

Millennium 6-12 Collegiate Academy

December
2023

Home of the 'Stars'

Happy New Year!

As we enter a new year, I wish you all a New Year filled with many successes and continued progress. During the winter break, I hope you had the chance to catch up with friends and family and enjoy some rest. I spent time reflecting on 2023 and the work and opportunities ahead in 2024.

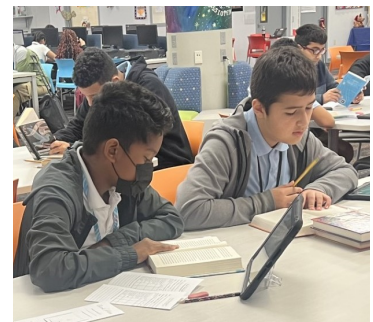


School resumes on Monday, January 8, 2024. We will hit the ground running with our curriculum, ready to inspire and challenge our students to reach new heights. Students will finish their FAST PM 2 Testing and complete any necessary make-up. We are confident that the second half of the school year will be filled with exciting learning opportunities and achievements.

All parents and community stakeholders are invited to our Special SAC Meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 6 pm. The purpose is to discuss the Florida School Recognition Program (A+ Funds), create written proposals with the staff, and vote to approve proposals. Attendance is required for all SAC Committee members to meet quorum. Voting will be conducted.

Our 2023-24 school goal is to maintain our "A" rated school status. I need your help! Please support us by ensuring your child takes advantage of our FREE tutoring for all students in math and reading on Mondays through Thursdays from 4:45 pm to 5:45 pm. Thank you for your continued support and collaboration! Happy New Year!

Dr. Harrigan, Principal



XTREME ACTION PARK

Xtreme Action Park, Reward Field Trip



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THE STATS:

38%

OF CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OLD
ARE ALREADY ON FACEBOOK.

THAT'S **7.5**
MILLION
KIDS

CURRENTLY, Facebook
deletes

THOUSANDS
OF UNDER 13 ACCOUNTS
EVERY
DAY

55%

of **TEENS**

HAVE GIVEN OUT PERSONAL
INFORMATION, INCLUDING
PHOTOS AND PERSONAL
DESCRIPTIONS TO SOMEONE
THEY DON'T KNOW ONLINE.

**RUMOR
ALERT!**

FACEBOOK IS
REPORTEDLY
CONSIDERING
LINKING
ALL UNDER 13
ACCOUNTS
TO HIS OR HER
PARENT'S ACCOUNT
IN ORDER TO
ALLOW PARENTS
TO **MONITOR**
THEIR CHILD ONLINE.

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is created in conjunction
with teachers, support staff,
club sponsors, and coaches.
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MCA HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK

MILLENNIUM
COLLEGIATE ACADEMY

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Spirit Week

IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS

SEE MR. LEE OR
MS. THOMAS

NO CROCS, SLIPPERS, OR SLIDES

MERRY MONDAY 12/18

LET'S KICK OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON! WEAR YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY SHIRT!

TWAS THE NIGHT TUESDAY 12/19

GET FESTIVE IN YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY SWEATER!

WINTER WONDERLAND WEDNESDAY 12/20

LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW! WEAR WHITE OR BLUE!

TINSEL TOES THURSDAY 12/21

CRAZY SOCK DAY! WEAR YOUR SILLIEST PAIR OF SOCKS TO SCHOOL.

FESTIVE FRIDAY 12/22

WEAR PAJAMAS THAT ARE SCHOOL APPROPRIATE.





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MTL Induction Ceremony

Congratulations to Millenium 6-12 and MTL Coordinator Ms. Kadeen Thomas for hosting a beautiful, family-packed MTL induction ceremony!

The Millenium 6-12 Collegiate Academy's MTL Induction Ceremony was held on Thursday, November 30th at 6:00 p.m. We are grateful for the dedication and hard work of those who were able to attend, including Principal Dr. Gastrid Harrigan, MTL Coordinator at Silver Trail MS Pachusha Vil, former MTL Mentor Aawens Cinsinatus, and a host of parents and friends. We thank you all for your continuous support of this program.

