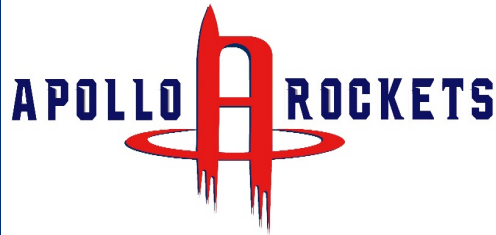


The Future  
is Now.



Come Soar  
with Us.

**2018 Rocket Newsletter**

**A message from the Principal,**

Hello Rockets:

What a start to new school year! I am so proud of our rockets and the Apollo Middle school community for working together to ensure our students receive the best care, education, and consideration. Apollo Middle is led by a district that works tirelessly to provide a seamless, high-quality education for all of its students each, and every year.

Apollo administrators and teachers have attended several professional development courses to improve our ability to ensure optimal learning and teaching occurs in every classroom. BCPS is “Re-imagining Middle Grades” by implementing new initiatives and instructional programs that increase student engagement and academic achievement. These new initiatives are enhanced by our new Blue/Red 4-block schedule. The entire campus takes part in a daily pledge that declares that we are ready to learn each day. Finally, instructional improvements involve social emotional learning (SEL) and project based learning (PBL). Students will be provided many opportunities to demonstrate creativity, ingenuity, and originality as they apply project based learning strategies in core content area classes such as math, science, and social studies.

Throughout the school year will continue to 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.  
Please remember, *The Future is Now. Come Soar with Us!*

Sincerely,

Apollo Middle School  
6800 Arthur Street, Hollywood, FL 33024  
Telephone: (754) 323-2900  
Fax: (754) 323-2974  
Ms. Shawn Aycock, Principal  
Ms. Traci Aveni, 6<sup>th</sup> grad. Assistant Principal  
Mr. Damon Martin, 7<sup>th</sup> grad. Assistant Principal  
Mr. Lloyd Manda, 8<sup>th</sup> grad. Assistant Principal



**Important Information**

**Important Telephone Numbers**

|                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Main Office</b>   | <b>754-323-2900</b> |
| <b>ESE</b>           | <b>754-323-2923</b> |
| <b>Registrar</b>     | <b>754-323-2904</b> |
| <b>Media Center</b>  | <b>754-323-2925</b> |
| <b>Title I</b>       | <b>754-323-2939</b> |
| <b>Magnet Office</b> | <b>754-323-2921</b> |
| <b>Guidance</b>      | <b>754-323-2931</b> |
| <b>6th Admin</b>     | <b>754-323-2907</b> |
| <b>7th Admin</b>     | <b>754-323-2908</b> |
| <b>8th Admin</b>     | <b>754-323-2909</b> |



**Save the date!**

- September 3 (Labor Day).....No School
- September 10 .....No School
- SAC Meeting
- September 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm
- in the Media Center
- September 17 .....Interim Reports Issued
- September 19 .....No School

**Upcoming events for October**

- Scholastic Book Fair .....4<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>
- Title I Literacy Night .....9<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

SEPTEMBER 2018



Congratulations to Mr. Joan Hernandez, Apollo Middle's Non-Instructional Employee of the Year! Mr. Hernandez is an extremely hard working individual. He came to Apollo in 2013, and has managed to maintain a high level of energy as he keeps our facilities in tip-top shape. Mr. Hernandez has worked with our Hispanic Unity before and after care program as well as serves as our Head Facilities Supervisor. He is also a favorite amongst the entire faculty, going above and beyond his duties to support our students and teachers. Hernandez always serves with a smile on his face



and a kind word.

Apollo is honored to have Mr. Joan Hernandez represent us as our Employee of the Year.



Congratulations to Mrs. Andrea Markowitz, Apollo Middle's 2018 Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Markowitz is an extremely valuable member of our school and school community. She has been a part of the Apollo family since 1998 and has been recognized by Governor Rick Scott as a high impact teacher every year since 2013. Year after year, Mrs. Markowitz finds time in her schedule to help groom quality teachers and still manages to make impact with some of our most challenging students. Whether it is putting on "smarty parties" to reward student achievement or serving as a team lead, Mrs. Markowitz, is indeed deserving of this honor. We are proud to have her represent Apollo Middle School as Teacher of the Year!





