

Isaiah Aziz
 Ne'lani Matthew
 Eric Porter
 Alyssa Bouza
 Genesis Lozada
 Jaelyn Montalvo
 Yania Leon Fernandez


7th Graders

Adriana Escalana
 Jayden Singh
 Tyler Gangestad
 Keith Mejia


8th Graders

Renzo Larrea
 Kareem Elguindi
 Daniel Lozada

Role-playing adventures and fantasy-themed art creation in the world of Dungeons and Dragons.
Meeting dates:
Wednesdays 4:05pm to 5:30pm

Mr. Knight, our Language Arts teacher puts the "Lit" in literature wanted to highlight the creative and innovative teaching and learning that is taking place in his classroom this year. Knight hosted an "Open Mic Knight" during his 3rd period Creative Writing class. He states, "Students were served hot chocolate while volunteer poets read their slam poems in front of the class, receiving scores from several teacher judges." Shout out to our students and teachers for collaborating and celebrating the art of poetry slamming! Snap! Snap!




Apollo Middle celebrates Anti-Bullying Week Nov. 11th -14th



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**Red
Ribbon
Week**
Drug-Free America

**Apollo observes Red Ribbon
Week with a Twin Day,
Pajama Day, and
Drug Free Cup Display**





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VISIT THE ONLY NATIONALLY CERTIFIED MAGNET DEMONSTRATION
SCHOOL IN BROWARD COUNTY



Apollo Middle School

Magnet Showcase & Open House

WEDNESDAY, November 13, 2019
6:00 pm

5:45 Doors Open. Enjoy Apollo's Musical Showcase

6:00 Welcome to Apollo Middle School

6:10 Magnet Programs Interactive Showcase

- STEM Aeronautics
- STEM Astronomy
- STEM Coding/Design/Advanced IT
- STEM Computer Application
- STEM Entrepreneur/Business
- STEM Engineering
- STEM Microsoft Office Certification
- STEM Robotics
- Art/Art Studio
- Band/Chorus/Percussion
- Creative Writing
- Global Scholars
- Introduction to Finance
- Journalism/Film Studies
- Latinos in Action
- Law Studies
- Living Well
- Model United Nations
- Novel Studies
- Peer Counseling
- Photography/Yearbook
- Physical Education/Yoga
- Spanish/French
- Speech/Debate
- Theatre/TV Production
- Plus new programs for 2020-21

More information may be found on our Apollo
Website: www.browardschools.com/apollo



**BOYS & GIRLS
VOLLEYBALL
MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

4 – 4:30 PM

In the Gym

Please see Coach Bookman
if you have any questions.



Let's
Dance!

The Harvest Drive Dance will be Wednesday, November 6th after school in the gym from 4pm to –

6pm. Ticket sales include an Early

Bird Special from Thursday, October 31st – Tuesday, November 5th of \$2 and a *Day of Dance* special of \$3. Purchase tickets before school or during lunch in the cafeteria. All proceeds go towards the Harvest Drive.

The Harvest Drive collection will be from Monday, October 28, 2019 to Friday, November 15th. Please bring in canned foods and non-perishable items to your 5th period teachers. The 5th period that collects the most goods will receive a Donut Party courtesy of S.G.A.





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Book Fair & Literacy Night

Sponsored by *Title I*



APOLLO A ROCKETS



Tuesday,
November 5, 2019
@6pm
Learn about our
School-Wide
Reading, Writing &
Literacy Plan



Children Helping Children

Bring Harvest Drive
Items &
Earn Extra Credit
***SGA** will accept
*any and all non-
perishable items*



Refreshments provided by:



Where:

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Title I News

The Title I department presents information to stakeholders regarding the 2019-2020 School Improvement Plan (SIP). Monthly events are held to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to provide any input to the SIP and Title I Plan & Addendum. Apollo adheres to all Title I compliance requirements by ensure parents and families have access to District/ LEA Report Card and Parent Engagement Plan. These items can be found at

www.browardschools.com. Additional school-level compliance items such as our Parent-School Compact and Parent & Family Engagement Plan are complete and accessible on our school website at <https://www.browardschools.com/apollo> a hard copy of these items are in the Title I office. In addition to these items, are hard copies of student FSA and EOC scores for Reading/ Language Arts, Math/ Algebra/ Geometry, Science/Biology, and Social Studies/ Civics. Please contact our front office and registrar for questions regarding the 2018-2019 exam score documents. This fall we hosted our first Parent Academy on Technology. This newsletter features several resources that will help parents better manage, monitor, and track students when utilizing smart phones and other web-driven technologies. Parents will also learn of the many online instructional enrichment programs students have access to that are used to help improve academic achievement.