Congratulations to the newly inducted MTL Members on a spectacular job...now the REAL





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TEAM
ONE
DREAM



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now!
YEARBOOK

CLUB CORNER—Join NOW!

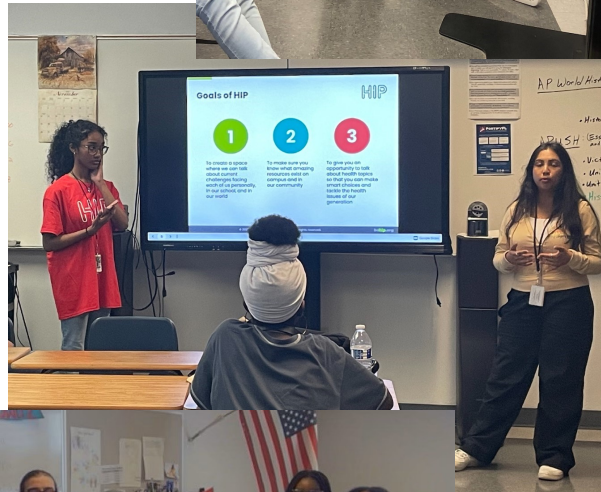
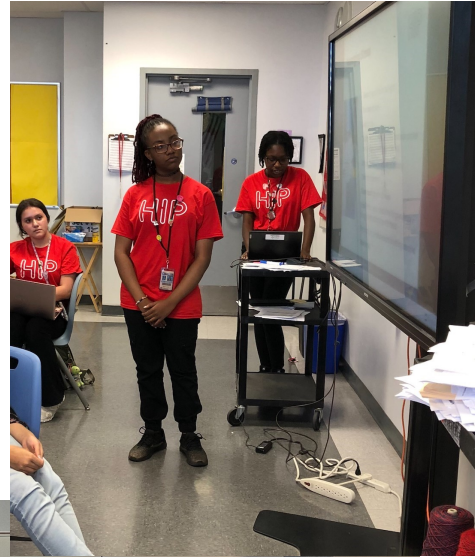
The Book and Game Club meets on Wednesdays in room 454 from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. Students play games of all sorts: Dungeons and Dragons, chess, Uno, checkers, and cards—anything they want to as long as no technology is involved. The group chose books, and students had private reading time. The club aims to meet new people, play "old school"

Bluapple Poetry Club meets on Thursdays in room 454 from 4:3 to 5:30 PM. Bluapple, a part of the Jason Taylor Foundation, provides teaching, writing workshops, and Poetry Slam competitions dedicated to the creative writing process of Spoken Word Poetry. You do not have to be an established writer or performer to join. We are a collaborative creative writing group focused on helping each other reach the next step in our individual and group creative writing journey.

Kelley Elisabeth-Fisher
AP Literature and Composition
English Honors 2

HIP CLUB

HIP (health informational project) is a club that teaches seniors and juniors to educate freshmen peers about mental and physical health education by presenting during their study halls and research classes. I also prepared sophomores for their presentation the following school year by laying the groundwork. We create a safe and supportive place to talk about health education. They are trying to engage them in the subject to have fun and be interested in health education. We offer tips on health-related troubles (mental or physical) students may have and reward them for participating with wristbands and fidget toys, things that can encourage them and keep them focused.



Wendy B. Moskowitz, Sponsor



MCA Literacy Night earlier this month was the ultimate "Slumber Party!"

