



# Hawks Newsletter

May/June 2022

## *From the Administration*

Dear Hawk Families,

First and foremost, I would like to thank all of you for your continued support as we are in full swing for Quarter 4! This month we celebrated our amazing staff here at McNicol Middle! As you know it takes a village to raise a child. There is so much that goes into the success of our students. Our teachers and paraprofessionals spend countless hours planning and preparing for engaging lessons. Our Guidance team provides emotional support. Our Safety team works diligently daily to keep our campus safe. Our support and clerical team continue to offer excellent customer service. Our facilities team continues to ensure we have a clean campus to teach and learn. Our cafeteria staff ensures our kiddies have full bellies daily so that they can focus. It truly takes a team, and we are invested in working daily in the best interest of our Hawk students.

We have done so much to help our students succeed. We hosted our Course Recovery Nights which began in the 1st semester and have continued Wednesday evenings from 7-8 p.m. We also offered Saturday School and tutoring in ELA and Math in the 4th Quarter. Going one step further, we are currently conducting full-time Course Recovery during the school day for those students who need extra support in passing classes to get them ready for high school and beyond. We are here to help! This year's Summer Learning Experience will be held at Hallandale High School. Check out the registration form on our homepage. The Summer Experience is for ALL students... check it out!

Please remember we are always a phone call, email, or visit away. How can we help you and your child? Let us know.

Your Proud Assistant Principal,  
Mr. Decembert

## Calendar of Events

### June 2022

May 30	No School: Memorial Day
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> grade trip
June 1 <sup>st</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> grade trip
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> grade Field Day
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> grade Dance @ Jubilee Ballroom @6:00 p.m.
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> grade Moving Up Ceremony @8:00 a.m.
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> grade Evening with the Stars @ 5:30 p.m.
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day for Students: Early Release



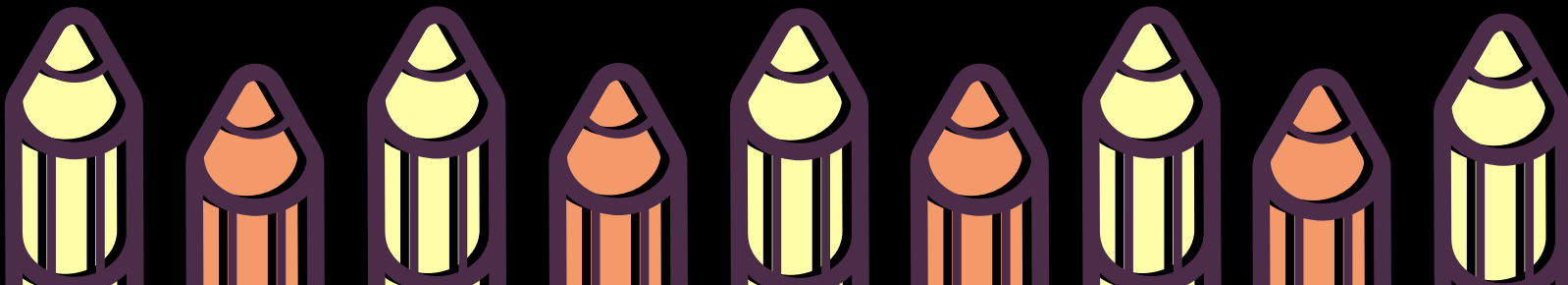
# CONGRATS TO OUR NJHS STUDENTS

**ADVISOR: MS. NICGORSKI**

Candidates 2022-2023

6	CLARKE	TIFFANY	6	SEJOUR	ELIZABETH	
6	HENFIELD	GENESA	6	SIMPSON	SAMIYA	
6	LEWIS	JEREMIAH	6	TAF	SENA	
6	LOPEZ	AGUILAR	6	VINARAS	MAXIMO	
6	MARTINEZ	BRYAN	7	ALLEN	JAYLYNN	
6	PERICLES	STANLEY	7	ALVARADO	KASEY	
6	RAMOS	KARINA	7	LOPEZ	CASTELLANOS	YORDAN
6	RAMOS-MEZA	AIMEE	7	SAN JAVIER	NATALI	
6	SALAMA	CHRIS	8	ALEXANDRE	SAMANTHA	