This November, Apollo will host two events. Tuesday November 5th we will have our Scholastic Book Fair and Literacy Night. On Wednesday, November 13th we will have the Broward County Magnet Showcase. Both events will focus on curriculum and courses for ELA and Reading as well as Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Apollo Middle School is proud to be a Title I school. We aim to provide all of our students with a high-quality education that will prepare them to thrive in the 21st Century and beyond! For more information on Title I funding, activities, and compliance documents, please contact Title I Liaison Ms. Whitworth-Barner, Title I Liaison or 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>.

Title/ Topic	Day & Date	Time/ Location
Hispanic Heritage Family Night	Tuesday September 24	6p.m. – 7:30p.m. Kiva
Parent Academy: Technology Pinnacle/ Online Books & Resources Technology in the Classroom The Truth About Social Media	Tuesday October 22	6p.m. – 7:30p.m. Kiva
Literacy Night & Book Fair	Tuesday November 8	6p.m. – 7:30p.m. Kiva
Broward County Magnet Showcase & Math Night	Wednesday November 13	6p.m. – 7:30p.m. Kiva
Science Night & PBL Showcase	Tuesday December 12	6p.m. – 7:30p.m. Kiva
Parent Academy: Crunch Time Speak Up in SAC	Wednesday January 8	6p.m. – 7:30p.m.
Black History Celebration & Rocket Fair	Tuesday February 25	6p.m. – 7:30p.m. Kiva
ELA Night	Wednesday April 14	6p.m. – 7:30p.m. Kiva

Get Involved

School Advisory Committee News

Apollo's SAC committee convenes the first Wednesday of every month. All members and stakeholders are provided an opportunity to give input on academic and organizational decisions that impact student achievement and school safety and climate. The committee is also responsible for voting on specified school spending and budgetary decisions. Apollo Middle School encourages all of our parents and community partners to be a part of the growth and development of our students.

SAC votes on several aspects of the School Improvement Plan and Title I Addendum, Parent-School Compact, and LEA 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.

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.

School Advisory Council

at

Apollo Middle School

WHEN
1st Wednesday of each month at 6 P.M.

WHERE
Media Center
At Apollo Middle School

Website:
www.browardschools1.com/apollo



INFORMATIONAL SESSION ON:

AUGUST 28, 2019

MEETING DATES:

SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

OCTOBER 2, 2019

NOVEMBER 6, 2019

DECEMBER 4, 2019

JANUARY 8, 2020

FEBRUARY 5, 2020

MARCH 4, 2020

APRIL 1, 2020

MAY 6, 2020

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APOLLO MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT ACADEMY WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

Rocket Parents, Apollo Middle aims to provide 21st Century learners with a variety of resources to remediate and enrich our students' learning. We feel it is important to provide parents with a guide to understanding of the technology, resources, and options students have access to as they work to improve and achieve academic success.

