

# Parent and Family Engagement

MAY 2021



## Digital Family of the Month The Trawick-Dixie Family

This family is really special to the fabric and success of Apalachee Elementary (ATMSA)! Mrs. Trawick-Dixie and her mom are avid and generous LCS volunteers. They are always willing to come in and help with the book fair, cast party, classroom activities, and parent and family engagement opportunities. Mrs. Trawick-Dixie serves as an active member of our PTO; she and her husband are always willing to lend a helping hand in any way that they can to be involved and supportive of the ATMSA school community.

"This past academic year has been full of challenges, but our family has risen to the occasion. Having the girls enrolled through the digital academy, we have been able to continue the educational experience we've come to know with ATMSA, as well as do what was best for our household regarding COVID-19. While there was a steep learning curve, switching to an online learning format, our children have been able to be successful. We are forever grateful to have been able to keep them at home during some of the most dangerous parts of this pandemic so far. We love being a part of the ATMSA family and look forward to continuing to grow academically."



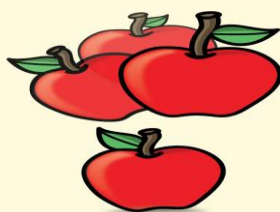
Eu'Stacia Trawick-Dixie, Samara Dixie (7, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade), Emeika Merizier (11, 5<sup>th</sup> grade), Samuel Dixie, III, and Matthew Dixie (5, rising kindergartner)

## Show Appreciation for Teachers

Did you know that some of the best gifts you and your child can give their teacher don't cost a thing?

### Send kudos.

Students can write a letter telling their teacher what they liked about school this year. Students might mention an interesting reading lesson or an interesting recess adventure/game. Also, you could email the principal to let them know what you appreciated about the teacher.



### Collect memories.

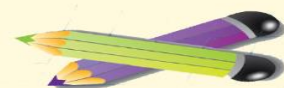
Gather any photos you took during classroom or school events, and ask other parents to share theirs. Your child can collect the pictures and add them into a scrapbook. This idea is also good showing appreciation to paraprofessionals and art, music, and PE teachers.

## Digital Resource of the Month



National Geographic online is a tool that gives parents learning activities, games and lessons in social studies, geography, science, and more for kids in grades K-12.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/>



## Parent Support Call Center



For all of your technology questions.

**Call: 487-7260**

Monday - Friday | 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

You can also request assistance by emailing your question to:  
[parenthelpdesk@leonschools.net](mailto:parenthelpdesk@leonschools.net)

Visit [www.LeonSchools.net/ParentAcademy](http://www.LeonSchools.net/ParentAcademy) for more information.

## Kids Eat Free

**Monday – Island Wing Company** – Kids eat free on Mondays, 5pm-close.

**Tuesday – BurgerFi** – Kids 12 and under eat free with the purchase of an adult meal. Dine in only.

**Wednesday – Casa Grande** – Kids eat free every Wednesday. 1 adult meal gets 1 kid's meal.

**Thursday – Wharf Casual Seafood** – Purchase an adult entrée and your child will receive a free kid's meal.

**Friday – Los Compadres Mexican Restaurant** – Kids eat free on Fridays. 1 adult meal gets 1 kid's meal.

## Upcoming Events

May 6, 2021 – Virtual Night of Celebration

May 10, 2021 – Title I Advisory Council Meeting via Zoom,  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/93099497544?pwd=WG5zU2thb2tGSIM1b2Q4K2E3MFM1Zz09>

May 31, 2021 – No School – Memorial Day Holiday

## Family Activity: Outdoor Art Studio

Doing art projects outside can supercharge your child's creativity. Head outside together for these painting projects.

### Nature Prints

Have your child collect leaves, flowers, and other natural objects from the ground. They can dip them in paint and press them on paper to make colorful prints.

### Rock Sculptures

Suggest that your child brush paint on rocks. When the rocks dry, your child might stack them in different ways to create sculptures.

### Toe Painting

Instead of finger painting, your child could take off their socks and shoes and paint with their feet!

## Best Drawings of the Month



Sealey Elementary superstars are well on their way with artworks by their students. Students, Malania Malone (Grade 4), Amare' Garrison (Grade 5), and Courtney Charlton (Grade 5), are working diligently to create artworks that challenge both their skills and creativity. Kudos on the remarkable job.

**Thank You!**

