



Hawks Newsletter

January 2024

From the Principal's Desk

'Tis the season of joy, love, and kindness, and in true McNicol style, we are delighted to continue spreading positivity and warmth with the generous support of our partners. Thanksgiving was of special significance for over 20 families, thanks to the unwavering generosity of Pastor White of Immanuel Temple, the Hollywood Police Department, Broward County's PTA, and our own McNicol's Families and Staff. A heartfelt THANK YOU to each one of you for making a meaningful difference. Winter break provided us with a cherished opportunity to bond with our families and express love in various ways, whether through Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa celebrations. I hope everyone had the chance to create beautiful memories and enjoy the warmth of togetherness. As we embark on the next season, let's carry the spirit of love forward to Valentine's Day. May it be filled with even more moments of connection, affection, and appreciation for the relationships that enrich our lives. Additionally, we commemorate the MSD tragedy that occurred on February 14, 2018 by observing a day of service. Let's come together to honor the past and embrace the spirit of unity and love. Finally, I look forward to seeing you at our Black History Month celebration on February 22 at 6:30 PM.



A few important reminders to ensure the safety and well-being of our students:

1. **Morning Drop-Off:** Students should not be dropped off on campus before 7:15 AM as there is no adult supervision available before this time.
2. **Early Release Pickup:** As per District policy, please refrain from picking up students for early release after 1:45 PM.
3. **Off-Campus Pickup:** For the safety of all students, kindly avoid picking up your child outside the school gates. We have no jurisdiction off-campus, and it poses a risk as they would be unsupervised.
4. **"See/Hear Something, Say Something":** Consistently discuss this important principle with your child to promote a safe and secure environment.
5. **Positive Social Media Use:** Encourage your children to use social media positively. Remind them not to use it to defame or embarrass their fellow students, as such actions can have lasting emotional consequences.
6. **Medication:** If your child needs to take medication (including inhalers) during the school day, please visit the school nurse. There are essential forms that must be completed to ensure safe and proper administration. Your cooperation in promptly completing these forms is crucial for the well-being of your child and their peers.

Your cooperation in reinforcing these guidelines is greatly appreciated, contributing to the overall safety and well-being of our school community.

DISCIPLINE CORNER

In this edition of Discipline Corner, we want to shed light on an important aspect of school discipline – expulsion. While it's a topic we hope to address as infrequently as possible, it's essential to understand the process and reasons behind it.

WHAT IS EXPULSION?

Expulsion is the most serious disciplinary action a school can take, resulting in a student's removal from the school for up to one school year. This decision is never made lightly and only occurs in rare circumstances where a student's behavior poses a severe and ongoing threat to the safety and well-being of others.

WHY DOES EXPULSION OCCUR?

Expulsion may be considered when a student engages in actions such as:

- Ø Weapons possession
- Ø Severe and ongoing bullying
- Ø Drug-related offenses
- Ø Excessive Fighting
- Ø Other egregious misconduct



Our goal is to avoid expulsion and provide a safe, supportive, and inclusive learning community for all students. McNicol Middle is dedicated to providing a safe and respectful environment as we encourage all students to practice the 5 B's.

We emphasize that expulsion is not meant to be punitive but to ensure the safety and well-being of all students. Let's unite and work together as we practice the 5 B's on a daily basis.



Always
Remember

THE 5 BS

**“AT MCNICOL
MIDDLE SCHOOL,
WE FORGET THE
ORDINARY, AND
LET’S BE**

EXTRAORDINARY



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



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



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



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



- Treat others the way you like to be treated
- Doing the right thing as often as possible
- Acts of being courteous, helpful, and understanding of others

5 Bs

SETTING

HAWKS		CLASSROOMS	HALLWAYS	CAFETERIA	BATHROOMS	BUS LOOP
EXPECTATION	BE RESPECTFUL	Teacher Created	Use appropriate language when addressing adults and peers.	Clean your entire area including the floor before leaving your table.	Clean up after yourself and give each other privacy	Maintain Level 3 voice to hear your bus number over P.A. system
	BE RESPONSIBLE	Teacher Created	Proceed directly to your assigned class on time	Adhere to Level 3 announcements for dismissal procedures	Clean up after yourself. No playing and hanging out in the bathroom	Proceed to bus loop only after your bus number is called
	BE SAFE	Teacher Created	Walk on the right side of the hallway and keep hands and objects to yourself.	Remain seated at your assigned tables. Sit up straight with both feet on the floor under the table.	No fighting, playing, or hanging out in the bathroom	Stay seated while the bus is moving
	Be A LEARNER	Teacher Created	Walk on the right side of the hallway and keep hands and objects to yourself.	Adhere to Level 3 (total silence, eyes on speaker and technology put away) during dismissal procedures.	Follow directions that are posted in the bathroom for cleanliness	Learn and follow all bus rules continuously
	BE KIND	Teacher Created	Be mindful of personal space when transitioning between classes.	Pick up items on your table, even it is not yours.	If someone needs assistance reach out to a staff member immediately	Allow room for fellow students to sit when seats are limited.

