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PHANTOM NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 13, 2018

ISSUE 1

Phantom News!

Phantom Families,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the start of the 2018-2019 school year! I have to tell you all that I am extremely excited about the possibilities of the upcoming year. It will be a year of academic, social and emotional growth for our students. We had a very committed group of parents last year making up both the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) as well as the School Advisory Committee (SAC). Please consider this an open invitation to join these organizations and partner with us in working towards the overall success of our students. We believe in three keys to success for our students – The Three A's:

Attendance:

Students should attend school daily: Students should report to school on time, report to all classes on time and be mentally present for learning in all classes.

Attitude:

Students should display a positive, “can-do” attitude: A positive attitude is displayed by maintaining good self-discipline, respecting others and following academic and behavior guidelines.

Achievement:

There is a strong probability that students having good attendance and positive attitudes will have high achievement. Achievement is passing every course in order to progress to the next grade level. Achievement is completing all assigned tasks to the best of one's ability and never accepting a zero for any assignment. Achievement is being organized, being prepared and being an active participant in learning.

Please join us in supporting your students by encouraging them to follow the Three A's. We firmly believe in their value for helping students increase their academic achievement. Again, welcome to the school year, we are all very excited to see what we can accomplish, together.

I look forward to meeting and working with all of you in PTSA and SAC. Go Phantoms!

Sincerely,

Anthony Francois, M.Ed.
Principal

School Health Services:

Welcome back to school! MFMS has a school nurse assigned only two days a week. School nurses identify and assist students with their health-care needs during the school day. Two clinic cards are sent home with each student at the beginning of every school year. Please complete the cards promptly with the important health and contact information. Update the information as often as needed. Medications should be taken at home whenever possible. If medications (both prescription and over the counter) are required at school, a medication card must be completed each year. Medications must be submitted to the

clinic. Students are not permitted to have medications of any kind in their possession.

Each year the State of Florida requires that all students in grades K—6 have a vision/hearing screening, and a height/weight screen to calculate the BMI (Body Mass Index). Students in grade 6 will be screened for scoliosis. If you do not want your child to participate in

these screenings, you must notify the school in writing. **Screenings will occur September 24, September 25, 2018**



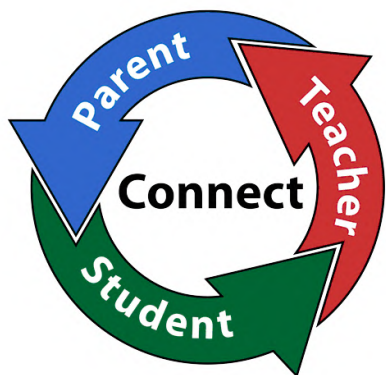
Meet the Families Night! **September 6, 2018**

We hope that you enjoy attending each of your child’s scheduled classes, meeting their teachers and discovering in part, what will be happening in the classrooms this year. This is not a time to discuss your child’s individual progress. If you desire a conference, please call the school and ask for the appropriate grade level house.

There will be a **PTSA meeting at 5:30 p.m.** in the Fitz Café. This is a great time to join PTSA, sign up to volunteer or join SAC.

Class Schedule

Period	Time	Teacher	Room #
1	6:15—6:25 p.m.		
2	6:29— 6:39 p.m.		
3	6:43— 6:53 p.m.		
4	6:57—7:07 p.m.		
5	7:11—7:21 p.m.		
6	7:24— 7:34 p.m.		
7	7:38—7:48 p.m.		



VISION AND MISSION

Vision and Mission Statement

Our Mission is to promote the highest academic achievement through a positive and safe learning environment.

Our Vision is for all students to enter high school with the skills necessary for a successful high school career. (High School Readiness)

Core Values

- ◆ All students are capable of learning and being successful.
- ◆ Students, teachers, parents, business partners and the community share the responsibility for implementing our school's mission.
- ◆ A safe and physically comfortable environment promotes student learning.
- ◆ Students learn most effectively when they are active participants in their learning process.
- ◆ Literacy should be an emphasized and an ongoing school-wide objective.

Keys to Success

- ◆ **All students can earn rewards for positive behavior by following the Three A's.**
- ◆ **Attendance:** Students are physically and mentally present each school day.
- ◆ **Attitude:** Students maintain a positive attitude and are active in learning.
- ◆ **Achievement:** Students will be prepared to complete all assigned tasks and never accept a zero for any assignment.

UPCOMINGEVENTS:

- September 3, Labor Day
- September 5, Picture Day w/Lifetouch
- September 6, PTSA & Meet the Parents Night!
- October 15, Pro Ed Day
- November 19—23, Thanksgiving Break
- December 24—January 4, 2019, Winter Holiday
- January 7 2019, Teacher Planning Day
- January 8, 2019, School resumes
- January 21, 2019, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- February 18, 2019, Pro Ed Day
- March 8, 2019, Pro Ed Day
- March 11—15, 2019 Spring Break
- April 19, 2019, Good Friday
- May 27, Memorial Day
- May 29, 2019, Last day for students



PTSA



Join PTSA! The cost is only \$5.00.

Anyone who cares about children belongs in our association. You can have that voice through PTSA. You will make a difference. Mom, Dad, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles can join. PTSA has a goal this year to have 500 families join! Please support our PTSA by filling out the membership form and returning it to school in the provided envelope. Please have your child give it to their first period teacher.

Our first PTSA meeting is September 6, 2018 at 5:30 pm.

ABC'S OF FITZGERALD MIDDLE SCHOOL

ABSENCES

Parents should send written notification for all student absences. Written notification can be submitted to the grade level house office, through email to the grade level clerk, or through our school website. Written notification should be provided to the appropriate grade level office clerk within 48 hours of the absence. Written notification will include:

- Legal name
- Reason for absence
- Parent phone number
- Parent signature
- Date of absence

ARRIVAL TIME

Students should not arrive on campus prior to 9:00 a.m. Once arriving, students are not permitted to leave campus. The welcome bell rings at 9:15 when students may enter the building for breakfast. Sixth grade students not reporting to breakfast will report to the gym. Seventh and eighth grade students not eating breakfast will report to the outside area behind the gym.

Parents who need to drop off their child or children prior to 9:00 can request information regarding our before school care program

by contacting 21st Century Learning/R 'Club at 813-325-1658.

ATTENDANCE

Each student is expected to be in class, on time every day. Good attendance is essential for progress in school. Repeated tardies will result in a disciplinary consequence. Students more than five minutes tardy without a valid pass will be considered skipping. Students out of their assigned area without a valid pass will be considered skipping.