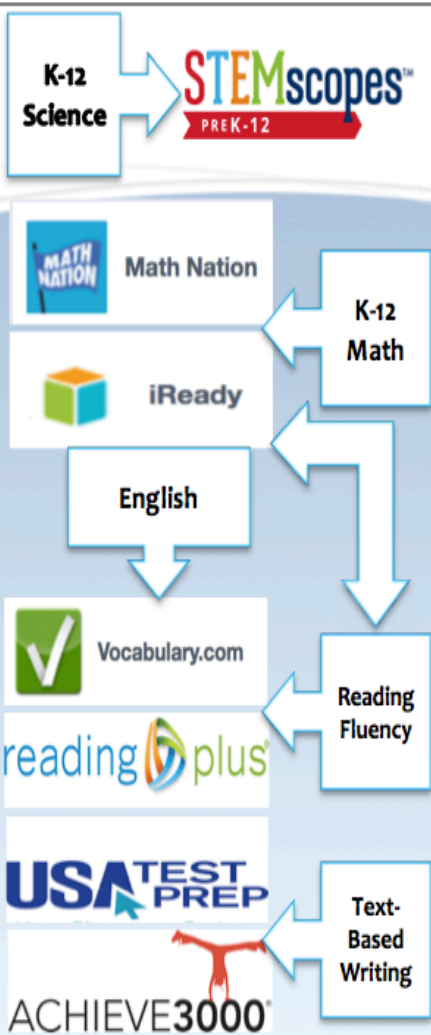


1. Navigate to our school web site at <https://www.browardschools.com/com/apollo1>
2. Click on "Pinnacle Gradebook" then click on "Instructions for Parents to use Pinnacle"
4. Enter the secure login information in the format shown below: User Name: student#@my.browardschools.com (Student ID number) Password: PMM/DD/YYYY ("P" followed by student birthdate)
EXAMPLE User Name: 0612345678@my.browardschools.com
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Career & Social Emotional Learning

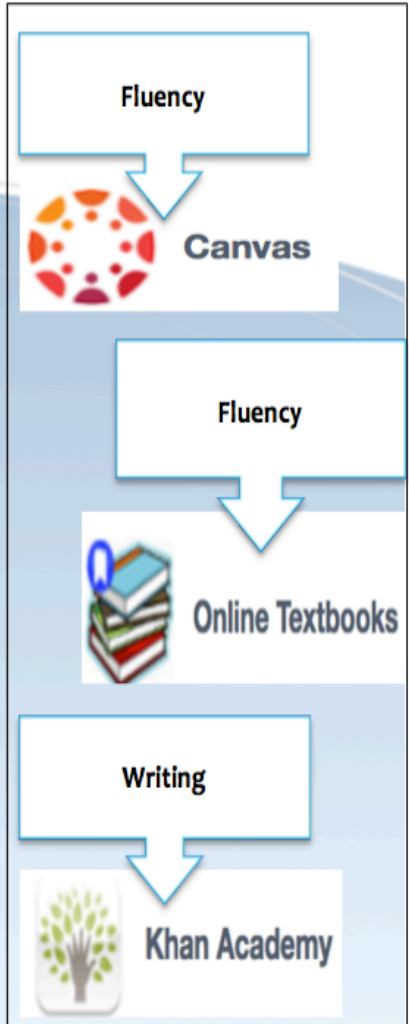


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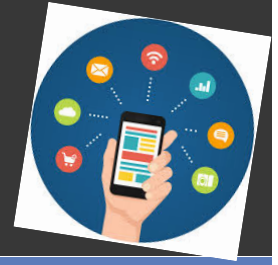
Core Content Support

Science ~ Math ~
English ~ Social Studies



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APOLLO MIDDLE SCHOOL GET CLEVER



Parents, the Clever Dashboard is the portal to access all of our District's' online resources and websites. This includes online textbooks, as well as test preparation and enrichment sites students use to practice academic skills and access assignments.

To log in use the student **ID number and date of birth**.

A screenshot of the Clever dashboard for Apollo Middle School. The interface is clean and organized. At the top, there's a blue header with the Clever logo, the school name 'APOLLO MIDDLE', and navigation options like 'Homeroom' and 'Classes'. A search bar is also present. Below the header, there are two main sections: 'Resources added by you' and 'My Applications (District)'. The 'Resources added by you' section includes icons for Google Drive, Dictionary.com, Wikipedia, and ALA Resources. The 'My Applications (District)' section features a grid of icons for various educational tools and services, including InSite, Canvas, Office 365, Algebra Nation, Actively Learn, Chess4Life, Code.org, Discovery Education, IReady, Khan Academy, Lightspeed Systems, McGraw-Hill, and Naviance. At the bottom, there are more application icons for Nearpod, Newsia, Suite360, and Vocabulary.com, along with a green '+ Add' button. On the right side, there's a sidebar with a 'Help a student' button and an illustration of three students.

