



STAR NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy Fall! September was a busy month filled with opportunities for learning and parent involvement. It was great seeing and hosting over 150 dads, uncles, grandfathers, and other family members on campus taking part in their child's education during the annual Dad Take Your Child to School Day.

As we approach the end of our first nine weeks, our students are settling in to a rigorous, engaging routine. Mid-term Progress Reports have gone home and teachers are scheduling the first nine-week conference. It is important that you meet with your child's teacher to discuss his/her progress at this time before Report Cards go home on October 24th.

Each week, our school highlights a Life Skill. 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 throughout the school year. Parents can also help our Stars stay on track by making sure homework is completed, getting them to school on time, and reviewing agendas/AVID binders every day.

October will be an exciting month! The Fall Book Fair will be here from October 5th through October 11th. Be sure to stop by and check out all the great books you can purchase for your student(s). Additionally, Sean Layne will be here to work with some of our teachers and students on integrating arts with our curriculum. We are looking forward to working and learning with him.

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!

Jennifer Ricardo

DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 1.....*STAR Newsletter* goes home
- October 5.....Fall Book Fair begins
- October 10.....Parent Workshop #1
- October 11.....End of First Nine Weeks
-Book Fair Ends
- October 12.....***Teacher Planning Day*** – No School
- October 15.....Volunteer Meet/Greet
- October 19.....Wear Pink Bottoms, Bows, Socks, and Accessories
- October 24.....PTO Mtg @ 6:00 P.M., Media Center
- October 23-27***Red Ribbon Week ??***
- October 24.....***Report Cards go home***
- October 31.....Book Character Parade (8:45 A.M.)
-Annual Fall School-wide Picnic (11:30-12:30)



EARLY AFTERNOON DISMISSAL / DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Parents/Guardians picking students up early from school for doctor's appointments are asked to pick them up by 2:15 P.M. If you try to pick up after 2:15 P.M., there may be a major delay and you may not be able to get your child to his/her appointment in a timely manner. As a reminder, all parents/guardians must show identification and be verified on a student's pickup list in FOCUS Parent Portal to pick a child up from school. Please check your child's FOCUS Pickup list to verify adults that have been identified with permission to pick up your child.

ATMSA WEARS PINK



October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Our stars are able to wear pink bottoms, socks, bows, and other accessories on Friday, October 19th in support of "Paint the Town Pink". All students are expected to be in school uniform tops.

PICTURE DAY - RETAKES

Individual fall pictures retakes and Morning Club/FOCUS Group pictures are scheduled for November 2nd.

FALL FESTIVAL

ATMSA's PTO has voted to make some changes to the annual carnival, including a change in date. **The Carnival has been rescheduled for Friday, March 1st.** PTO will be working throughout the year to refresh the games, activities, and format to make our school carnival one of the best in Leon County! We hope that you are able and willing to join us in our future PTO meetings and Carnival Work Dates to help us put a fresh spin on an already outstanding experience for our Stars! If you have questions or would like to sign up for a committee, please email PTO President, Mrs. Jessica Hughes at jlj_hughes@yahoo.com. Our next PTO Meeting is scheduled for Oct. 24th at 5:45 PM.

THANK YOU "DADS!"

Thank you to all those fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, uncles, cousins, and important people (including some moms!) in our Stars' lives for joining us on campus Wednesday morning. We had 200+ guests on campus – and it was great seeing our visitors working math problems, having data chats with students, and being part of the morning routine. If you are interested in becoming a mentor or volunteering on a regular schedule, please contact Ms. Stokes (stokesc@leonschools.net), Parent Liaison, and she will help you through the registration process.



2018 -19 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.

We welcome and congratulate our new PTO Officers:

President – Mrs. Jessica Hughes

Vice President – Mrs. Shayla Lightfoot-Brown

Secretary – Ms. Alicia Williams

Treasurer – Ms. Fayon Jones

We look forward to an amazing, successful year!

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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 and describe in detail the change in mode of transportation. Transportation changes will not be taken after 2:15 p.m.