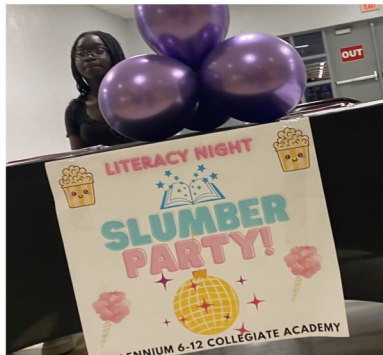
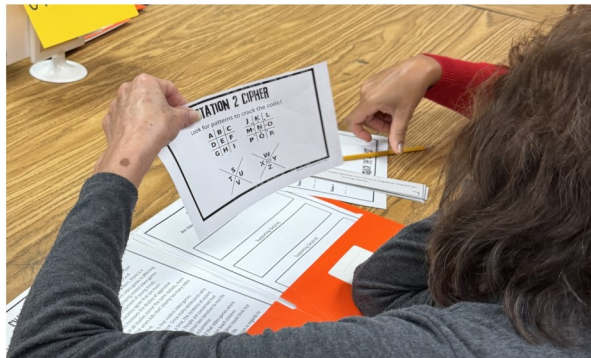
Families flaunted their favorite jammies while rotating through various literacy stations throughout the evening. Whether it was identifying figurative language through the latest songs, deciphering and solving riddles in a Reading Escape Room, or recalling knowledge with a click of a buzzer in Jeopardy, our **AMAZING** Star English Language Arts, Reading and Debate teachers provided engaging literacy take-aways for families to help their child at home! We kicked off our school-wide Reading Across Broward Challenge as part of the event. All students are encouraged to read at least 40 minutes daily and to input their minutes through Beanstack on Clever. Incentives will be given to top performers every month starting in January!

We will see you at our next event!

**Kim Jean,
Literacy
Coach**



Literacy Night



Your 1st Party destination is:

Room 148

Party Destination # 2

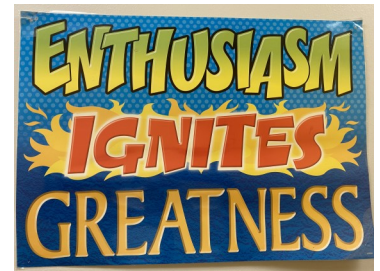
Room 122

Party Destination #3

Room 123

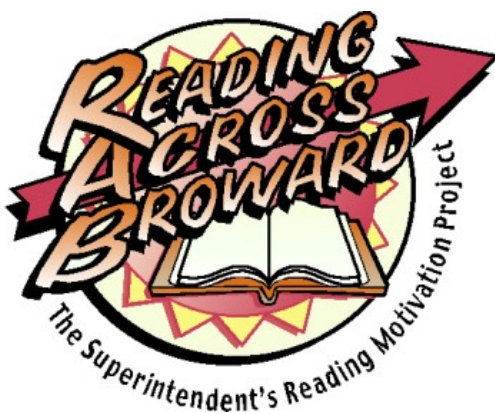
Group E

MCA HOLIDAY CHEER





MCA STAFF



BCPS through **READING ACROSS BROWARD** incentive program challenges your child to read every single day. Read for pleasure, read to find answers, read to defend a point of view, read to persuade, read to laugh, read to cry, read to understand, read to forget. Help us create a new generation on of readers!

Middle and High School Students

It's easier than ever to be part of READING ACROSS BROWARD!

Recognition and Star Points will be given to all who participate, based on the following criteria:

Participation Award	5-9 books/2000 mins.	10 Star Points
Silver Award	10-19 books/3500 mins.	15 Star Points
Gold Award	20-29 books/5500 mins.	20 Star Points
Honor Roll Award	30 + books OR 20 books in 5 genres/7000 mins.	25 Star Points
Examples of Genres:		
RF Realistic Fiction	W Western	
Hu Humorous Fiction	M Myths/Fairy Tales	
HF Historical Fiction	B Biography	
SC Science Fiction	H History	

Students use Beanstack to easily track any book they read or listen between April 1st of one year and March 31st of the following year.



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County Public Schools

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

CALLING A SPECIAL SAC MEETING

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Please contact Mrs. Jean at kim.jean@browardschools.com
or Mrs. Lawrence-West at
sandra.lawrencewest@browardschools.com



Social Media Tips for Teens

Follow the rules ...

