



APOLLO MIDDLE

September 2017

Principal's Message

Hello Rockets:

What a start to new school year! I am so proud of our rockets and the Apollo Middle community for working together to ensure our students receive the best care, education and consideration. Apollo Middle is lead by a district that looks forward to providing a seamless, high-quality education for all of its students – natural disaster or not!

I would like to announce Apollo Middle is a **Nationally Certified Magnet School - Demonstration**. This distinction is awarded to a select group of magnet schools that demonstrate a high commitment to academic standards, curriculum innovation, diversity efforts, specialized teaching staff and parent and community involvement. I want to thank our new Magnet/ STEM Coordinator, Ms. Bonnie Bernstein and Science Department Chair, Ms. Diana Dworzan for ensuring our students and school receives the recognition it deserves for all of the hard work we do!

Despite Hurricane Irma, we've had great start to the 2017-2018 school year. I am so impressed with the teaching and learning that is already underway in classrooms. Our goal this year is to improve our achievement levels by implementing a variety of research-based instructional strategies and programs. Our teachers will "stretch" minds and accelerate learning to prepare our students to thrive in the 21st Century.

Finally, it's important to *always* do the right thing, even when no one is looking! In an effort to show our students, teachers, parents and community members we SEE how great they are, we will announce **SHOUT OUTS** on the air during morning announcements, in the newsletter and on our marquee. We will take time to appreciate and recognize one another as we focus on our Social and Emotional Learning and Positive Behaviors because we believe in fostering a community of learners that demonstrate great character traits.

I look forward to a great year. As always, thank you for the privilege of educating your child.

Shawn Aycock,
Principal

Important Dates

Interim Reports Issuance
Rescheduled.....9/29

Upcoming Events for October:
SAC Meeting 10/4
In the Media Center @6PM

**10/10 - Literacy Night &
Hispanic Heritage Celebration
Scholastic Book Fair in the Media Center
KIVA @ 6-7:30 pm**

**10/17 - Mentoring Recruiting & Parent
Information Breakfast
@ 8:15am - 9:15am**

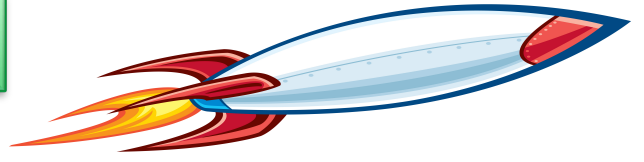


ATTENTION
PARENTS

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE
OFFICE OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE
AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Parents interested in providing input into the performance evaluations of Apollo Middle School instructional and/ or administrative employee evaluations may contact our office at 754-323-2939 by 12, 2018 April.





Broward County Public Schools Announcements & Disaster Assistance Information



AFTER HURRICANE



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

It is important to be aware all of the District's recovery efforts, announcements and special services as we transition back to normal operations. We

have a list of announcements and information for all of our parents and students regarding the county's recovery efforts due to Hurricane Irma. Please continue to stay informed by clicking on <https://browardcountyschools.sharepoint.com/sites/BCPSHurricaneIrma/Shared%20Documents/FAQ%20-%20MASTER%20DOC%20-%2009-17%20Internal.pdf>

Or view our website and read our newsletter to stay informed.

School Buses

Safety is always the District's highest priority. The BCPS Transportation Department will be operating school buses based on established schedules and routes. BCPS also reached out to municipalities to ensure crossing guards will be in place and to provide heightened police presence to assist walkers navigating any temporary hazardous road conditions that may still exist in their community.

School Breakfasts and Lunches

BCPS understands that many families were without power across our community and are dealing with the devastating impacts of Hurricane Irma. To ensure all students have access to healthy meals, the District will provide free breakfasts and free lunches to all students at all schools for the next several weeks. Meal menus may vary by school.

Before/After School Care

All before and after school child care housed on Broward County Public Schools campuses will be open during their regular hours beginning on Monday, September 18, 2017.

Staff

As the District prepares to reopen, all BCPS employees should report to work at their normal work locations and at their regular start times on Monday, unless instructed otherwise by their supervisor. If an employee is unable to report to work on Monday, he/she must follow the appropriate standard protocol for reporting the absence.

Hurricane Make-Up Days

In response to questions about possible hurricane make-up days, please note that BCPS has contacted the Florida Department of Education for guidance on the seven school days cancelled due to Hurricane Irma and whether the missed days will be waived or if make-up days will be mandated. BCPS will keep families and employees updated with the latest information as it becomes available from the state.

