



# STAR NEWS

## Apalachee Tapestry Magnet School of the Arts

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### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

February was a fantastic month at Apalachee Tapestry Magnet School of the Arts. We celebrated African American history with our annual celebration. This celebration included such activities as Zumba, choral spirituals, and our own fifth grade students took us through history via the Fifth Grade Wax Museum! We had our Spring Book Fair and had a weeklong celebration of Dr. Seuss! We inducted approximately 40 fourth and fifth grade students into the National Elementary Honor Society during a lovely ceremony with parents, teachers and students.

Additionally, we paid tribute to our fantastic parent volunteers, mentors, and community partners while staff provided a delicious breakfast. **THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS AND MENTORS!** We capped off the month and began the new month with our Spring Reading Picnic.

A big thank you to our teachers and staff for an exceptional job preparing our students 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.

Congratulations to this year's cast for *Aladdin, Jr.*! Our star performers have been hard at work practicing after school. Thanks to each parent for ensuring that our cast members attend the practices and are picked up on time. A special thanks to our directors – Ms. Simunek and Mr. Mitchell. We cannot wait to attend the performance later this month.

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

Shining brightly,

*Mrs. Ricardo*

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- March 1.....Spring Carnival **POSTPONED** until April 18<sup>th</sup>.
- March 4.....3<sup>rd</sup> Grade FSA Parent night, 6-7PM
- March 5.....Makana Performance, 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
- March 7 .....2<sup>nd</sup> Grade STEM Field Trip
- March 12.....Aladdin, Jr. Public Performance, 6:30PM
- March 14.....Aladdin, Jr. Public Performance, 6:30PM
- March 19-22 .....*Spring Break – No School*
- March 25.....Teacher Planning Day – No School for Students
- March 26.....Students Return
- .....Krispy Kreme Fundraiser Begins
- March 27.....Southern Shakespeare Festival – 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade FOCUS
- April 1.....Report cards go home
- April 2.....FSA Testing (3<sup>rd</sup>: ELA, 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>: Writing)
- April 3.....FSA Testing (3<sup>rd</sup>: ELA, 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>: Makeup Writing)
- April 12 .....3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks Award Ceremony
- .....K-2 - 9:00am and 3-5 - 9:45 am
- April 18.....Spring Carnival (Rescheduled from March)

### **ALADDIN, Jr.**

Our talented Stars will perform Disney's *Aladdin, Jr.* for the public on March 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. in the Cafetorium. Tickets are now on sale in the front office.



## SPRING CARINVAL: POSTPONED UNTIL 4/18/19

Due to current and potential weather conditions, our ATMSA PTO Board and Administration have decided to postpone the Spring Carnival until a later date. In order to ensure that our students and families will be able to enjoy all the wonderful games and booths that we have prepared, we have made the decision to move our 2019 Spring Carnival to **Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 8:30 P.M.**

If your child has already purchased bands or tickets, we will honor these purchases for the new date. For those families who have not placed any pre-purchase orders, please wait to do so until further information is sent home. We will be sending out new order forms closer to the newly determined date. We apologize for this inconvenience and hope that you will be joining us in April. Thank you for your support of Apalachee Tapestry Magnet School of the Arts and our Shining Stars.



## BOXTOPS

Thank you to all parents and family members who sent in Boxtops. We collected over 1,100 Boxtops from our Stars! This is money that comes back directly the school and helps us maintain the many activities and experiences provided to our Shining Stars throughout the year. It's never too early to start collecting Boxtops for our next competition!

## MAKANA

FSU's Opening Nights will bring the artistic talents of Makana to the campus of Apalachee for a performance for our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade Shining Stars. We are appreciative of the partnership with FSU's Opening Nights and the experiences they provide to our Stars each year.

**OPENING  
NIGHTS  
IN CLASS**

# Makana



## FSA ASSESSMENTS

FSA Assessments will begin April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Upcoming FSA dates are listed below. Please try to schedule appointments around these dates.

<u>Date</u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</u>	<u>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>
Tues., April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	ELA Day 1	ELA Writing	ELA Writing
Wed., April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	ELA Day 2	ELA Writing Make Ups	ELA Writing Make Ups
Wed., May 1 <sup>st</sup>		ELA Day 1	ELA Day 1
Thur., May 2 <sup>nd</sup>		ELA Day 2	ELA Day 2
Tue., May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Math Day 1	Math Day 1	Math Day 1
Wed., May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Math Day 2	Math Day 2	Math Day 2
Thur., May 9 <sup>th</sup>			Science Day 1
Fri., May 10 <sup>th</sup>			Science Day 2

## 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. White for details. Information and registration will soon be posted on our school website.

## CHANGE OF TRANSPORTATION

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

Please email [atmsa@leonschools.net](mailto: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.



## 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE FSA PARENT NIGHT

Our scholars have been very busy preparing for the FSA this year. Third grade is the first-time students take the FSA and we know many of you have questions about the test and guiding your student in the coming months. **Please join us for our FSA Parent Night on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm in the cafeteria.**

We would like to take this time to share information about the FSA and answer any questions about this new experience. Please reach out to your scholar's homeroom teacher with any questions about FSA Parent Night. Light refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you!