Think before you post

Do not post or share messages, pictures, or videos you would not want the world to see. You cannot control how information is shared by those who see it, even if you post it privately or later delete it. Remember that you can never permanently erase something published on the internet. For example, you could face consequences later in school, college interviews, or job applications.



Be cautious of requests by strangers

Play it safe and only accept friend requests from your real-world friends. Do not agree to meet strangers offline; never give away your phone number or address.

Be kind

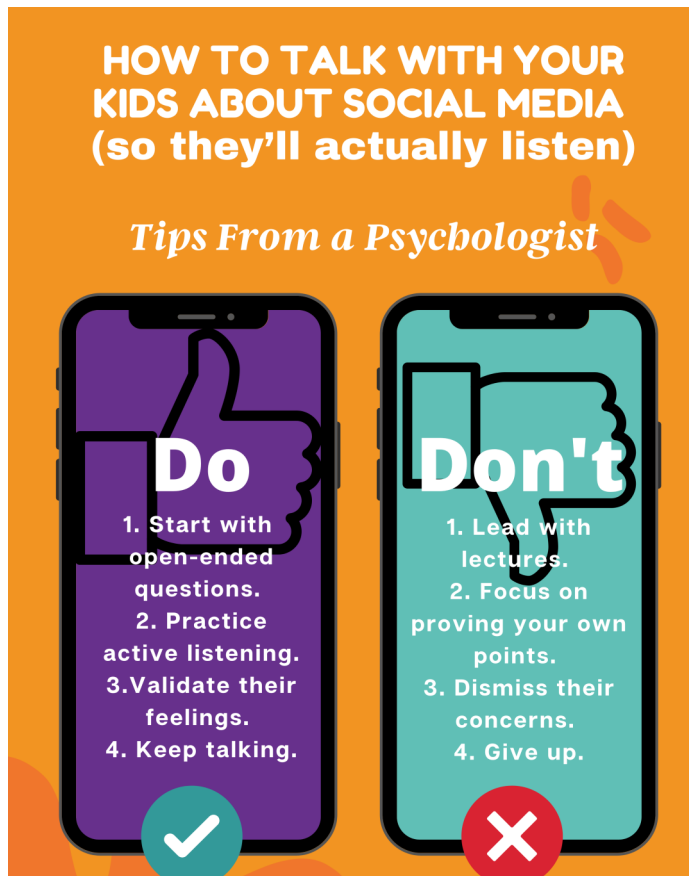
Remember that online communication does not allow you to tell how others feel, as you cannot see their facial expressions or hear their voice. Make sure that what you write cannot be misinterpreted. Be respectful of others' posts, even if you disagree with them. If you wouldn't say something to someone's face, don't say it online.

If you are being cyberbullied, reach out

Tell an adult you trust, such as a parent, teacher, or school counselor, if you or anyone you know is being cyberbullied. Do not delete any communications. Save all screenshots and emails so you can show an adult. Block the person harassing you and make copies of all communications if needed.

Avoid overusing social media

It's easy to get "sucked in" on social media and spend much more time than you intended to on it. But when people spend a lot of time on social media, they are at a higher risk of experiencing negative consequences, such as disrupted sleep and what researchers call "Facebook depression" - low self-esteem associated with comparing self with others who are thought to be "better off." Spend quality time offline as well. Setting a timer or a time limit on your phone's settings for social media apps can be helpful.





Save the dates!

***GAC meetings for the 2023-2024 school year are
scheduled for the following Mondays:***

***October 9 - Eagle Point Elementary
100 Indian Trace Weston, FL 33326***

November 13 - Discovery Elementary

December 11 - Teams

January 8 - TBA

February 11 - TBA

March 12-TBA

April 8 - Apollo Middle

May 13 - Plantation High

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The Broward Gifted Advisory Council (GAC) is a group of parents, volunteers, and educators focused on providing quality gifted education and opportunities for Broward County's gifted children. We also facilitate two-way communication between parents and the Broward County School District.

