

Soaring Beyond Expectations!

21st Century After-School Program

October 2017

The 2017-2018 Year Is Off!

Greetings! We are excited to launch the first edition of Soaring Beyond Expectations! It is within this newsletter that we will highlight the amazing activities and programs that are taking place within our 21st Century School sites. In this newsletter, we also share best practices for implementing and sustaining your 21st Century Programs.

Soaring Beyond Expectations will be shared with all of our stakeholders and will include a quarterly calendar of upcoming $21^{\rm st}$ Century events. We are very excited to incorporate our United Way $21^{\rm st}$ Century and Boys and Girls Club partner sites. We will also introduce other $21^{\rm st}$ Century Programs that we partner with and work closely with!

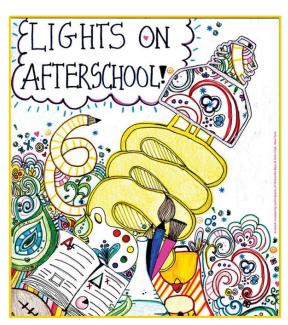
Please know that our programs could not be successful without each of you! We look forward to an amazing year and hope that you enjoy Soaring Beyond Expectations!

- Mrs. Ashley Scott, Grants Coordinator

REMINDERS!

- High School Seniors!
 The 2018-2019 FAFSA OPENED
 on October 1, 2017!
 - 21st CCLC is **CLOSED** on 11/10 & Thanksgiving Break
- 21st CCLC is **OPEN** on Early Release Days in December

18th Annual Lights On Afterschool Program!



Launched in October 2000, *Lights On Afterschool* is the only nationwide event celebrating afterschool programs and their important role in the lives of children, families and communities. The effort has become a hallmark of the afterschool movement and generates media coverage across the country each year.

The Afterschool Alliance organizes *Lights On Afterschool* to draw attention to the many ways afterschool programs support students by offering them opportunities to learn new things—such as science, community service, robotics, Tae Kwon Do and poetry—and discover new skills. The events send a powerful message that millions more kids need quality afterschool programs.¹

<u>Lights On Afterschool</u> <u>At Godby High School!</u>



(Ruediger students performing at Lights On; choreographed by Imani Dance)

On Thursday, October 26, 2017, fourteen (14) different 21st CCLC sites came together to celebrate their Afterschool Programs! Over 600 attendees came out to help celebrate the event. The attendees included: staff, students, parents, families, vendors and partners! All of the students did an amazing job showcasing their programs and participating in the performances. Thank you to everyone that assisted and played a role in the success of the program! We appreciate each of you!

Check out our website to access more pictures from Lights on.





We are so proud to welcome Nims Middle School (NMS) back to 21st Century! NMS 21st CCLC Site will have a focus on academics, career and technical exploration, counseling services, art, health and wellness, STEM, and character education.

"We are excited to have the program here at Nims Middle School. We take honor in providing our students with an array of services that complement the regular academic rigor in the classroom and tons of enrichment."

-Mr. Tyneal Haywood, Dean of Students



Vendor Spotlight!

Revolutionary Expressions Performing Arts Program is on a mission to develop youth in

discipline, confidence, and character through experiential learning in dance and drama enrichment, meaningful productions, and exposure to higher learning institutions. Ms. Tracye



Hines, CEO, runs a production team that teaches dance and drama in the schools. Students use a combination of hip-hop, lyrical, pop, and Human Video dance styles to express the songs through dance.



Students Caught In Action!



Bond students working during the academic hour.



Fairview students experimenting with Rocket Balloons.

November Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat		
			1	2	3	4		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
					No	Veterans		
					School	Day		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
				8CCC1				
				8				
				8CCC2				
				Adv. Coun.				
				Mtg				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
	Thanksgiving	No	No	No	No			
	Break: No	School	School	School	School			
	School							
26	27	28	29	30				
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December Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Early Release	14 Early Release	15 Early Release Q2 Ends	16
17	18 Winter Break: No School	19 No School	20 No School	21 No School	22 No School	23
24/31	25 No School	26 No School	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	30

January Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 Na School	2 No School	3 Quarter 3 Starts	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 MLK Day: No School	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31		•	

Compliance Corner!

Staying in compliance means that each site is doing what is required in order to keep the 21st Century grant. An important part of being compliant is making sure deliverables are accurately turned in on time. Deliverables are the necessary documents needed to show evidence that the program is running properly. There are several statutory and regulatory requirements that sites must adhere to in order to run a successful and safe program.

The Florida Department of Education, 21st Century Program provides a list of documents that are needed each month. While FDOE may have decreased the number of deliverable items they collect during the month, we are still expected to maintain these items on file and provide such documents during their onsite monitoring visits. The 21st Century district team will assist your site in ensuring that FDOE receives these items on time.

Community Partners!

Leon County Schools and The Boys & Girls Club of the Big Bend (BGCBB) have worked together to bring academic achievement and character development to the students of Leon County for many years.

The Boys & Girls Club's mission is, "to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens." Their youth development programs focus on three priority outcomes — Academic Success, Good Character & Citizenship, and Healthy Lifestyle.

It has been a privilege to partner with the Boys & Girls Club and implement their SMART Programs at our 21st Century school sites!

Nondiscrimination Notification and Contact Information

"No person shall on the basis of sex (including transgender, gender nonconforming and A gender identity), marital status, sexual orientation, race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, age, color, pregnancy, disability or genetic information be denied employment, receipt of services, access to or participation in school activities or programs if qualified to receive such services, or otherwise be discriminated against or placed in a hostile environment in any educational program or activity including those receiving federal financial assistance, except as provided by law." No person shall deny equal access or a fair opportunity to meet to, or discriminate against, any group officially affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America, or any other youth group listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society.

An employee, student, parent or applicant alleging discrimination with respect to employment, or any educational program or activity may contact:

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A student or parent alleging discrimination as it relates to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act may contact:
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