



MAKING A SPLASH

Quarter 2, Spring 2022

Silver Lakes Middle School Dolphin Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As the new principal of Silver Lakes Middle, I am excited to announce, in my first 6 months, that Silver Lakes Middle School has received the prestigious merit award of distinction as the 2022 Magnet School of America. This prestigious award is only given to the top magnet programs. This is just the beginning for Silver Lakes Middle School. Great things are happening at Silver Lakes Middle School.

Sincerely,

Errol A. Evans
Principal.

UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES

FEBRUARY 3- REPORT CARDS
ISSUED

FEBRUARY 14- EARLY RELEASE
DAY

FEBRUARY 21- NO SCHOOL
"PRESIDENTS DAY"

MARCH 17- EARLY RELEASE DAY

MARCH 18- TEACHER PLANNING
DAY - NO SCHOOL

MARCH 21-25 - SPRING BREAK

MARCH 28- TEACHER PLANNING
DAY- NO SCHOOL





GUIDANCE NEWS

We are excited to be entering the home stretch for our 2021 - 2022 School Year! Dolphins it is time to be laser-focused with tunnel vision on one thing in sight... FINISHING STRONG! We commend you all for navigating through a very unprecedented time. Students have adjusted as much as we have requested. As many of you know, testing is upon us. DOLPHINS we are asking that you dig deep and apply all that knowledge that your teachers have so diligently provided through top-of-the-line instruction. We believe in you! We know that you will make GAINS on your upcoming BSA and further down the road FSA!

FSA is Coming!

The Florida Standards Assessment (FSA), as adopted by the State Board of Education, focuses on analytical thinking to prepare Florida students for success in college, career, and life. Broward County Schools administers the BSA (Broward Standard Assessment) to students in January after the winter break to better prepare them for FSA assessment in the spring. This assessment provides an authentic assessment of the Florida Standards in order to determine where students are academically and to assist them in moving them to where they may need to be to ensure FSA success. Students must be present and ready to test during the BSA administration in order to be adequately prepared for the FSA. The administration windows for the BSA and FSA are listed below. Please ensure that your child gets enough sleep, eats a nutritious breakfast, and attends all scheduled tests.

A few reminders... students we are asking that you know your data. WHAT IS DATA, you ask? Know your previous FSA score and what it takes to make gains, know what courses you have been unsuccessful in, and begin your course recovery on USA Test Prep! If you have questions, see Mrs. Daniels during your elective classes. We are so proud of our Dolphins that are following instructions and trying their very best daily.

Mrs. Starks-6th Grade School Counselor
Mrs. Bryan- 7th Grade School Counselor (Guidance Director)
Mrs. Daniels- 8th Grade School Counselor

| January 31 – February 11 Test Window | | March 7 – April 1 Test Window | |
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| Algebra 1 BSA | (Two 90-minute sessions) | Civics BSA | (Two 80-minute sessions) |
| Geometry BSA | (Two 90-minute sessions) | U.S. History BSA | (Two 80-minute sessions) |
| Biology BSA | (Two 80-minute sessions) | | |
| Science Gr. 8 BSA | (Two 80-minute sessions) | | |

| FSA Test Dates and Windows | |
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| 6 th Grade FSA WRITING | April 5 |
| 7 th and 8 th Grade FSA WRITING | April 4-14 |
| 6 th Grade ELA | May 4 & 5 |
| 6 th Grade MATH | May 10 & 11 |
| 8 th Grade Science | May 17 |
| 7 th and 8 th Grade FSA ELA; MATH/ Algebra/ Geometry/ Biology/ Civics | May 2- 8 |

SEL FOCUS

F- Fairness

I-Inclusiveness

N-Nobel

S-Sincere/Support

F.I.N.S.

Ask your child about it!

DEPARTMENT NEWS



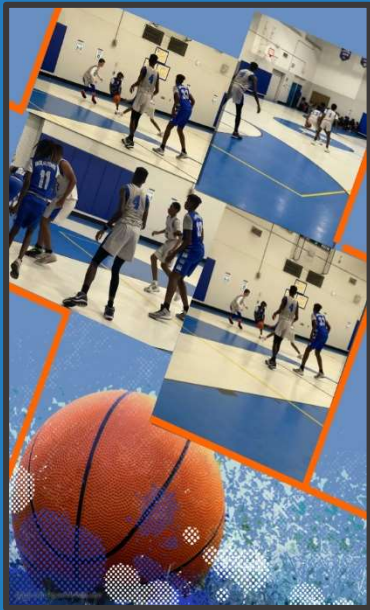
Sports Updates

The Boys' Basketball team under the great coaching of Coach Striggles went undefeated in the regular season to win the division 5 championship. The boys gave it a great run in the playoffs but came up short. We are proud of our boys.