**STAY UP TO DATE WITH THE BROWARD GAC:
Website: <http://giftedadvisorycouncil.ch2v.com>
Email: BrowardCountyGAC@gmail.com**

MCA Parents—Mark your Calander



February 15, 2024

6:00 to 8:00 pm

MCA Cafeteria

Project-Based Learning (PBL) Showcase

Science Parent Orientation

Rotating Hands-on Science Labs

STEAM Table-Top Expo

Snacks and Raffles

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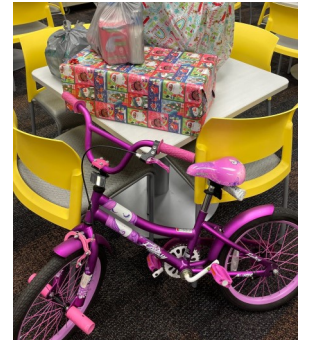
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ADOPT A STAR

I wanted to express my wholehearted gratitude to all the teachers, clubs, and students who donated items, money, or their time. We provided gifts to nine families, including approximately 30 people. None of this could have been possible without all your efforts.



Ms. Santos



Wacky Olympics

High school and middle school SGA and friends competed at the Wacky Olympics. The middle school team came in second place. The Wacky Olympics is a fundraiser where schools pay money to participate, and all the money gets donated to the Special Olympics. The students competed against 16 other Broward County schools in a day filled with "wacky" games.



If you would like to participate in something like this, Monarch High School will have a dodgeball tournament on February 3rd.

For more information, contact Ms. Santos



MCA WINTER CONCERT



Help support our STEAM Initiative

JOIN THE ROBOTICS CLUB

Explore the world of robotics with us!



WHAT WE OFFER



Learning from experts.



Hands-on projects.



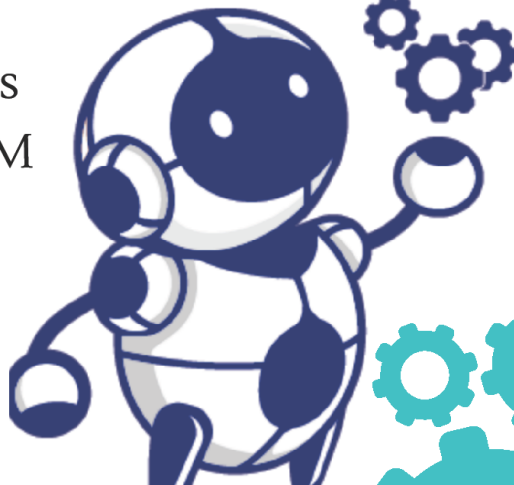
Networking with robotics enthusiasts.



Competitions and innovation.



Wednesdays
4:30 - 5:30 PM
Room 123



S.T.E.A.M./CODING/SECME CLUB



SCAN ME
NETWORK

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN
HOW TO CODE? If so, contact
MS.THOMAS
RM 224



LEARN CODING



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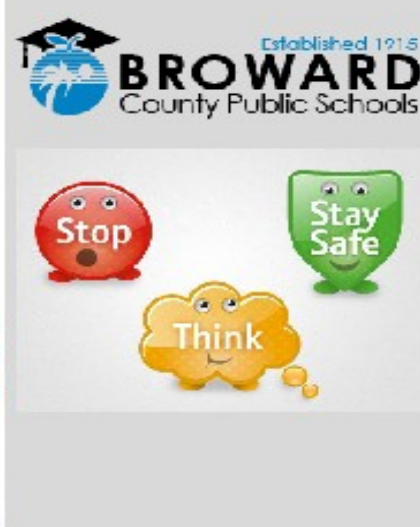
ARE YOU A GAMER?



STEAM/CODING/SECME CLUB



AWARENESS IS THE KEY TO CYBERSECURITY



IN THIS ISSUE

The holiday season is often a fun filled time spent with family and friends. Unfortunately, cybercriminals know holidays can also be stressful and full of distractions, so they take advantage of this to help them perpetrate their crimes.