8	BIEN-AIME	NEILAH	8	MICHEL	DAWENS	
8	DAVIS	KEIONDRA	8	MOORE	KIYANA	
8	EDDIE	HAROLD	8	RAMIREZ	ALEJO	
8	ELLISON	FAITH	8	RANDOLPH	RICHARD	
8	FLORES	ELIANNA	8	ROACH	DERWIN	
8	FONTANEZ	LAILA	8	SIMMONS	JADEN	
8	GOMEZ	QUINTANILLA	8	VAN	JIM	
8	GOODEN	JAHMYAH	8	VAN	JOE	
8	GORDON	STANSHA	8	VELEZ	ALI	LINDA
8	LAWRENCE	JAMAR	7	Carlos	Saldeno	
8	MARSHALL	JAHNYA	7	Tristaon	Albenia	





# The Mighty HAWKS



## BE RESPECTFUL

- Use a respectful tone of voice
- Respect the ideas, beliefs and opinions of others
- Never make excuses for your behavior

## BE RESPONSIBLE

- Set goals
- Plan your time wisely
- Prepare nightly for the next day

## BE SAFE

- Know and follow the school's safety policies
- Practice healthy habits
- If you see something, say something

## BE A LEARNER

- Pay attention in class and take notes
- Get all assignments done in a timely manner
- Ask for help when needed

## MOST OF ALL...BE KIND

- Ask, "How can I help you?"
- Try to see things from another person's point of view.
- Use positive language with everyone.

*Always  
Remember*

# THE 5 BS

## READING DEPARTMENT



# READ180<sup>®</sup>



We are officially done with FSA testing which is exciting for both students and teachers. Students can feel a sense of relief while teachers can look forward to seeing students' academic growth. As a reading department we are extremely proud of our struggling readers. With teacher dedication and the help of our READ180 curriculum, students have shown tremendous growth. The majority of our students have made reading gains which has helped to close academic gaps. We have taken the time to celebrate our students and reading teachers on this great achievement. **Congrats!!!**

# MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

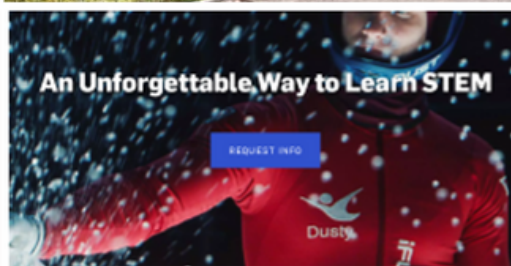
We are excited to see our students' academic success with our upcoming Math FSA results this summer. In preparation for the next school year students can use a variety of tools to enhance their math skills. Students are always welcome to practice their multiplication facts and review their notes periodically to prevent learning loss. As the math department works to close out the year, we are prepping students by reviewing and teaching skills and concepts that will best support the learning they will experience in the near future.



Students will be able to utilize the following throughout the summer:

- free version of IXL (20 problems per day)
- Khan Academy
- iReady (for the beginning of the summer)

## i-FLY FIELD TRIP, 4/28



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Learning Knows No Bounds

## SUMMER MINDFULNESS

Hello Hawk family! WE MADE IT! Summer is right around the corner! Although we want our students to relax and enjoy their much-deserved break, it is important that students use resources to enhance their academic skills to refresh their minds and prepare for the upcoming school year. McNicol Middle is offering summer school for students that do not have enough points for promotion. For more information visit out McNicol Homepage. In addition, there are various websites and materials students can access online.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCES:

- **Summer Resources and Scholarships**  
<https://delmarartsacademy.com/>
- **Kids Camp**  
<https://www.kidscamps.com/camps/florida-specialneeds-camps.camp>
- **Extended School Year (ESY):** This is specifically for our special education students that may regress without continuous instruction throughout the summer. This includes regression in daily living skills, academic, and social/emotional skills.
- **A hub:**  
<https://bestspecialneedscamps.com/>
- **BrainPop:**  
<http://www.brainpop.com/BrainPopJr>
- **Starfall** (<http://www.starfall.com>)
- **San Diego Zoo:**  
(<http://kids.sandiegozoo.org/>)
- **Spelling City:**  
(<http://www.spellingcity.com>)