COUNSELING CORNER

At McNicol Middle School, our school counseling team is dedicated to supporting our students' academic, emotional, and personal growth. We'd like to highlight some of the essential services and assistance our team provides.

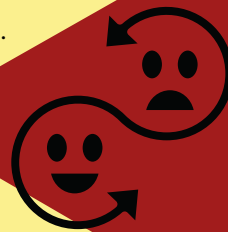
Academic Support:

Our counselors are here to help students navigate their academic journey. Whether it's choosing the right courses, addressing learning challenges, or planning for the future, our team offers guidance and resources to ensure student success.



Social and Emotional Well-being:

We understand that middle school can be a time of emotional growth and self-discovery. Our counselors are available to provide a listening ear, support, and guidance for students facing social and emotional challenges.



College and Career Planning:

Our team assists students in exploring their interests, skills, and future goals. We provide resources and guidance to help students make informed decisions about college and career paths.



Conflict Resolution:

Our counselors work with students to address conflicts and disagreements in a constructive way. We promote effective communication and problem-solving skills to maintain a positive school environment.

Individual and Group Counseling:

Our counselors are available for one-on-one sessions as well as group counseling to address various needs, from stress and anxiety to friendship issues and personal development. (Welcoming NSU Trauma Training Counselors)

UPCOMING SCHOOL COUNSELING WORKSHOPS

Stay tuned for information about upcoming workshops and seminars that will provide students and parents with valuable insights into academic planning, social and emotional support, and college and career readiness.

Parent-Teacher Collaboration:

We believe that collaboration between parents, teachers, and the guidance team is crucial in helping students thrive. If you have concerns or questions related to your child's academic and emotional well-being, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We're here to support you and your child.

At McNicol Middle School, we are committed to the holistic development of our students. Our school counseling team is here to provide the necessary support and resources to ensure each student's success. Let's work together to help our students grow academically and emotionally.

Thank you for your continued support.





Sneaker Ball Highlights



Quarter 2 Honor Roll



ESE SPECIALIST

Ms. Olmeda



Ms. Olmeda is our ESE specialist who works hard every day to support the entire ESE population. She juggles various tasks such as updating IEP's, communicating with district & parents. Ms. Olmeda is also teaching a learning strategies class, and supporting our teachers by providing them with strategies and resources.

ESE DEPARTMENT



The ESE department wants to thank everyone who participated in the support night. It was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who put in their hard work. It is appreciated and noticed.

The ESE department is working hard with supporting our ESE population. Ms. Olmeda, Mr. Bankston, and Ms. Lewis each have a learning strategies class in which they provide intensive support for our students. Continuous data chats and enrichment is provided for ESE students to ensure they are making learning gains and closing those gaps for the F.A.S.T state test.

ELA DEPARTMENT



In ELA we have worked towards preparing students for PM2 by providing enrichment and remediating activities targeting skills and standards students will be tested on. We are incorporating differentiation and small groups to ensure that students' skills are being targeted and that they are working towards achieving their best potential in ELA and in their State exams. We are proud to add that we are incorporating Microsoft PowerPoint to ensure that our students are incorporating technology in their classrooms.

MATH DEPARTMENT

The math department is happy to continue on facilitating math tutoring through the Hawk Scholars Academy. Hawk Scholars Academy directly supports each of the end of year exams whether that be the FAST for 6-8, Algebra 1 EOC, or the Geometry EOC. The math department is engaging in a continuous professional development on strategic lesson planning to ensure the success of every student. As a family or community member, you can continue to assist your math student by enforcing that they complete their homework and complete at least one IXL assignment nightly. Students' work can be found on Canvas. Please also help us to hold our students accountable by checking their grades on a regular basis.





