



STAR NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

February is one of our shortest months and it was packed with amazing opportunities for our star scholars! February is also a month that touches educators the most because it celebrates commitment, caring, contributions, accomplishments, determination, and yes perseverance.

As we spring into March, I want to reflect on fabulous February. We had an excellent parent workshop that challenged our parents and provided them with firsthand experiences with Florida standards. Our Performing Arts and Visual Arts Stars paid tribute to our fantastic parent volunteers, mentors, and community partners while staff provided a delicious breakfast. In addition, we had a record number of parents, families, friends, and community supporters on campus reading during our Annual Dr. Seuss Reading Picnic. As we journeyed into the evening Reading Extravaganza/Book Fair with pastries, we exceeded expectations and will be able to purchase new books for the Media Center! Thanks to each of you for celebrating and promoting a love of books!

Our African American Celebration was phenomenal as our own fifth grade scholars took us through history via the Fifth Grade Wax Museum! Student Council opened our new playground, and Mini Mu scholars excelled in the final competition. As February came to a close, our Star Strings and Dance Ensembles performed amazingly on stage at Disney Springs. On March 6th fourth and fifth grade Star Writers confidently completing the FSA Writing Assessment! We culminated the first week of March with two splendid Arts Gala evening events and Field Day!

I commend our teachers and staff for an exceptional job preparing our scholars these past three quarters. As we enter the last nine-week grading period, we need your continued support to achieve our goals. April brings longer days, warmer weather, and an increase in outdoor activity. While this warmer weather allows opportunities for learning field trips, we still have much work to do in order to master required standards before the end of the school year. Please remind your child of school, district, and bus guidelines so we can finish the year strong and on a positive note.

Report cards will go home on Wednesday, March 28th. Please make sure that you have had a conference with your child's teacher to discuss their progress at this point of the school year. Please help your child stay on target for a successful end of the school year by making sure that all homework is complete and turned in, AR reading goals are achieved with 85% accuracy, planners are signed, AVID binders checked, bedtimes provide adequate rest, and most important, your child consistently arrives at school each day on time and is in school until 2:50 p.m.

Congratulations to this year's cast for *Beauty and the Beast*! Our star performers have been hard at work practicing after school. Thanks to each parent for ensuring that our scholars attend the practices and are picked up on time. A special thanks to our directors – Ms. Simunek and Mr. Pride. We can't wait to attend the performance in April.

I look forward to seeing each family represented during parent conferences, PTO, SAC, and other activities during the upcoming weeks.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

March 19	Teacher Planning Day
.....	ATMSA Annual Golf Tournament @ 8:00 A.M., Hilaman Golf Course
March 20	Star Newsletter goes home
March 26	Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive begins
March 27	Kennedy Center artist Sean Layne visit
March 28	Kennedy Center artist Sean Layne visit
.....	Report cards go home
April 2	National PB&J Day
April 2 – 6	FRA and SSYRA Book Voting Week
April 5	Third Nine Weeks Award Ceremonies (Primary-9:00 A.M./Intermediate-1:30 P.M.)
April 21	Comcast Cares Event

LOCAL BUSINESSES

SUPPORT ATMSA GOLF

A special thanks to our local businesses who support our Shining Stars at ATMSA! Each of the following businesses helped support our Annual Golf Tournament. We hope that our Apalachee families will show your appreciation by supporting them, too! ATMSA Annual Golf Tournament was a huge success! Thank you to all of those who participate and supported our Golf Tournament. Funds raised will be used to support our various arts programs, including the purchase of new instruments for our stars!



COMCAST CARES DAY

ATMSA has been selected as their community main project this year! On Saturday, April 21st, volunteers from Comcast, ATMSA, and the community will team together to complete projects throughout the Apalachee campus – and we need you! Each volunteer is vital to achieve our goals of building an outdoor classroom, painting sketched murals, weeding, planting, cleaning/organizing, pressure washing, and many other school-wide projects during this day of giving back. Students are encouraged to volunteer with the supervision of his/her parent/guardian. We want the entire Apalachee family and Tallahassee community to come out and support our Shining Stars. The event begins at 8:00 (breakfast at 7:30 A.M.) with snack and lunch. Please help our school have a successful day!



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Our scholars will perform Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, Jr. on April 26th and 27th at 6:30 P.M. in the Cafetorium. T-shirts are now on sale for the event. Order forms are on-line or can be picked up in the front office.

PEANUT AND JELLY DRIVE

Peanut butter and jelly drive will kick off Monday, March 26th and will be conducted in a collaborative effort with Second Harvest and WCTV to support our communities. We are asking the Student Council and our National Honor Society to lead this effort at ATMSA! Ms. Love, Student Council, and Mrs. James, National Honor Society sponsors will work with our stars as they work with classrooms to make this project a success and provide peanut butter and jelly for hungry children and families in our community. These jars of peanut butter are high in protein, have a long on shelf life, and are always in demand at Second Harvest. It is also really easy for children to wrap their brains around helping other children with something as simple as PB & J and it's a very affordable and tangible way for parents to help. For safety reasons, please get plastic jars.

FSA ASSESSMENTS

FSA Writing(4th/5th) is complete and we are very proud of our star scholars' effort and focus throughout the assessment! Upcoming FSA dates are listed below. Please try to schedule appointments around these dates.

	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

SUMMER CAMP

ATMSA's Extended Day will have a summer camp program this summer. Thematic experiences where children learn through daily classes in the arts, science, creative writing, and drama. Please contact Mrs. Wells for details. Information and registration will soon be posted on our school website.

SCHOOL TOURS

If you have a little one starting kindergarten in the fall, or if you have neighbors and family members with a child starting kindergarten, please enroll your child now. If you would like a school tour, please call the school at 850-488-7110 to schedule a time. Early registration allows us to properly plan for incoming students. Please help spread the word!

CHANGE OF TRANSPORTATION

Transportation changes must be received in writing by 2:15 PM each day. Please email atmsa@leonschools.net and describe, in detail, the change in mode of transportation, including bus number or bus color. If you have questions, please call (850) 488-7110.

