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#### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

September was a busy month filled with opportunities for parent involvement. It was great seeing engaged parents during our Parent Involvement Kick-off on September 18<sup>th</sup>. The sessions were informative and you now have a better understanding of the Florida Standards, Accelerated Reader, AVID, Math Financial Literacy, and how to better support your child at home. Dad Take Your Child to School was an amazing morning. We had over 100 dads, uncles, grandfathers, and other family members on campus taking part in their child's education. Please add the Parent Involvement Workshop and Dad Take Your Child to School events to your School-Parent Agreement for this first nine weeks.

We are now in our eight week of school, our young scholars are settling in to a rigorous, engaging routine. Mid-term Progress Reports went home September 13<sup>th</sup>; teachers are scheduling the first nine-week conference. It is critical that you meet with your child's teacher to discuss his/her progress at this time before Report Cards go home on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Please help our Stars stay on track by making sure homework is completed, getting them to school on time, and reviewing agendas/AVID binders. This is also a good time to review the district attendance and behavior policies. These policies include following district, school, and bus rules. Each week our school highlights a Lifeskill. These skills are listed in your child's Agenda books. Please review these skills and all rules with your child to ensure a safe and orderly school environment. School and bus referrals will be given to students who do not follow these rules. You will also receive valuable feedback from your child's teacher in their individual agenda books.

October will prove to be just as engaging as September! Our Star Festival Carnival will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup>. In addition, the Fall Book Fair will be arriving soon. We are excited about celebrating your child's successes throughout the school year and look forward to seeing vou at some of the October events!

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#### Iris C. Wilson, Ph.D. **DATES TO REMEMBER**

November 6	STAR Newsletter goes home
	Double Good Popcorn Sales
	Begin!
November 7	Health Screenings (K/1/3)
November 8	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks Progress Alerts
	Go Home
	SAC Mtg @ 5:30 PM, Media
	Center
	PTO Mtg @ 6:00 PM, Media
	Center
November 10	Veteran's Day (No School)
November 13-17	Mimi Herman, Resident Artist
	Beautify and the Beast Auditions
November 13	Echoes of Nature Visit
November 14	Aquaventures, 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
November 15	Blended Lives, 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
November 20-24	Thanksgiving Holiday Break
November 27	Double Good Poporn Sales END
November 29	Individual Picture Retakes /
	FOCUS and Before School Club
	Pictures

## **BEAUTY & THE BEAST AUDITIONS**

Auditions for ATMSA's 2018 production of Disney's Beauty and the Beast will take place the week of Nov.  $13^{th} - 17^{th}$ . All students were provided with an audition packet and are encouraged to audition. More information can be



found on our website, or if you have questions, please contact Mr. Pride (pridet1@leonschools.net) or Ms. Simunek (simuneka@leonschools.net)

## **PICTURE DAY**

Individual retake picture day is Wednesday, Nov. 29th.

## MIMI HERMAN, KENNEDY CENTER ARTIST

ATMSA welcome Kennedy Center Artist Mimi Herman to campus the week of Nov.  $13^{th} - 17^{th}$ . Ms. Herman will be working with our  $5^{th}$  grade students and

### PTO DOUBLE GOOD POPCORN FUNDRAISER

This fundraiser helps PTO fund the purchase of new band instruments, string instruments, classroom projects, and other arts-integrated needs throughout the campus. We understand the importance of providing the best for our Star Scholars and are asking for the help from all our Star families.

Our fundraiser this year runs from Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> through Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. This allows Star families to solicit family members over the

Thanksgiving break and have orders back in time for the Winter Holidays

As you receive orders, please collect payment in the form of cash, money order, or check. (Please make checks payable to Apalachee or ATMSA.)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the front office at (850) 488-7110.

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# TOY, GHDEY, SREY

Congratulations to Ms. Harrison, Mrs. Moore, and Mr. Watson for being recognized by their colleagues as Apalachee's 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year, Glenn Howell Distinguished Educator of the year, and School Related Employee of the Year, respectively! We appreciate all the love and hard work you put forth to take care of our Stars. Thank you!

#### FACEBOOK

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

#### CHANGE OF TRANSPORTATION

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

## MLK DREAMERS & DOERS

Congratulations to Apalachee's representatives to the 2018 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's Dreamers and Doers, Zy'Kerria Gee and Ricardo Ibarra. Both Zy'Kerria and Ricardo were nominated by their teachers as students who represent the ideals and values of Dr. King.