Volleyball season has started, the boys are off to 2-0 start in the division and the girls are 1-1 in the division. Looking forward to seeing more spectators at our games.

Flag football will be the next sport coming up.

Thank you for your continued support of Silver Lakes Athletics.



ELA Updates

Greetings Parents!! It's hard to believe that we are near the end of the second quarter. However, before Winter Holiday, the Language Arts department will administer the 2nd Common Formative Assessment (CFA). This assessment tests the students on several reading skills so that we will know how to proceed with the most effective and targeted lessons in January. We are teaching and challenging the students to do their very best on class assignments, quarterly assessments, and of course the annual Florida Standards Assessment. We believe that their success is our success.

SCIENCE Updates

Greeting Dolphin Parents! We are excited to get the opportunity to do all the hands-on labs and experiments that will inspire the next generation of scientists and professionals. Our student's enthusiasm and engagement in STEM will need to be reinforced whenever possible. There are two resources available to help our students. "Ask Brid" is online tutoring that could be accessed via canvas. Please access and sign up for tutoring sessions. Also, Floridastudents.org will give access to tutorials. These interactive tutorials were made specifically for our students' level and are a great way to refresh on the class lesson. Looking forward to having an amazing year!

SOCIAL STUDIES Updates

The Social Studies department is working diligently with our students to help them learn to become strong and knowledgeable, as well as being fine upstanding citizens of our country. Our 6th graders are beginning their studies of the 13 original colonies, in addition to preparing the children for Civics lessons next year. The 8th-grade students have learned map essentials and the earliest civilization of Mesopotamia. This month, we will begin the Junior Achievement curriculum. This is to help young men and women to become financially responsible as adults. Watch for coming information on this amazing program. Our 7th-grade scholars are engaged in learning what it means to be a citizen and the different types of governments and their importance. We are striving to raise our Civics scores yet again this year. Thank you for your support of education for your child. Together, we will shine!

MATH Updates

The math department is hard at work preparing our students for success not only for the FSA but, for the rest of their educational lives. 6th grade is working hard on the ixl.com skills, which will only help them with gaining mastery of the skills being taught. 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade students are preparing for the next CFA assessments that will be completed before the winter break. Please ask your students what skill was taught in class. Can your student explain to you the steps they had to take to answer a question?

An amazing real-world application that can be applied for all 6th, 7th and 8th-grade students is percentages. Ask your child if there is an item they would like to have, can they find a discount, do they know how much money will be saved by having a percent taking off the total amount.

Cooking is another great concept that helps with the understanding of fractions. Suggestion: Have your child make a recipe and then had them increase the ingredients, would they know how much of each item would be needed? All great real-world life applications.



P.I.N.K. Ladies Tea Party



CELEBRATIONS

PINK Ladies Tea Party Induction Ceremony

The ladies of PINK (**Positive Influence Nurtures Knowledge**) held their annual tea party on November 19th to honor the new members who were inducted into this honors mentorship club. Under the leadership of Mrs. Wright, the ladies met with 8 professional women of diverse careers for discussion as they become the newest sisters of the Silver Lakes PINK Ladies. Congratulations to:

The Executive Board:

1. Stephany Taylor – President 8th
2. Nathalea Nugent – Vice President 8th
3. Vanessa Tony – Secretary 8th
4. Amaera-Jae Dennis – Historian 8th
5. Briana Julmiste – Sergeant at Arms 8th

The New Inductees:

1. Samantha Cedeno 8th
2. Janiya Coghiel 6th
3. Ezzariah Davidson 8th
4. Dahesha Emmanuel 8th
5. Brianna-Kay Francis 6th
6. Sarah [Alex] Hibbard 7th
7. Angelina Nguyen 8th
8. Kaleah Poliard 6th
9. Anna Robinson 8th
10. Aaliyah Sims 8th
11. Kimani Walter 7th
12. Kai-Marie Williams 6th

PINK Ladies is an organization for young ladies who aspire to enrich their community and themselves through sisterhood, leadership, and achievement. Students must maintain positive behavior and grades to be members of this club.

ACCELERATION CAMP

FSA is approaching and Silver Lakes is offering free tutoring Monday-Thursday after school as well as on Saturdays, in all subject areas. For enrollment information, please feel to contact Mrs. Goode at 754-322-4600.