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CanvasLMS.com

One tool @ a Time

APOLLO MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT'S GUIDE TO CANVAS



Canvas Parent App



Canvas is a Learning Management System (LMS) designed to simplify teaching and learning by connecting all the digital tools teachers use in one easy place. The **Canvas Parent** app allows parents to engage in their children's education by providing access to important class information. The **Canvas Parent** app is available for parents using iOS or Android devices and can easily be configured in just a few minutes.

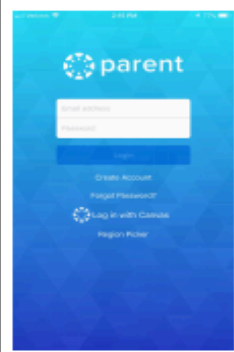



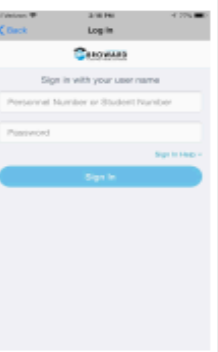
With the **Canvas Parent** app, parents can

- View the list of courses where their students are enrolled. For each course, parents can see syllabus, assignments (title, due date, and instructions) and events.
- Set alerts to view course announcements and/or receive reminders for a specific assignment or event (sent to mobile devices as push notifications).
- Monitor their child's performance on Canvas assignments (final grade reported in Pinnacle).

With the **Canvas Parent** app, parents cannot

- Submit assignments, participate in discussions or take quizzes on their child's behalf.
- Access course content (files, pages, other students' work, etc.).
- Participate in the course in any way.

To set up **Canvas Parent**, download Instructure's **Canvas Parent** app and complete the following steps:

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
				
Click Create Account .	Fill in your account info to Create Account .	Click Add Student .	Type Broward County Public Schools in the search box.	Add Student Number and (Single Sign On) Password . Click on Sign In .

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APOLLO MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT'S GUIDE USA TESTPREP



USATEST
PREP
Your Classroom Partner

Dear Apollo Parent/Guardian,

Your child has access to the valuable online tool USATestprep! Students can use this product at school or outside of school from any electronic device with web access. USATestprep is fun, easy to use, and provides many features that will help your child succeed. Throughout the year, students will be able to access a variety of tests, practice activities, performance tasks, games and much more designed to keep students actively learning and preparing for tests. **To help your child with this resource:**

1. Go to **www.usatestprep.com**
2. Select "Member Login" at the top right corner
3. If your child has never logged in before, create a student profile
Account ID: **apollo29**
Username: 06 number (ten digits)
Password: 06 number (ten digits)
4. Once logged in, click on the "Getting Started" button on your home page, the drop down to Filter by Class, or click on Assignments.

If you have questions about using the site, please view the many instructional videos available from the **Need Help?** link in the top right corner or email your child's teacher.

The screenshot shows two parts of the USATestprep website. On the left is the 'MEMBER LOGIN' page with fields for Username (filled with 'apollo29') and Password (filled with '0606060606'). On the right is the 'Assignments for All Classes' page, which includes a 'Filter by Class' dropdown and a table of assignments.

Due Date	Type	Name
10/03/2018	📅	Biology Fall Benchmark
10/10/2018	📁	+ Enzymes 4 Assignments
10/17/2018	📁	+ Role of Water 5 Assignments

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THIS IS OUR WHY

Every year, Apollo Middle School focuses on making good character a part of every students' education. It is our belief that character education results in reduced office referrals, increased skills for conflict resolution, lessened risky behavior, overall improved school climate and civility, and improved attendance and test scores.

October's character trait is

Responsibility

and the month of November is dedicated to demonstrating good *Citizenship*.

Please join us in recognizing the following students & a Teacher of Character:

7th Graders nominated by Ms. Adams

Karen Avrahami
Richella Dieujuste
Ingrid Alvarado
Penelope Burdick
Jayden Medina

Adult Character of the Month

Ms. Winifred "Winnie"
Adams



Motto for Apollo Finalist

Omario Samuels

