



STAR NEWS

Apalachee Tapestry Magnet School of the Arts

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As a new year and second semester comes, it brings excitement and new occasions to learn! Our star scholars are working especially hard in key focus areas for reading, math, and science to achieve our school-wide goals. In order to achieve our goals, we need your help in accomplishing this task! We need you to support our teachers and star students by playing an active role in your child's education. It is critical that your child is on time and in school every day. Homework must be completed and that includes reading each night. If your child is in third, fourth, or fifth grade and not in a Morning Club, they may participate in Morning Academy. In addition, some teachers are providing after school tutoring. I encourage you to help your child be successful and make sure that they take part in some of the opportunities that are available at no charge to parents.

Please review daily agenda books, AVID binders, and follow-up on notes from your child's teacher. If you have not had a parent-teacher conference, please schedule one as soon as possible. These conferences are required by the school district and provide you with important information about your child's academic and social progress. To reach our goal, we are all going to have to do our part! We are committed and need your support.

Iris C. Wilson, Ph.D.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 8 *STAR Newsletter* goes home
- January 10 Report Card go home
- SAC Meeting @ 5:30 P.M., Media Center
- PTO Meeting @ 6:00P.M., Media Center
- January 15 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- January 18 Magnet Showcase @ Bloxham Building, 5:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
- January 20 Magnet Showcase @ Bloxham Building, 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
- January 22 *PTO STAR Newsletter* goes home
- January 23 Science Fair Projects due to teacher (Grades 3rd – 5th)
- January 24 Stars Perform National Anthem – ACC Basketball (FSU vs GT)
- January 25 FSA Parent Night & Science Fair Viewing @ 6:00 P.M.
- January 30 SMILE United (2nd Grade)
- January 31 ATMSA Magnet Open (New stars) @ 6:00 P.M.
- February 3 North Florida Strings Festival (2nd Year and above Strings Stars)

STARS PERFORM

Students from Ms. Simunek's 5th grade FOCUS class will be performing the Star-Spangled Banner at the FSU Men's Basketball game on Wednesday, January 24th vs. Georgia Tech. Please see the attached form to order tickets for the game. Tickets are only \$5 each for all students, family members, faculty/staff, friends on Apalachee for this game! Please complete the form sent home today and return to school by Wednesday, January 17th.

SCHOOL CHOICE



ATMSA is an art magnet school of choice! Leon County Schools' School Choice / Magnet School reassignment site is currently accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. Applications will be accepted from January 5th – March 1st. Students do NOT need to reapply to continue at his/her current school. Please visit the [LCS SCHOOL CHOICE WEBSITE](#) for more information, including contact information for any further questions. There will be two district-wide showcases, January 18th (5:30 – 8:00 P.M.) and January 20th (9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.), at the Bloxham Building, 725 N. Calhoun Street. ATMSA will host two Magnet Open House, January 31st (6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.) and February 15th (9:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.) to showcase the opportunities for students at Apalachee.

If you live outside Leon County, you must be released by the Superintendent of your resident county. Even if your child has never attended school in the other county, we still need your release each year. Feel free to call if you have any questions the Leon County School Choice Office 850-487-7546 or 850-414-5160.

ATMSA YEARBOOK

ATMSA yearbooks are now on sale for **\$20.00** and you do not want to miss out on this yearbook filled with students, staff, childhood friends, and wonderful memories throughout the 2017-2018 school year! It is going to be a work of art. Fifth grade parents will have the opportunity to place an ad in the yearbook for their matriculating scholar. The cost for the ads will be \$6.00 for a quarter page or \$12.00 for a half page ad. Please return the attached form to the front office (Mrs. Thorpe or Ms. Harris). Business ads are \$10.00. Each year is a treasure – preserve your child's elementary days with a copy of the school yearbook! You will have a priceless piece of your child's school days!



YEARBOOK ORDER

Please return your form to Mrs. Thorpe or Ms. Harris (front office) with \$20.00 payment. **Fifth grade matriculation ads** (Send a special message to your fifth grader from family and/or friends) are on sale for \$6.00 quarter page or \$12.00 for half-page. You may include photos.



Child's Name _____

Grade _____ Teacher _____

_____ I want to purchase a fifth grade ad

_____ ¼ page (\$6.00)

_____ ½ page (\$12.00)

Message _____

Parent Signature _____



UNIFORM EXCHANGE

Our second uniform exchange will be held in March. We will begin accepting gently used items and you will receive a ticket for each item. In March, you will be able to get one item for each ticket. Please contact Ms. Cheryl Marrs if you have questions.

FACEBOOK



ATMSA is on Facebook! Please LIKE US to keep up with happenings on campus, including links to our ATMSA News, our morning news program and other exciting events.

SUNSHINE STATE BOOKS

Third, fourth and fifth grade students are busy reading the 2017 – 2018 Sunshine State Books. There are fifteen books and each student has received a Sunshine Reader Card to be initialed by Mrs. Mathews, Media Specialist each time they read a book and complete the Accelerated Reader (AR) test with 80% or above accuracy. Students who have read at least ten of the books and have their Sunshine State Reader Cards validated will enjoy lunch with Dr. Wilson and Mr. Rudenberg during the annual voting period to select the best book. Students reading all fifteen books will receive an end-of-the year award. Please check your child’s Sunshine State Reader Card (they are kept in their agenda book plastic pocket) to monitor their progress and to make sure they are reading.



FSA ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

The FSA Assessment Calendar for Apalachee has been posted. It is important that appointments and other events that require students to miss school are scheduled around these dates, if at all possible. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rudenberg at (850) 488-7110 or rudenbergd@leonschools.net

	3rd	4th	5th
Writing		March 6	March 6
ELA	April 10 - April 11	April 18 - April 19	April 24 - April 25
Math	April 30 - May 1	May 2 - May 3	May 7 - May 8
Science			April 30 - May 1



NORTH FLORIDA STRINGS

Students who have completed at least one year of violin study at ATMSA will be participating in the North Florida Strings Festival on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at the FSU School of Music. The North Florida Strings Festival is an event where strings students prepare and perform a solo piece that will be assessed by a judge. Scores, ribbons, and certificates are given to each student who participates. Mr. Gillis, ATMSA’s Strings teacher, will be in contact with all parents/guardians to register his/her child for the festival. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gillis at gillisj@leonschools.net.



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST PLAYBILL

ATMSA’s 2018 musical, Beauty and the Beast, is currently accepting ads for publication in our full-color Playbill. Celebrate your child’s participation in the musical, showcase your business, or publish another ad of your choice in our Beauty and the Beast Playbill. All ads are due by Friday, March 9th. The Playbill ad order form can be found on our website, in the front office, or by emailing Mr. Scarponem at scarponem@leonschools.net