# TEACHER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION



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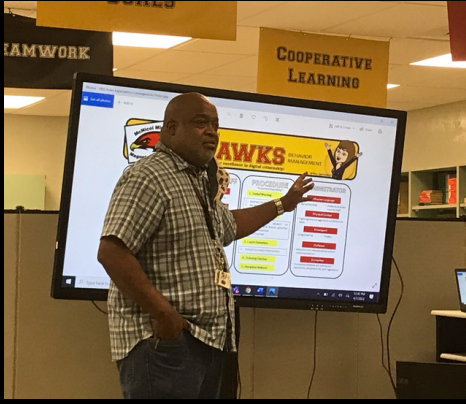
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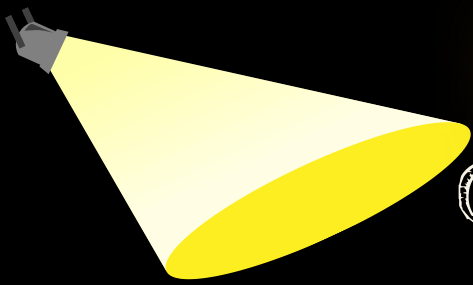
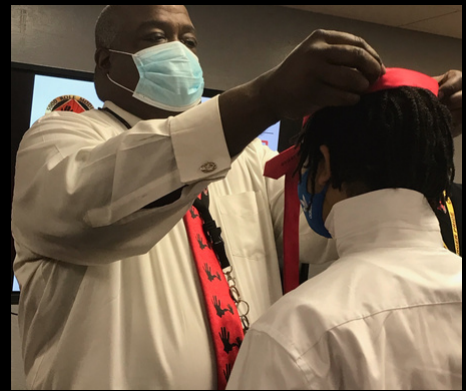
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# THANK YOU *Mr. Bankston*



Meet our Behavior Specialist. He has been part of our McNicol family for 3 years. He is extremely involved with all our students. He shows his commitment by teaching our students life lessons based on their actions. He redirects and ensures that students who are having challenges get the support needed to be successful. He also acknowledges great behavior and students who are following our 5 Bs. Mr. Bankston is responsible for having our quarterly positive behavior incentive events. To top it off, he is part of the 5,000 Role Models. This is a club whose mission is to intervene in the lives of at-risk boys in order to provide them with alternatives that will lead them to go to high school, college, vocational school, or the military. The 5000 Role Models is there to guide and mentor our boys every day!



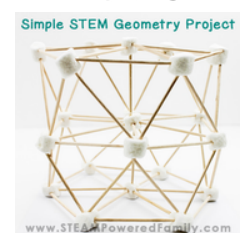
## TEACHER SPOTLIGHT Get to know *Ms. Delorme*



Ms. Delorme is making a great impact with our 8th grade students with her ability to break down math skills needed to successfully go to high school. This is her 8th year as an educator. She is a Haitian- American Florida native, born in Miami and an FIU graduate. Go Panthers! Ms. Delorme has extended her educational experience with an M.S in Educational Leadership degree from Barry University. She is also fluent in English, Creole, French and Spanish (Intermediate). On her free time, she enjoys listening to music, watching the NBA playoffs, and traveling. Her favorite sport is basketball, and she enjoys being a season ticket holder with the Miami HEAT. Her hobbies also include watching movies and spending time with her family.

As a Whole STEM School, McNicol prides itself on integrating STEM across the curriculum on a routine basis. On the April 14<sup>th</sup> early release day, the entire school participated in a Marshmallow Challenge. The **rules are easy**; in 18 minutes, each group can use 20 sticks of spaghetti, one yard of tape, and one yard of string, and one marshmallow to **build the tallest structure** with the marshmallow on the top. At the end of the day, our students had a great time engaging in this engineering design activity in their elective classes, and each core content teacher also did support activities related to this.

# THE MARSHMALLOW CHALLENGE!!!



## STEM DAYZ – Marshmallow Challenge, 4/14



## STEM DAYZ – Marshmallow Challenge products







# A MESSAGE FROM OUR VILS COACH



Greetings McNicol Parents, Students and Staff,

This is a reminder that all iPads should be fully charged and brought to school every day. We will begin collecting iPads on May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade, May 24<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade, May 25<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Students who are going to be absent on their collection day, should return their iPad as soon as possible to Ms. Moore, Ms. Ronis, or the front office. The last day for iPad return will be May 27, 2022.

**Please note:** If any part of the device (iPad, charger, case, screen protector) is not returned at the time of our iPad collection, there may be a financial obligation placed on the child's BCPS account for the amount indicated in the chart below.

For students returning to McNicol for the 2022-2023 academic school year, students will be reassigned the same device, charging adaptor & cord. Obligations must be paid in full for your child to receive an iPad during the 2022-2023 school year. To expedite the iPad distribution for the 2022-2023 school year, please complete and return the forms that were sent home the week of May 16<sup>th</sup> and return them as soon as possible.