According to the FBI Internet Crime Report for 2022, the Crime Center received 800,944 complaints, a five percent decrease from 2021, the potential total loss grew from \$6.9 billion in 2021 to more than \$10.2 billion in 2022.

The threat is real but there are numerous actions we can take to help reduce our chances of becoming a victim of cybercrime this holiday season (and throughout the rest of the year).

Please keep reading for some tips on staying safe!

*Safe computing,
Your Information Technology Security Team*

***Just a Click Away***

Tips for shopping safely online.

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The 12 Scams of Christmas

Common holiday scams to watch out for.

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Practical Advice for Avoiding Phishing Emails

A printable "cheat sheet" to help you decide if you should open an email or not.

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YEAR BOOK *on sale now!*



S. T. E. M.

MILLENNIUM 6-12 COLLEGIATE ACADEMY DRONE CLUB

WHEN: THE FIRST AND THIRD
WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

TIME: 8:00 A.M. - 9:25A.M.

WHERE: MS. GLANTZ'S - ROOM 232

WHAT: This club will introduce, instruct, and develop participants into responsible and educated drone pilots. We will explore the various aspects of drone piloting including equipment, safety, building, piloting skills, site/field evaluation, content editing, and explore industry entrepreneurial/professional opportunities.



**6TH GRADE
TO 8TH GRADE**

BEGINS/END

The next Meeting is
January 10, 2024 and
the last meeting will
be May 15, 2024.

Drone Club Meetings:

January 10, 2024
January 24, 2024
February 7, 2023
February 21, 2024
March 6, 2024
March 20, 2024
April 3, 2024
April 17, 2024
May 1, 2024
May, 15, 2024

End of Year Party :
May 29, 2024

YEARBOOKS

Because this year only happens once!

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How to Purchase the Yearbook in the eStore?

<https://osp.osmsinc.com/browardfl/>

Select COMBO from the Main Menu

Then, Select MILLENNIUM 6-12

Then, Scroll Down to 23/24 YEARBOOK SALES

Purchase the yearbook for \$40

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VILS Coach Corner

Hello again, MCA STAR families!

My name is Mr. Galit, and I am the VILS Coach. I am responsible for carrying out the vision and objectives of the Verizon Innovative Learning Schools (VILS) initiative.

The logo for Verizon Innovative Learning Schools. It features the word "VERIZON" in black, "INNOVATIVE" in red, "LEARNING" in red, and "SCHOOLS" in black, all stacked vertically and enclosed within a red rectangular border.

I hope you're having a wonderful school year so far. In this month's Coach Corner, I'd like to emphasize some basic guidelines and share a new initiative and a great new parent resource with you.

First, I would like to remind you of a few critical guidelines and expectations your child(ren) must follow.

The iPad is for educational purposes only, and usage is monitored.

Your child(ren) must bring their iPad to school fully charged daily.

While transitioning between classes, your child should carry the iPad in their backpack or the VILS bag provided by Verizon.

Second, as part of the VILS initiative, all students must complete a Digital Citizenship curriculum. Digital Citizenship assignments are being delivered this year through your child's math class. The curriculum assignments are delivered through Canvas and are due approximately every two weeks.

Lastly, we have a new resource to help parents manage their child's school-issued iPad called Jamf Parent. If you want to take advantage of this free app-based service, please follow the link below to the Getting Started Guide (you'll need to copy/paste the link).

<https://tinyurl.com/millcoll>



FDLRS Parent Education presents:

ACTIVE PARENTING OF TEENS

This six-session Active Parenting of Teens series will provide parents with guidance and support to transform the challenges of raising a teenager into opportunities for growth. Participants will learn about styles of parenting, positive skills for communication, respectful basic and advanced discipline techniques, problem solving methods, decreasing power struggles, and so much more. Learn to become an encouraging parent and much more; including important issues such as teens online, bullying, alcohol and other drugs, sexuality, and depression. Join us at the next session and see the difference, as you make positive and realistic changes in your family's daily routine to gain greater happiness in your home!