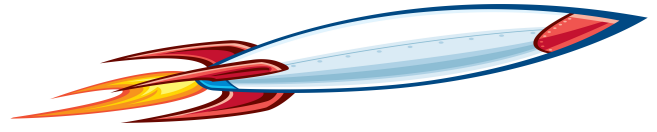
Academics

Students will resume where they left off. The District is making adjustments to the standards based scope and sequence within each grade level and content area. Interim reports will NOT BE ISSUED on Tuesday September 19, 2017, per the advertised calendar. A new date will be published in the near future for interim reports. All Student Distant Learning programs for ELA and Math will begin on Monday, September 25, 2017, per the previously communicated schedule.

Sports, Athletics and Club Activities

Football, soccer and other field sports can be resumed when your field/ practice field has been inspected and confirmed safe by your athletic director and coaches through the principal at each school. Your principal will communicate with your athletic director and coach as to when practice can resume. Your coach will then communicate with the student athletes.

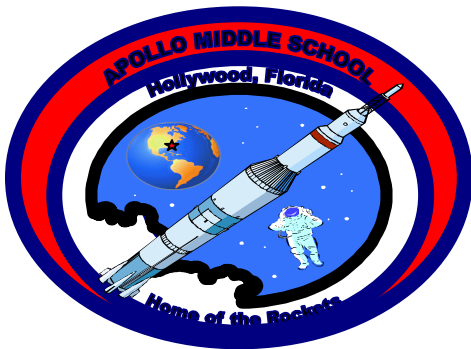




**Looking
for a great
Magnet Program?
Start with ours!
BCPS Magnet Open
House Dates**

These are the 2017-2018 Magnet Open House dates. This information will be promoted throughout the District via a variety of communication channels. Please review and be sure to place on the school's master calendar. Thanks so much. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Leona Miracola, Director of Innovative Programs Design/ Support Department.

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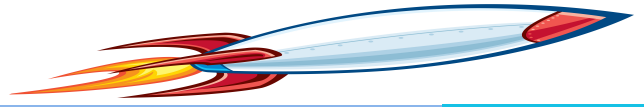
MONTH: NOVEMBER 2017		
DATE	TIME	SCHOOL/THEME
14 th	6 PM	Virginia Shuman Young/Montessori
15 th	6 PM	Apollo Middle/Growing STEM
16 th	6 PM	Plantation Middle/Middle Years - IB
30 th	6 PM	Sunrise Middle/Montessori
MONTH: DECEMBER 2017		
DATE	TIME	SCHOOL/THEME
6 th	6 PM	Beachside Montessori Village/Montessori
6 th	6 PM	Charles Drew Elementary/ Science, Mathematics & Technology
7 th	6 PM	Lauderhill 6-12 – Middle School Only/ STEM
9 th	9 AM	Stranahan High/Medical Magnet Academy/Science and Pre-Engineering/UTAP
12 th	6 PM	Boyd Anderson High/International Baccalaureate Career-Related Program, Diploma, and Middle Years Program/ Health & Wellness
12 th	6 PM	Liberty Elementary/Sprouting STEM Museum
12 th	6 PM	Sheridan Technical College and Technical High/ Technical Academies
13 th	6 PM	Riverland Elementary/ Communication & Languages
13 th	6 PM	Lauderdale Lakes Middle/Middle Years – IB
14 th	6 PM	Hallandale High/Academy of Entrepreneurship, STEM, and Multimedia Technology
14 th	6 PM	Lauderhill 6-12 – High School Only/ STEM
MONTH: JANUARY 2018		
DATE	TIME	SCHOOL/THEME
9 th	6 PM	Sanders Park Elementary/Communications & Broadcasting
10 th	6 PM	William Dandy Middle/Pre-Law & Public Affairs/Pre-Medical
10 th	6:30 PM	Pompano Beach Middle/Information Technology and Computer Engineering

**SEAS Program – STUDENT ENRICHMENT
IN THE ARTS 2017-2018 SEASON**

The SEAS Program provides all schools and centers the opportunity to attend professional, cultural, educational and theatrical performances. Every year a select group of 6th and 7th graders will attend a field-trip to the Broward Center for the Performing Arts Amaturu and Au-Rene Theaters Miramar Cultural Center or Parker Playhouse to experience arts in education at its finest!

**Apollo is proud to be a
Demonstration Magnet School**





Apollo Announcements



Title I Nights 2017-2018

Title I & SAC News

The Title I department presented information in regards to the 2017-2018 School Improvement Plan to provide an opportunity for Stakeholders to provide any input to the SIP and Title I Plan & Addendum. The current SIP can be found in the Title I office along with all of the 2017-2018 compliance items. From September 6th to December 6th Title I and SAC are committed to discussing and implementing any changes that are necessary to enhance the School-Parent relationship by providing information and trainings that are specific to the needs of students and parents. Apollo will be having its first **Family Night for Literacy, on Tuesday, October 10th in the Kiva**. This night is dedicated to providing parents with information that is taught in their Literacy, Technology, Reading courses, and how parents can help their children improve their reading skills at home. During that night, parents and students will also be able to enjoy our Scholastic Book Fair.