2018-2019  
Activities & Clubs

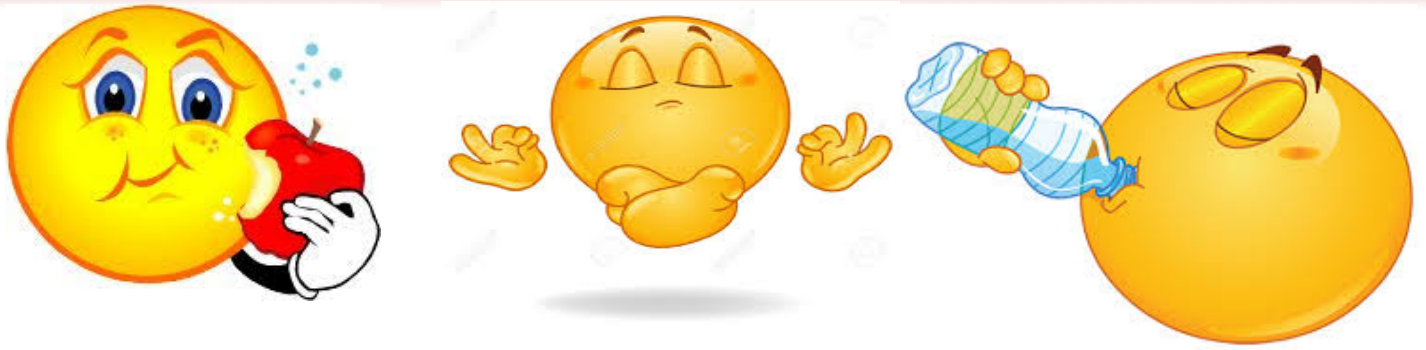


Basketball - Track - Flag Football - Golf  
Volleyball - Cheer - Band - Chorus  
SGA - NJH - Global Scholars - FBLA -  
FFEA - Model U.N. - First Priority -  
Anime Club - Express the Arts, Inc. -  
Dungeon & Dragons - LSE - DIYM

*L.S.E.  
LADIES OF STYLE &  
ELEGANCE*

D.I.Y.M.  
Developing Intelligent  
Young Men





## Have you eaten your rainbow today?



Ms. Bruno and her Living Well class learned which colorful fruits and vegetables that help maintain good health. The “green drinks” they made in class were a hit! The delicious drinks are a blend of fruits and vegetables. This class is one of three classes Apollo offers to build and develop our students’ physical, social, emotional, and mental wellness.

**Eat** the  
Colors  
of the  
**Rainbow**



## Title I & SAC News

The Title I department presents information in regards to the 2018-2019 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 August 30<sup>th</sup> to December 6<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> in the Kiva**. This night is dedicated to providing parents with information that is taught in their English Language Arts & Reading courses, and how parents can help their children improve their reading and writing skills at home. During that night, parents and students will also be able to enjoy our Scholastic Book Fair from October 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>.

**School Advisory Council**  
at  
**Apollo Middle School**

**WHEN**  
First Wednesday of each month  
6pm – 7pm

**WHERE**  
Media Center  
At Apollo Middle School

Website:  
[www.browardschools1.com/apollo](http://www.browardschools1.com/apollo)

**SAC**  
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING DATES:

- AUGUST 29, 2018
- SEPTEMBER 12, 2018
- OCTOBER 3, 2018
- NOVEMBER 7, 2018
- JANUARY 9, 2018
- FEBRUARY 6, 2018
- MARCH 6, 2018
- APRIL 3, 2018
- MAY 1, 2018

APOLLO ROCKETS

**School-Wide Literacy Night & Book Fair**  
**Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6p.m.**  
**In the Kiva**

**~Earn Extra Credit~**

**~Win Prizes~**

**Bring the whole family!**

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>

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

SEPTEMBER 2018

# POWER UP!

Apply online

Free or Reduced  
Breakfast and Lunch



[www.broward.k12.fl.us/foodservice/](http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/foodservice/)

or  
[www.applyforlunch.com](http://www.applyforlunch.com)



The online meal application is available in English, Spanish, Creole and Portuguese at [www.applyforlunch.com](http://www.applyforlunch.com)



You may contact Meal Benefits at the Food and Nutrition Services Department by phone at 754-321-0250 or email [freereducedmeals@browardschools.com](mailto:freereducedmeals@browardschools.com)