(Parent Guides provided to participants at no cost) Childcare is NOT available

Presenter: Emily Gonzalez-Abreu LMFT, ESE Counselor & Certified Active Parenting Leader, Broward County Public Schools

Dates 2024: January 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27 and March 5, 2024

Time: From 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: Millennium 6-12 Collegiate Academy, Media Center
5803 NW 94 Ave, Tamarac 33321

For more information contact: carol.beitler@browardschools.com 754-321-3466

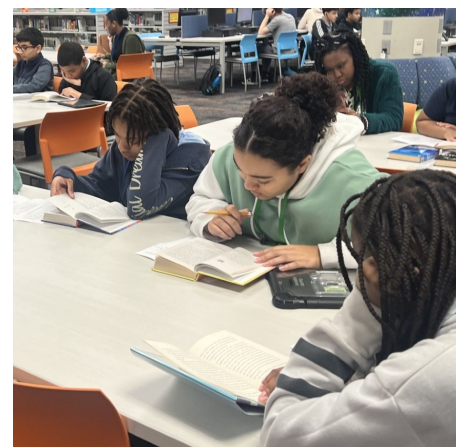
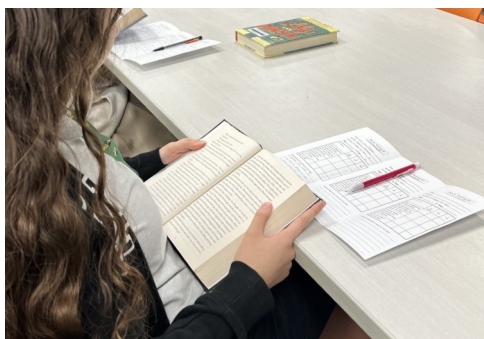
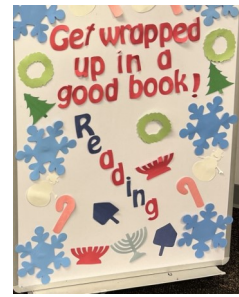
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The Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System is funded by the State of Florida, Department of Education, Division of Public Schools and Community Education, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services through federal assistance under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Part B and State General Revenue funds.



Library Book Tasting Increases Appetite for Reading

Ms. Johnson's 7th grade language arts classes recently visited the library for a book tasting with Mrs. Dolhon, the librarian. To their delight, the students were able to explore various titles, sampling new books that they might not have noticed in the past. As part of the activity, students were placed in groups, each given a "book menu". This menu allowed each student to "taste" four different books by reading each for five minutes. Using their "menu," students critiqued certain aspects of each book, like its cover and description, deciding whether they would like to read it and providing a brief response. Holiday music set the mood while the students quietly read, and to wrap up the activity, students ate candy canes and collaborated with their group to choose a winning book. It was clear that these titles piqued their interest as they discussed them with each other. Many students were thrilled to check out one of the books to read over winter break, and with that, the book tasting was a great success.



MCA MEDIA CENTER

District Information for our STAR Parents and Students

We are pleased to announce that the FortifyFL app is LIVE. Now, any student, educator, parent, or member of the public can report school safety concerns directly to law enforcement and school administrators anonymously and easily through the FortifyFL app or www.getfortifyfl.com.



The app, available for download on Apple and Android mobile devices, is critical to ensuring all Florida schools are safe environments where students and educators can experience and share the joy of learning without fear. We hope you will become familiar with this tool and help us spread the word about it to our students and their families.

SaferWatch Program

If you See Something, Send
Something with SaferWatch.

The SaferWatch App gives

students, parents, teachers, visitors, and staff in Broward County Public Schools a direct line to communicate seamlessly with local law enforcement and Broward County Public Schools.



SAFERWATCH

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