This year's approved SAC (School Advisory Council) meetings dates are: (W) Sept. 6th, (W) Oct. 4th, (W) Nov. 1st, (W) Dec. 6th, (W) Jan. 6th, (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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As always, it is important for our parents to be completely involved in their child's education. This year our Family Nights are designed to address core subject areas, along with "College and Career Readiness to Social Rules, Roles and Relationships". Below are the dates of all of our Title I Nights. Doors open at 6:00pm. To volunteer during our Title I events, please contact **Ms. WB** at 754-323-2939.

Title/ Topic	Day & Date	Time
Hispanic Heritage Celebration Reading Night & Book Fair	Tuesday October 10	6pm - 7:30pm
Math Night Broward County Rocket Fair	Tuesday November 7 Wednesday November 15	6pm - 7:30pm 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Science Night & Fair	Tuesday December 12	6pm - 7:30pm
Health & Wellness Lab Charities & Community Partners	Tuesday December 19	8:15am - 9:15am
8 th Grade Night Career & Graduation Options & Readiness Test Preparation	Tuesday January 23	6pm - 7:30pm
7 th Grade Night Social Studies & Civics Information	Tuesday February 13	6pm - 7pm
Cultural Diversity Awareness: GLOBE	Wednesday March 21	6pm - 7:30pm

The Title I, Migrant & Special Programs

Department will be hosting their Parent Orientation Meeting on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at Parkway Middle School from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. This year's theme is "Painting a Strong Partnership with Parents and family Engagement!" We are excited to be having Mr. John Robinson, Director of Education and Youth Development, Urban League of Houston, Texas as our keynote presenter. In addition, parents and community partners will learn more about the Title I Program and various resources that we have to offer.

#Who,What,When&Where

WELCOME
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

We want to welcome our new Apollo teachers to the Rocket Family. We are starting this year with a host of new team members that are eager and poised to educate and assist our students in and out of the classroom.

When you get a chance to say welcome, say **WELCOME** to...

- Ms. Keri Leibowitz - 6th grade Math**
- Ms. Emily Raska - 6th grade Social Studies**
- Ms. Claudine Morris - Walker - 7th grade LA**
- Ms. Brigitte Smith - 7th grade Civics**
- Ms. Caroline Cullen - 7th & 8th grade LA**
- Mr. John Roche - STEM/ LEEO Microsoft**
- * Ms. Mildred Mejia - STEM/ LEEO**
- Ms. Bonnie Bernstein - Magnet Coordinator**
- Mr. Derek Knight - 8th grade LA**



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

APOLLO ATHLETICS SOCCER SEASON!



Clubs/Activities

Club	Sponsor
Minecraft Club	Mr. Fernandez
Glee Club	Mr. McCall
G.L.O.B.E. (Global Learning Offers Broad Experiences)	Ms. Brown
First Priority Club	Ms. Sainvil
NJHS (National Junior Honor Society)	Ms. Davis
FEA (Future Educators of America)	Ms. Job
SGA/ Student Council	Ms. Seely
AMS Dance Team	Ms. Hollis
AMS Glee, Band / Concert Band	Mr. McCall
LSE (Ladies of Style and Elegance)	Ms. Aveni
AMS Debate (class/team)	Mr. Pigan
SECME	Ms. Dworzan
DIYM (Distinguished Intelligent Young Men)	Mr. Symonette & Ms. Perkins

This year's s Soccer team started off the season with a BANG! Coach Comple's girls and Coach Fernandez's boys are plowing through the district teams and highly ranked.

*Due to Hurricane Irma, the Nova game was cancelled.

Below are the remaining games for 2017

9/28 (TH) vs Pines (Away)

10/2 (M) vs Beachside (Home)

10/4 (W) vs Attucks (Away)

10/6 (F) vs Hwd Acad (Home)

Boys play first 9/7 - 9/18

Girls play first 9/25 - 10/4

Navigating Greatness

APOLLO'S

AMAZING TEACHERS

Apollo Middle's theme this year is "Sailing Towards Excellence". As we navigate our way through this year, we must continue to press on proving we are the best Magnet program in the nation. None of our achievements or improvements are possible without our great teachers. Educating young people in today's world is not only challenging but requires an enormous amount of dedication, passion, and time. Apollo appreciates our teachers who demonstrate their commitment to excellence by pushing children to reach their highest academic and social heights by creating and administering rigorous lessons and activities, utilizing the best technological and cooperative learning enrichment practices, maintaining innovative and ethical practices within the classroom, spending extra time with students and being an all around motivation and inspiration to the young formidable minds they teach and reach every day. Every month, we will recognize Apollo's Amazing Teachers. If you would like to recognize a teacher, PLEASE feel free to contact me, Ms. W-B to ensure the teacher's amazing actions are acknowledged.

