



STAR NEWS

Apalachee Tapestry Magnet School of the Arts

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is difficult to believe that we are halfway through the school year and are deep into the third nine weeks. It was such a pleasure to see so many parents and friends at our Second nine-week Award Ceremony. Many of our students are shining bright! Please be aware that mid-term Progress Alert notices will be going home on Wednesday, February 6th. These notices will serve as a reminder to check your students' grades in FOCUS.

Our very own Dylan Henry represented ATMSA at the Annual District Tropicana Speech Contest. He won second place overall and we are so proud of him! Another ATMSA star shining bright!

As we begin the month of February, there are many exciting events happening at ATMSA. Some of these include National Elementary Honor Society Induction, Volunteer and Partner Appreciation Breakfast, Magnet School Tour, African American Celebration, Spring Book Fair, Spring Reading Picnic, and the Spring Arts Carnival. We look forward to seeing you on campus this month.

February also brings us to that time that our students prepare to "Show What They Know" during the state assessments. Teachers and staff have been working hard all year to make sure our stars have mastered the standards the state requires all Florida students to master. However, these efforts will not make a difference if students are not in school every day to benefit from them. It is critical that you bring your child to school each day and on time. The minutes of lost instructional time add up, as well as not completing classwork and homework!! Thank you for your support in this area.

Jennifer Ricardo, Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Apalachee Shining Stars,

It is with great excitement that I write this letter of introduction as the new Assistant Principal of Apalachee Tapestry Magnet School of the Arts. I am looking forward to meeting the amazing community of students, families, teachers, staff, and stakeholders.

I am a proud graduate of Flagler College and Capella University. I have both a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a master's degree in Educational Leadership in Administration. I come to Apalachee with 16 years of experience in education. I have had the pleasure of teaching first grade, fourth grade, and fifth grade. I have also worked outside of the classroom gaining valuable experience as a Reading Coach, Data Coach and most recently a Dean. I spend my time outside of school with my husband Justin and our two boys, Jackson and Jennings. We enjoy being outdoors and trying new things!

As a former student of Apalachee, I know first-hand what an awesome school it is. I am looking forward to working with all the amazing faculty and staff to continue the legacy of developing students with creative and critical thinking skills, through the diverse curriculum for the arts.

Sincerely,

Nikki Bradley

CHANGE OF TRANSPORTATION

Transportation changes must be received in writing by 2:15 p.m.

Please email atmsa@leonschools.net and describe in detail: child's name, teacher's name, normal method of transportation, new method of transportation, and the dates effective. Transportation changes will not be taken after 2:15 p.m.

Students being checked out of school early must be done before 2:15 p.m. If you must check out your child (ren) before the regularly scheduled dismissal at 2:50 p.m., you will need to arrive before 2:15 p.m. To help ensure students' safety, we will not be able to check out students between 2:15 p.m. and dismissal at 2:50 p.m.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 2 North Florida Strings Festival
..... ATMSA Chorus National Anthem @
..... FSU Basketball Game
- February 4 *STAR Newsletter* goes home
..... Valentine's Day Candy Sales Begin
- February 6 3rd Nine Weeks Progress Alerts Go
..... Home
- February 7 Science Fair Presentation & Judging
..... (4th/5th)
- February 8 Valentine's Day Candy Sales End
- February 11 1st Grade Parent Conference Night
- February 14 Volunteer/Partner Appreciation
..... Breakfast @ 8:30 A.M., Cafeteria
..... 5th Valentine's Day Orders delivered
- February 15 4th Grade Field Trip: Kennedy Space
..... Center
- February 18 President's Day Holiday – No School
- February 19 SAC Meeting, 5:00 PM
..... National Elementary Honor Society
..... Induction Ceremony, 6:00 P.M.
- February 20 School Showcase Tour, 10:00AM
- February 22 Spring Book Fair begins
- February 25 School Showcase Tour, 5:00PM
- February 27 Class Picture Day
- March 1 Dr. Seuss' Birthday
..... Spring Reading Picnic 11:30–1:00
..... Spring Carnival, 5:30-8:00P.M.
..... Book Fair Late Night, 4-7:00PM
- March 4 3rd Grade FSA Parent Night 6-7PM

at the FSU Men's Basketball game today! They did an amazing job and we are so proud of our Shining Stars! Great things continue to happen at ATMSA!



SCHOOL CHOICE DEADLINE

LCS is currently accepting applications for school choice for the 2019-2020 school year. Information and applications may be found at <https://www.leonschools.net/schoolchoice>.

Applying for School Choice?

<p style="text-align: center; color: red;">Important</p> <p>School Choice is only for Kindergarten through 12th grade. School Choice is not available to Pre-K students.</p> <p style="font-size: small; color: green;">You may call 922-2099 for Pre-K information</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: green;">You MUST use</p> <p>Google Chrome, Firefox or Safari web browser for registration and the school choice application</p> <p style="font-size: small; color: red;">Do NOT use Edge or Explorer</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: red;">NO RUSH!</p> <p>The deadline is March 1st. <i>It is NOT first come, first served.</i> Applications won't be reviewed or processed until after the March 1st deadline.</p>
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- ➔ Are you a parent of **currently enrolled Leon County Schools (LCS) students**? see **Section A**
- ➔ Are you a parent with students who will be **BRAND NEW** to our district (never enrolled in LCS)? see **Section B**
- ➔ Are you a parent of **former LCS students**, who are returning to a LCS school for next school year? see **Section C**

➔ You do not have to re-apply for School Choice if you are not changing schools.

ALADDIN, Jr.

The Stars of ATMSA's Spring musical have been actively rehearsing and preparing for the March evening performances! Ticket order forms and shirt order forms will be sent home in February. We hope to see all our Shining Star families at a performance to celebrate the skills and talent of our Shining Stars!



NORTH FLORIDA STRING FESTIVAL

String Performer, grades 2 – 5, will participated in the String Festival February 2nd at FSU. Our Stars did a stellar job receiving the highest scores resulting in achievement at the gold level. Shine on, Stars!



ATMSA CHORUS @ FSU

Apalachee's Star Singers performed the National Anthem

4H/TROPICANA SPEECH

Congratulations Dylan H., a 5th Grade Shining Star, on his speech, Is It Worth It?, at the 2019 4H/Tropicana Speech Contest! Dylan placed 2nd overall against other 4th/5th grade students from all public/charter/private schools in Leon County!! Great things continue to happen at ATMSA! We are so proud of all our Shining Stars. 🌟💙💛



