



# STAR NEWS

Apalachee Tapestry Magnet School of the Arts

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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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 you at some of the October events!

*Iris C. Wilson, Ph.D.*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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- October 2.....*STAR Newsletter* goes home
- October 4.....PTO Mtg @ 6:00 P.M., Media Center (Fall Carnival)
- October 9.....Fall Book Fair begins
- October 11.....Individual Picture Day
- October 12.....**Fall Festival of Stars** Carnival
- .....End of First Nine Weeks
- .....Book Fair Ends
- October 13.....**Teacher Planning Day – No School**
- October 16-20 .....**AVID College Week**
- October 16.....*PTO STAR Newsletter* goes home
- October 19.....Science Fair Parent Workshop @ 6:00 PM, Cafetorium
- October 20.....**First Nine-Week** Parent School Agreements due
- October 23-27 .....**Red Ribbon Week**
- October 25.....**Report Cards go home**
- October 26.....**Vibrations and Choir Performance** – Lights On Event
- October 30.....*STAR Newsletter* goes home
- October 31.....Book Character Parade (8:45 A.M.)
- .....Annual Fall School-wide Picnic (11:30-12:30)
- .....Birthday Celebrations

## ATMSA WEARS PINK



October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Our stars are able to wear pink bottoms and socks on Wednesday, October 4th in support of "Paint the Town Pink". Please make sure your child wears a polo in school colors.

## PICTURE DAY

Individual fall pictures are now scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup>. The company changed our picture day due to Hurricane Irma.

## Picture Day FALL FESTIVAL

All Apalachee students, family members, and the community are invited to attend the Annual Fall Festival of Stars sponsored by the PTO on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 8:00 PM!

We are requesting each family for donations:

**Primary (PreK-2) – one bag of wrapped candy,  
Grades 3-5 Capri Sun drinks.**

All games activities will be available to children with the purchase of an 'Unlimited Band.' Early Bird band purchases are \$15-first band, \$10-second band, and \$5 for each additional band within the same household. Early bird bands will remain on sale through October 9<sup>th</sup>. Bands will be available for purchase the day of the festival at an increased cost. (\$20-first band, \$15-second band, \$10-each additional within the same household.)

## SCHOOL PARENT AGREEMENTS

The first nine-week grading period will end on October 12, 2017. Please make sure that you have a conference with your child's teacher and turn in your first School – Parent Agreement.

You will receive a new School Parent Agreement on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, one week before the end of the Second Nine Week grading period.

## 2017 -18 PTO OFFICERS

We are proud to have parents who support all that we do at ATMSA! **A special thanks** to our officers who have provided countless hours in so many ways the past years. A special thanks to Mrs. Cheryl Pye who served as our president for two years! We welcome and congratulate our new PTO Officers:

President – Mr. Tremaine Hughes

Vice President – Mrs. Jessica Hughes

Secretary – Ms. Cheryl Marrs

Treasurer – Mrs. Dwanna Moore

We look forward to an amazing, successful new year!

## FACEBOOK



ATMSA is on Facebook! Please follow 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 [atmsa@leonschools.net](mailto:atmsa@leonschools.net) and describe in detail the change in mode of transportation. Transportation changes will not be taken after 2:15 p.m.

## 2017 -18 STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS



Our shining Star Scholars campaigned and our students used actual voting machines to elect our student leaders! We congratulate this year's Student Council Officers:

President – Kamaya Pinnock

Vice President – Sion Brown

Treasurer – Sa'Niyah Falah

Thomas Suh

Secretary – Camari Frazier

Reporter – Camaron Houston

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative – Zariyah Lawson

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Representative – Ja'Siah Collins