Excellence through

Extended

Education Opportunities:

21st Century Community Learning is a year-round extended educational opportunity that supports before school, after school, holidays and/or summer programs school-wide for Apollo students and their families. 21st Century extends educational support to students and families who are in need of more than what the 8 hours of instructional time encompasses. The program provides tutoring, enrichment exercises, study hall, computer/ technology and a hot meal for all registered students. For more information contact Ms. Marie Martin via the front office at 754-323-2900.



Kids of Character



Cooperation is the character trait for September. According to Webster's dictionary, the true definition of Cooperation is "an act or instance of working or acting together for a common purpose or benefit." This month, Apollo Students win the "**Kids of Character**" trait of the month award for demonstrating incredible poise and control by adhering to the dress code, hallway "walk to the right rule", lining up for teacher escorts and most of all behaving in our common areas. Oftentimes celebrities, athletes and politicians receive a round of applause just for showing up to work. So we see it befitting to praise and reward the students and teachers that show up to THIS job everyday, doing the right things for the right reasons. Great work Rockets.

*Each month we will dedicate a corner to a student or teacher that shows us their GREAT character. Will you be first?

HISPANIC UNITY AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING APOLLO MIDDLE SCHOOL

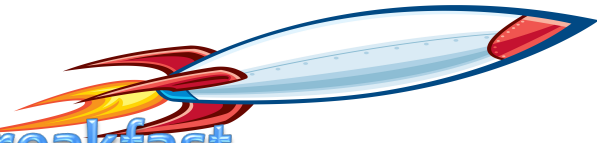
Registration by Appointment only
Space is Limited

Please Call
954-342-0293

Hispanic Unity of Florida
5840 Johnson Street • Hollywood, FL
33021



September 2017



2017 Mentoring Breakfast

Meet & Greet

Join us on October 17th @ 8:15 am

Mentoring our Students Towards Success

Apollo Middle School is proud to offer several mentoring programs dedicated to providing social, emotional learning and college and career readiness support. In these programs students' academic progress, behavioral status and graduation status are monitored by district approved mentors, faculty and staff. The programs meet during and after school and all students must have a signed parent permission form and updated contact information available. On **Tuesday October 17, Real Talk Mentoring Program (sponsored by Cruciform Church), Rites of Passage, and Jewels Foundation, Inc. will meet and greet parents who are interested in registering their child any mentoring program offered at Apollo.** For more information please contact Ms. WB at 754-323-2900.

<h3>Jewels Foundation Inc.</h3>	<h3>Ladies of Style and Elegance (LSE) & Developing Intelligent Young Men (DIYM)</h3>
<p>Jewels Foundation Inc. is a nonprofit organization designed to serve as shepherds to female students between the ages of 14-18 yrs. enrolled in a Broward County Public School. The foundation's mission is to assist young ladies in reaching their fullest potential. We are extensively involved in our mentee's education that include community development, social justice, healthcare, professional development, sports and technical services. We offer – free of charge – coaching, community counsel, personal and professional development, feedback, friendship, leadership development, mentoring, role-modeling, scholarships and tutoring.</p>	<p>LSE Program developed to mentor young 8th grade girl. In addition to the mentoring program, LSE participate in community services from tutoring younger children to delivering food and other necessities to the needy. Fundraising activities and round table talks and tutoring also keep these girls focused on success. The program also monitors grades and behavior of all their members.</p> <p>Program started 5 years ago to reach out to "at risk" males in the 8th grade. Many of the students in the program struggled with academic and behavioral issues. Students in the program get tutoring and computer access for assistance with class and homework. During weekly meetings, students enjoy guest speakers, and field trips to local colleges all of which direct and guide students on subjects that range from health and hygiene to college and career choices.</p>
<h3>Rites of Passage</h3>	<h3>Real Talk</h3>
<p>Program provides mentoring and tutoring for designated 6th and 7th grade male students. The program meets 5 days a week and serves as a school program that allows facilitators – from out-side of the school – to provide students with around the clock monitoring and support students in order to effectively combat challenges in and out of the classroom. Support includes giving students different techniques that help them with conflict resolution, anger management, and socialization. These students are usually designated by our behavioral support team as potentially failing 1 or more courses and/or grades due to low attendance, ESE or behavioral issues.</p>	<p>Program offered at Apollo Middle School for young men from ages 11-14. In the program students are matched with an adult volunteer mentor who will act as a mentor, counselor, advocate and educator on subjects specific to students' needs and interests as well as act as an adult role model and source of friendship and encouragement. The activities between. This program is a ministry, therefore parental permission is received before the students are accepted into the program The school feels that your child will greatly benefit from having another positive adult role model in his life and hopes that the relationship will lead to increased academic performance, self-esteem, and emotional development.</p>