



# STAR NEWS

## Apalachee Tapestry Magnet School of the Arts

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have had a remarkable first three weeks! Our star scholars are ready for a dynamic new school year. The school enrollment is 609 and we welcome all our new and returning families! I am proud to introduce our new faculty/staff: Mrs. Yarbrough (PreK), Ms. Leitch (K), Ms. Tubig (1<sup>st</sup>), Ms. Wetherington (1<sup>st</sup>), Ms. Campbell (1<sup>st</sup> – Substituting for Mrs. Bellamy), Mrs. Kerr (2<sup>nd</sup>), Mx. Bressack (2<sup>nd</sup>), Mrs. Pease (4<sup>th</sup>), Mrs. Lightfoot-Brown (5<sup>th</sup>), Ms. Kolhagen (ESE), Mrs. Ramirez (Secretary), Mr. Henning (Tech Specialist), Mr. White (Security), Mr. Mitchell (Classroom Behavior Support), Ms. White (EDEP), Ms. Reddick (Paraprofessional) and Ms. Stokes (Parent Liaison).

A school-wide calendar for the first nine weeks is included in your child's Agenda Book. The Agenda Book for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade scholars is part of the AVID binder/organizational tool. Stars in PreK – 1<sup>st</sup> have their calendars in organization folders. This calendar provides dates for currently scheduled events. We believe this will keep everyone well informed. Changes to the calendar will also be noted in your monthly newsletters, website, and Listserve. I encourage you to sign up for listserv, Remind, and Facebook to quickly receive news updates.

ATMSA is fortunate to have an extraordinary, supportive PTO! If you have not joined the PTO, we encourage you to join and get involved in the many activities that allow us to provide special events for our shining stars. Our STARS need you and we will continue striving for increased parental involvement! Our second PTO meeting is September 12<sup>th</sup>, at 5:45 p.m.

Please help us to keep our children safe by following safety procedures. **Before school supervision does not begin before 7:45 a.m.** Please make sure your child does not arrive at school before this time unless he/she is enrolled in the Before School Extended Day program. Mrs. White can provide information if you are interested in this service. We have an increased number of stars at car pick-up. It is critical that everyone is patient and follow procedures before school and at dismissal. Please have your car visor sign (child's grade and name) on your visor to speed up locating your child. If you do not want to wait in the pick-up line, please park in the parking lot and use the sidewalk to pick up your child. The sidewalk from the far parking lot provides a safe walk to the cafeteria and office. Please cross at the crosswalks and use the sidewalk. **The bus area is for buses only for the safety of our children.** Modeling this behavior helps our students recognize and follow these universal safety

behaviors. We understand that this process takes time, however there is no time limit when it comes to the safety of each of our young scholars. Thanks in advance for your support in this area.

All visitors **must report to the front office for entrance to classrooms and the cafeteria. Pre-K parents are to walk their child (through the front office-no need to sign in) to the classroom and sign-in in the classroom.** Thanks for your support and cooperation.

Mr. Rudenberg and I are extremely proud to be the administrators of your child(ren). We know this year is going to be one marked with excellence and high expectations. Teachers have spent the first weeks on rules, routines, guidelines, and procedures. Please review your child's Agenda Book, AVID binder (2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>), and reinforce our Star P.R.I.D.E. expectations daily. We look forward to seeing you throughout the year as we continue this journey of excellence with, in, and through the arts!

*Mrs. Ricardo, Principal*

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- August 31..... September STAR Newsletter
- September 3.....Labor Day – No School
- September 4..... Morning Clubs (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>) Start
- September 4 – 17..Krispy Kreme Fundraiser
- September 6 .....Open House, 6:00 – 7:30 P.M.
- September 12.....SAC Mtg @ 5:00 Media Center
- September 12 .....PTO Mtg @ 5:45 Media Center
- September 26 .....**Dad-Take Your Child to School Day**
- September 28.....Krispy Kreme Certificates Delivered

# ATMSA earned a grade of 'C' for the 2017-2018 school year.

## AM/PM PROCEDURES

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Beginning Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, we will begin our normal morning procedures.

**7:45 a.m. Supervision Starts** – Cafeteria Opens for Breakfast (Students not permitted in classrooms without office/teacher pass.)

**8:00 a.m. Students Dismissed to Classrooms** from Cafeteria – Students not eating breakfast may report directly to class beginning at 8:00 AM.

**8:20 a.m. Cafeteria Closes for Breakfast** (Late Bus Students will be allowed to eat breakfast)

**8:25 a.m. First Bell**

**8:30 a.m. Tardy Bell** - Tardies have started being counted and any student arriving after 8:30 must be signed in by an adult to receive a tardy pass to class. Unexcused tardies at the beginning of the day and unexcused early checkouts result in unexcused absences. Please make sure that your child arrives in time to join their class for the first bell. Their day will begin much better if they are settled and ready to work. Help your child achieve a good attendance record and arrive at school prepared to learn with the necessary supplies.

All students being checked out early must be done by 2:25 pm. Students will not be able to be checked out after that time until our normal dismissal times.

## CELL PHONES

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Our star scholars have a tremendous amount of content to master by the end of the school year. Items unrelated to learning need to be kept at home to avoid interrupting learning.

In addition, **cell phones interrupt learning** (ringing, games) **and are not allowed on campus unless the parent has provided a written request to the principal and it has been approved.** When approved, they must be kept in backpacks and silenced. Cell phones will be collected from students and parents must pick them up unless these procedures are followed. Thanks for instilling the importance of following rules and making good choices each day.



## SCHOOL ADVISORY

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The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a decision-making group made-up of school administrators, teachers, parents, community members, and other stakeholders.

The goal of SAC is to assist in making decisions about the mission and educational purpose of the school. Each year, SAC members monitor the goals of the School Improvement Plan, conduct needs assessments, and review surveys. Our first SAC meeting is September 12<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m., followed by our PTO meeting at 5:45 p.m.

We hope you will consider attending our School Advisory Council meeting.

## ALADDIN, JR AUDITIONS

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Audition packets will be going home next week with all students. If your son or daughter is interested in participating in this year's musical, "Aladdin Jr.," on March 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Apalachee Tapestry Magnet School of the Arts. This show provides a great opportunity for all interested students to work together, regardless of experience or grade level! It also is a big undertaking, and we need to know that the students who choose to participate will be able to commit to the time and attention required. Please read through the packet and do not hesitate to contact Mr. Pride ([pridet1@leonschools.net](mailto:pridet1@leonschools.net)) or Mrs. Simunek ([simuneka@leonschools.net](mailto:simuneka@leonschools.net)) if you have any questions.

### AUDITION DATES

(AUDITION CONSENT FORM IS DUE TO MR. PRIDE BY AUDITION DAY)

Monday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>

Wednesday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> / Kind.

Thursday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>: Callbacks

Friday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>: Callbacks

