



STAR NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

November was a short month with a full week to give thanks while enjoying family and friends! December 5th and 7th all will be entertained by our talented star scholars with magnificent Starry Night Performances in the *Star Cafetorium*! As we close out the first semester, I challenge all my scholars catch up on their reading as we will be announcing the *Administrators' Reading Challenge* on December 15th! Help your child meet his/her goal.

We have nine days before winter break. This is the time of year when our scholars' attention tends to be less focused as thoughts of the approaching winter break competes with focusing on the academics. Please help us to reach academic standards by reminding your child that every day counts towards achieving academic proficiency. It is very important that your child comes to school each day – well-rested, focused, with homework complete, and ready to attend to their schoolwork. The second nine weeks ends on December 15, reading goals should be met and third through fifth grade students have science fair projects due on January 25th. As the second nine weeks of school comes to an end, it is important to remind our students of the importance of doing their best each day in school. Please review daily agenda books, AVID binders (2nd – 5th), and follow-up on notes from your child's teacher. If you have not had a parent-teacher conference, please schedule one before the winter break. These conferences are required by the school district and provide you with important information about your child's academic and social progress.

During the winter break, I encourage you to have your child read, write thank notes/letters to family members, and continue to sharpen their math facts. I would also like to take this time to thank each of you for a fabulous first semester. You are the key to our successful educational partnership. Together, we can ensure that each child achieves his/her academic and creative problem solving potential. As we prepare for 2018, I hope that you find moments of joy and peace with those you hold dear during the holiday season. You are special to us in many ways!

Iris C. Wilson, Ph.D.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- December 4 *STAR Newsletter* goes home
- December 5 Starry Winter's Night Performance @ 6:00 P.M., Cafetorium
- December 7 Starry Winter's Night Performance @ 6:00 P.M., Cafetorium
- December 9 ATMSA Mini Mu Team @ Chiles High School
- December 11-15 PTO's *Mistletoe Mall*
- December 13-15 Early Release Days – school dismisses @ 12:20 P.M.
- December 15 Second Nine Week Parent Agreement due
- December 15 End of Second Nine Weeks Birthday Celebrations
- January 2 **Teacher Planning Day – No School**
- January 3 **Students Return – Winter Homework Packets due**
- January 8 *STAR Newsletter* goes home

HEAR OUR VOICES

ATMSA Star Singers have created an amazing music video! Please help us win \$1,100 for our music program by voting in the NBC40 Let's Hear Your Voice contest! You can vote once per day until December 10. Please share this with your families/parents.

Voting link: <https://embed-413931.secondstreetapp.com/embed/10e2da92-175b-4c7a-a4d6-8cbb1a259a3b> or <http://wtwc40.com/station/contests/lets-hear-your-voice-2017>

ATMSA is the third video.

PARENT SURVEY

Have you completed your Online Parent Survey? This year our Parent Survey is online! If you have not completed your survey, please follow the Parent Engagement survey link at <https://surveys.panoramaed.com/leonschools>. The Survey Access Code for ATMSA is 'apalachee'. We appreciate you taking the time to provide valuable feedback for our students and school.

STARRY WINTER'S NIGHT PERFORMANCES

ATMSA's A Starry Winter's Night will be on Tuesday, December 5th and Thursday, December 7th beginning at 6:00 PM each night in the ATMSA Cafetorium.

On Tuesday: 2nd / 3rd Grade Strings, 4th / 5th Grade Advanced Strings, Guitar, & Band will perform.

Chorus, Vibrations, Musical Theatre, and Star Tappers will perform on Thursday.

We hope to see all our Star Families out to support our performance groups. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Mathews at 850-488-7110 or mathewsc1@leonschools.net.

FACEBOOK/TWITTER

Are you following our Stars on Facebook/Twitter? Check out all the happenings on campus!

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ATMSAStars>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ATMSA.STARS>

DOUBLE GOOD POPCORN

Thanks to everyone for supporting our Double Good Popcorn fund raiser! All orders will be delivered prior to the Winter Break. Notifications will be send out on listserv, Remind, and the website.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Congratulations to all students who were cast for the 2018 ATMSA production of Beauty and the Beast. Rehearsals begin this week (Monday/Wednesday from 3:15-4:15). To be part of the Beauty and the Beast Remind notifications, please text @atmsabe to 81010. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Simunek (simuneka@leonschools.net) or Mr. Pride (pridet1@leonschools.net). We look forward to seeing this amazing production!

CHANGE OF TRANSPORTATION

Transportation changes must be received in writing by 2:15 p.m. Please email atmsa@leonschools.net and describe in detail the change in mode of transportation. Transportation changes will not be taken after 2:15 p.m.

SCHOOL PARENT AGREEMENTS

The second nine-week grading period will end on December 15, 2017. You will receive your new School Parent Agreement on Friday, December 8th, one week before the end of the grading period. Please make sure that you have had a conference with your child's teacher this first semester and turn in your second School – Parent Agreement.

MISTLETOE MALL

ATMSA is ready to open Mistletoe Mall! Come one, come all to the Apalachee Tapestry Mistletoe Mall!

The students will shop for the loved ones they know, on **December 11-15, 2017.**