MENICOL MIDDLE ATHLETICS



Basketball

Shout out to both
teams on a
phenomenal job!



REMEMBER HAWKS, WE ARE...
#HAWKSSTRONG!

Volleyball

5,000 ROLE MODELS



A Day of Service and Love Wednesday, February 14, 2024



On **Wednesday, February 14, 2024**, Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) and communities across Broward County will host A Day of Service and Love in commemoration of the 17 loved ones tragically taken and those injured as a result of the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on February 14, 2018.

A Day of Service and Love is an early release day that has been designated as a 'service-learning' day, for students, staff, and volunteers to come together to support each other through a variety of community service activities at schools across the county.

In addition, on February 14 at 10:17 a.m., BCPS will observe a moment of reflection in honor of the 17 Fallen Eagles.

Broward County Public Schools extends its heartfelt gratitude to all esteemed community partners for their invaluable contributions and unwavering support.

in loving memory

McNicol Magnet & STEM Middle School

Presents Social Studies Night

"A Turning Point in History"

Black History Showcase

On February 22nd, 2024, at 6:30 P.M

A night full of fun, food, and prizes.

Come share a night of excellence with our McNicol Families.





Miami Heat Celebrations are in order!

A heartfelt congratulations to the eight McNicol students and their families who were chosen for a special experience at the Miami Heat vs. Brooklyn Nets game. This honor is a testament to their embodiment of the 5 Bs – Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, Be a Learner, and Most of all Be Kind. Their outstanding commitment and exemplary behavior shine as beacons of inspiration. Keep up the excellent work, and may this achievement be a stepping stone to even greater successes ahead!

Our teachers also attended a Miami Heat game with their families, courtesy of the Miami Heat organization. This special outing not only allowed them to enjoy the excitement of the game but also fostered a sense of camaraderie beyond the school walls.



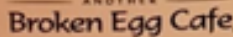
On January 28, our basketball students had a unique opportunity to enhance their skills during a Miami Heat Training Camp, where they engaged in a clinic led by notable players like Duncan Robinson, Nikola Jokic, and Josh Richardson. The highlight of the day was undoubtedly capturing a memorable picture with their newest idol, Jaime Jaiquez, further inspiring their passion for the sport. These experiences reinforce the strong connection between our school community and the thriving Miami Heat organization.



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\$\$Steak house

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Address: 4899 Sheridan St, Hollywood, FL 33021

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Menu: [longhornsteakhouse.com](#)

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Partytime

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4.3 ★★★★★ 55 Google reviews
Banquet hall in Miramar, Florida

Address: 6230 Miramar Pkwy, Miramar, FL

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4.8 ★★★★★ 25 Google reviews
Funeral home in Miramar, Florida

Address: 6107 Miramar Pkwy, Miramar, FL 33023

Hours: Open 24 hours

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Barber shop in Hallandale Beach, Florida

Located in: [Faith shopping plaza](#)

Address: The Shoppes of Hallandale, 600 W Hallandale Beach Blvd #8, Hallandale Beach, FL 33009

Hours: Open · Closes 7PM

Phone: (954) 456-6271

KINDNESS

Family Newsletter

Dear Parent:

A caring person is considerate, kind, compassionate and generous. A caring person takes into account how decisions, words and actions are likely to affect other people. Remind your child that they have the power to brighten another person's day through a simple act of kindness.

Ideas to Do as a Family

- Participate in a community service project with your child, which allows the family to show kindness towards others.
- As a family, discuss what you could do to show that you care about the environment, such as cleaning up a street, picking up trash, or starting a recycling program.
- As a family, identify things that you can do together to make a difference in someone else's life.
- Catch your child being kind and acknowledge how important that behavior is. This is a simple opportunity to reinforce how important being kind is in your family.
- Watch a television program together and talk about the various ways in which the characters acted uncaring or caring towards one another.
- Remember that the best teaching tool is to always model the behavior you want your child to learn. You are powerful role model for your child. If you are kind and helpful to other people that is what your child will learn from you.



Character Education: Middle

December



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Character Check

- Who in your life has taken care of you when you needed help? How did you feel as a result?
- Have you ever helped take care of someone or something?
- In what ways have you helped someone feel better?
- How do you feel when caring for others, showing kindness and being generous can improve your relationships with others?

Have family members talk about times they experienced their friends demonstrate kindness, generosity and/or caring.



*What Wisdom Can you
Find that is Greater
than Kindness.*