In addition, students have already started their digital citizenship courses for next year through their Social Studies classes. Please encourage them to complete that course. This is another requirement that must be completed to receive an iPad. There will be a digital citizenship course for parents in the upcoming school year.

For additional information about the Verizon Innovative Learning Schools Program please visit the McNicol Middle School website. Contact Mrs. Moore at [nashira.moore@browardschools.com](mailto:nashira.moore@browardschools.com) if you have additional questions or concerns about the program. If you have questions about device damages and technical issues, please contact Ms. Ronis at [allison.ronis@browardschools.com](mailto:allison.ronis@browardschools.com).

ITEM	FINANCIAL OBLIGATION
iPad 8 <sup>th</sup> Gen WIFI CL 32 GB	\$429.00
Apple 20 W USB-C Power Adapter ONLY- NO CABLE	\$20.00
Apple USB-C Lightning Cable 1 m	\$20.00
iPad (Gen 7, 8) Brenthaven Edge 360 Case	\$32.00
Replacement Screen Protector for Brenthaven Case	\$10.00



# MCNICOL MIDDLE SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS

PRESENTS

*'A Night To Remember'*

# THE RISE AWARDS *Celebration*

On Wednesday evening on May 25<sup>th</sup>, we honored our Elev8 Dance Team and Cheerleading Squad for their hard work and creative talents this school year. We would like to thank Ms. Lassegue for the outstanding work she did as their coach and mentor this school year! She practiced all the way through the year and made so many events even more amazing. Just recently on May 24<sup>th</sup>, our incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from Watkins Elementary School came to visit us here at McNicol, and the cheerleaders and dancers gave them a memorable welcome. Thank you all so much!





# Haitian Heritage Month

## Celebrating our Strength

Join us in Celebrating the Proud History of Haiti

May 17, 2022, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

African American Research Library and Cultural Center

2650 Sistrunk Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

For more information, contact 754-321-1599

## Haitian Heritage Month Equity Hour (Virtual Event)

May 17, 2022, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

To register go to <https://www.bcpsequityconference.com/>

## Haitian Heritage Celebration

May 19, 2022, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

African American Research Library and Cultural Center

2650 Sistrunk Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Selected High Schools

## BECON: New Haitian Generation

<https://www.becon.tv/vod?vidID=239562&channelID=14705&page=1>



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Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is a commemoration of the culture, traditions, and history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander people in the United States. In 1978, Congress passed a joint Congressional Resolution to pay tribute to Asian Pacific American Heritage Week during the first week of May and in 1992, the month of May was permanently designated as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Resolution  
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# TOLERANCE

## Family Newsletter

### Dear Parent:

Tolerance is the character trait or the month of April. This newsletter offers you activities and ideas, which will assist you with helping your child to understand the importance of tolerance. Talking together about tolerance and respect helps kids learn more about the values you want them to have. Giving them opportunities to play and work with others is important as well. This lets kids learn first hand that everyone has something to contribute and to experience differences and similarities.

### Ideas to Do as a Family

Things parents can do to help kids learn tolerance include:

- Notice your own attitudes. Parents who want to help their kids value diversity can be sensitive to cultural stereotypes they may have learned and make an effort to correct them. Demonstrate an attitude of respect for others.
- Remember that kids are always listening. Be aware of the way you talk about people who are different from yourself. Do not make jokes that perpetuate stereotypes. Although some of these might seem like harmless fun, they can undo attitudes of tolerance and respect.
- Select books, toys, music, art, and videos carefully. Keep in mind the powerful effect the media and pop culture have on shaping attitudes.
- Point out and talk about unfair stereotypes that may be portrayed in the media.
- Answer kids' questions about differences honestly and respectfully. This teaches that it is acceptable to notice and discuss differences as long as it is done with respect.



Diversity, Prevention & Intervention  
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[Kimberly.Young@browardschools.com](mailto:Kimberly.Young@browardschools.com)

### Character Check

- Remember that tolerance does not mean tolerating unacceptable behavior. It means that everyone deserves to be treated with respect – and should treat others with respect as well.
- Help your children feel good about themselves. Kids who feel badly about themselves often treat others badly. Kids with strong self-esteem value and respect themselves and are more likely to treat others with respect, too. Help your child to feel accepted, respected, and valued.
- Learn together about holiday and religious celebrations that are not part of your own tradition.
- Honor your family's traditions and teach them to your kids – and to someone outside the family who wants to learn about the diversity *you* have to offer.