



MAKING A SPLASH

Quarter 1, Fall 2021

Silver Lakes Middle School Dolphin Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I started this school year as the new principal of Silver Lakes Middle School. I thank the entire community for the warm welcome and support shown so far. Congratulations! Your child is with an award-winning principal, and I am here to give you the best service as a leader in this community. I am dedicated to make this school one of excellence and will dedicate my time and effort to this community every day to ensure that all of our students receive the best quality education possible in this middle school.

By now you have received the most important word about how this school year has begun. We started our face-to-face school sessions amidst a pandemic. We are working extremely hard to get things back to normal. Overall, it seems to me that classes began smoothly and in these first few weeks and it has been a fine beginning of what should be a productive school year. Majority of the boys and girls have been most cooperative in following all school rules.

The first quarterly report card will be out at the end of this nine weeks in early November. The faculty and staff of Silver Lakes Middle hope that these reports will be positive. Now is the time to check on their grades and to encourage them to perform well in all academic areas. Earning good grades is very important to future advancement to get to college and in finding a successful career in the future.

The sixth graders adjusted easily to their new surroundings and their schedules and are a friendly and nice presence in our school. The seventh graders enjoy having grown up from being the youngest in the school. The eighth graders have made an excellent start in terms of academic work and overall behavior.

We have now started a music class and looking to create a band program. Now that students have settled into class routine, student activities such as basketball and soccer, and various organizations are moving into operation. We have just completed celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month and is involved in the district's debate competitions and Harvest Drive, where we donate food, clothing and other items to needy families in Broward County.

I urge you all to attend our next SAC/SAF meetings to meet myself and our dedicated staff. I am also inviting new members of our recently reorganized PTA. We need your participation in our school's life. If you have any concerns about any aspect of your son's or daughter's schooling, feel free to contact the teacher concerned, a guidance counselor, an Assistant Principal or myself directly. We welcome your inquiries.

I look forward to meeting every parent and to work together to build a bright, successful and desirable Silver Lakes Middle School.

Sincerely,
Errol A. Evans
Principal.

UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES

NO SCHOOL- NOV. 11

Report Cards- NOV. 12

Thanksgiving Break- NOV.22- 26





GUIDANCE NEWS

Greetings Parents!

As we bring the 2nd quarter to a close, there are some important reminders for your review. Please make sure you are checking your child's grades on Pinnacle. For your child to be promoted, he/she must earn an at least 4 points in two core classes and two electives. Points are as follows; 4 points =A 3 points = B 2 points=C 1 point=D. It is imperative that you are tracking your child's progress during their time in middle school, specifically, in their core classes. Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies (US History, World History and Civics) are the classes that are particularly important to focus on. If any core course if failed, prior to being promoted to high school, your child will have to recover the failed course, or they will be retained. A failure is considered earning an F as a final grade. We will be offering course recovery on USA Test Prep and student's that have failed a core course will be responsible for completing the necessary assignments to recover the failed course. Detailed information will be forthcoming if your child is in need of course recovery. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the School Counseling Department.

Mrs. Starks-6th Grade School Counselor

Mrs. Bryan- 7th Grade School Counselor (Guidance Director)

Mrs. Daniels- 8th Grade School Counselor

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage



SEL FOCUS

F- Fairness

I-Inclusiveness

N-Nobel

S-Sincere/Support

F.I.N.S.


**Ask your child
about it!**



DEPARTMENT NEWS

ELA Updates

Greetings Parents!!! We hope that each student is making the necessary adjustments so that he/she will be successful this school year. Among those adjustments is the use of the new online textbook for Language Arts, Ed – Your friend in Education which can be

accessed through Clever. First, go to Clever. Then, click the Ed icon . Each student can access the online textbook for their grade level. This is especially important for students who may have been absent, may need to re-read a selection, or complete an assignment. For those students who need to read or re-read a selection, the audio feature is a very helpful tool. This feature allows the student to hear the selection read aloud which helps with comprehension, or his/her understanding of the selection. The app is user-friendly, but if you have any questions the teachers are here to assist you and your student.

SCIENCE Updates

Greeting Dolphin Parents, the science department is starting off the year with a bang! 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 Bri" 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 a fine upstanding citizen 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 the 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

Math teachers and students are full steam ahead and striving for an excellent year. We are pleased with the level of energy our students are putting towards their education. We are utilizing ixl.com to help our students practice the skills/standards that is taught. ixl.com is a wonderful tool to help students gain more knowledge on the standards taught. Just look at how hard the 6th graders are working thus far. This is just from one teacher's students. We are so proud of all of our students and look forward to an amazing year.



(Mr. Burgess, Bradford, Mr. Evans)

Student Bradford Jeoboham came in 1st place last week during the regional Cross Country meet. The championship was held at Tradewinds park and Bradford finished in 7th place out of over 100 runners! That's right, 7th place in the entire county!

For a while, he has been excitedly expressing his plan to bring home a medal or trophy for U.S. (!!!) and he did! His hard work has been paying off!!



CELEBRATIONS



"The companies that survive are the ones that work out what they uniquely can give to the world - not just growth or money but their excellence, their respect for others, or their ability to make people happy." - Charles Handy in The Search for Meaning