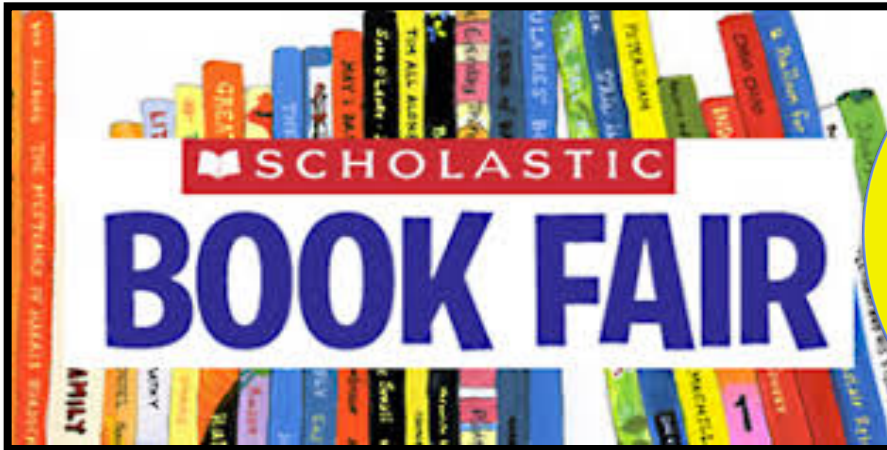
REMINDER TO PARENTS WHO HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR FREE OR REDUCED MEALS, THE ROLL OVER DATE IS APPROACHING. ON **OCTOBER 1, 2018**. ALL STUDENTS THAT HAVE NOT REAPPLIED FOR REDUCED MEAL PRICES FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR WILL DEFAULT TO PAYING FULL PRICE FOR MEALS.

THE PROCESS TAKES UP TO **10 DAYS** TO APPLY TO EACH STUDENT'S ACCOUNT  
REDUCED .40  
PAYING \$2.35 STUDENTS  
\$2.75 ADULTS

Y is for Yearbook!  
On Sale Now!

Don't wait!  
Go to [estore.browardschools.com](http://estore.browardschools.com)  
to order your yearbook.  
\$5 off until December!  
Don't get left out!

# What's happening

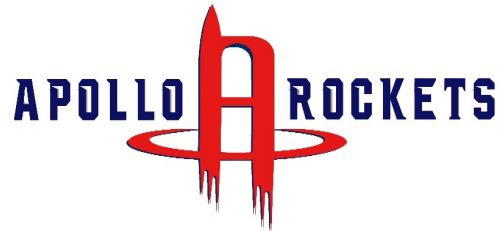


The 2018 Scholastic Book Fair caters to reading enthusiasts of all types.  
October 4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>  
In the Media Center  
\*All payments must be in cash\*



## 2018 Peace Week Activities:

Monday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> - Choose  
Peach/ Stop Violence Pledge  
Tuesday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> - Planting  
the seeds of Peace Pledge with  
Peace Tags  
Thursday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> -  
Chalk4Peace  
Friday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> - International  
Day of Peace (All students and



**Cheerleading Interest Meeting**



**Monday  
September 17<sup>th</sup>  
4-4:30pm  
In the Gym**



**SOCCER SEASON!**

9/20 (TH) vs Driftwood (Home)  
9/21 (F) vs Beachside (Home)  
9/24 (M) vs Gulfstream (Away)  
9/26 (W) vs McNicol (Home)  
Girls play first 9/3 - 9/15  
Boys play first 9/16 - 9/26



**BOYS & GIRLS  
BASKETBALL  
MEETING**

**THURSDAY  
SEPTEMBER 27TH  
4 - 4:30 PM  
In the Gym**

**Apollo Middle Golf Club**



See Mr. Roche, Room 111A for details



**September 2018**

**~ COMMUNITY ~ PARTNERSHIPS ~ COLLABORATION ~**

**I-Zone Meeting at Apollo Middle School**

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 17, 2018**

**Where: Apollo Middle ~ 6800 Arthur St. Hollywood**

**Time: Doors open @ 5:30 p.m.**

**Program begins @ 6:00 p.m.**



**Parent Information Session:  
Navigating Educational Technology**

**FOOD**

**FUN**

**FREE SERVICES**

**SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY**

**West Hollywood ES ~ Pembroke Pines ES ~ Hollywood Park ES**

**~ Orangebrook ES ~ Boulevard Heights ES ~ Apollo MS ~**

**Mc Arthur HS**