



ATMSA

Family Newsletter

04/02	Saturday School
04/02	Honors Chorus concert Leon High School @ 7pm
04/05-04/06	Third Grade FSA ELA
04/07	Fourth & Fifth Grade FSA Writing
04/09	Saturday School
04/11	Fifth Grade Strings Field Trip to Lincoln
04/12	STAR Math Diagnostic
04/13	Fifth Grade FSA Writing
04/19	STAR Reading Diagnostic
04/22	Fifth Grade Strings Field Trip to Lincoln (Electrify Your Strings)
04/23	Campus Beautification Day #3 (Honoring Earth Day)
04/23	Saturday School
04/25-04/26	iReady Math Diagnostic
04/25	Spring Gala Rehearsal afterschool 3:15-5pm 4 th -5 th Chorus, Orchestra, Leadership & Theater
04/26	Spring Gala 6:30 pm Cafeteria
04/27-04/28	iReady Reading Diagnostic
05/03-05/04	Fourth Grade FSA ELA
05/05	Gretchen Everhart Performance Fieldtrip 4 th -5 th Chorus, Orchestra, & Theater
05/06	Fifth Grade Strings Field Trip to Lincoln
05/10-05/11	Third, Fourth & Fifth Grades FSA Math

Greeting Shining Star Families,

It is hard to believe that we are in the final quarter of school. We have witnessed so much growth and change over the last three quarters. The students of ATMSA have enthusiasm and determination to keep pushing forward to meet or exceed goals has truly been a great experience.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to monitor school safety by revising the afternoon routine. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Remember to email any change of transportation to atmsa@leonschools.net BEFORE 2:15.

We appreciate your continued support of ATMSA! By working together, we can help our students achieve great things. Please schedule a conference with your child's teacher immediately if you have not done so already.

If you need additional assistance we have a team: Assistant Principal Dr. Yvonne Jones Jonesy@leonschools.net Dean Samantha Love: loves@leonschools.net School Counselor Tomeka Bright bright@leonschools.net Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Williams

Principal

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*"A journey of a thousand miles
begins with a single step."*

Lao Tzu

School Highlights

Congratulations to the cast of **Willy Wonka!** This was a demonstration of the yearlong process by a whole team of students, parents, community partners, administrators, faculty and staff. Our shows were sold out! Special thanks to the Tapestry Team lead by Director Bryan F. Mitchell. The cast was very talented and were selected from auditions in PreK through fifth grade. In addition, 4th – 5th grade Focus classes assisted with props, graphics, and ushers.

Orchestra: Congratulations to our shining stars who performed a solo at the North Florida Strings Festival: Isabella Angelotti, Kevin Pierce, and Jordan Gilbert. Good Job!

PBIS Glow Party All students who demonstrated excellent star behavior for the third quarter with NO referrals were treated to a GLOW PARTY. Our positive behavior committee dressed in ultraviolet and turned on the music with the students and danced to celebrate making positive choices. Stay tuned for the next positive behavior celebration in the fourth quarter.

Saturday School- The excellence continues, even on the weekend. Many students show up early on Saturday to learn Reading, Math and Science and test strategies. The attendance has been growing and students are working hard. Thank you to parents for your leadership and guidance. Special thanks to the Faculty and Staff who sacrifice their Saturday. We appreciate you!

Campus Beautification- We held our second event to spruce up our campus. Special thanks to the FSU Mexican American Student Association for volunteering at our Big Event Beautification Day! The campus looks beautiful. Shout out to Ms. Chandler, the green team and teacher volunteers for organizing this event. We appreciate the help and look forward to future partnerships.

FSA 3-5 Parent Night- Thank you to our star parents for attending! It was a great success. We appreciate your support. Special thanks to our dedicated team of teachers and staff for organizing this informative and hands-on event.

Yearbook- Did you know Apalachee has a Yearbook? Make sure you get your copy so you can have a keepsake of our shining star year! **You can customize TWO pages with your own pictures!!!** April 18th is the first deadline to order your yearbook. Order your yearbook TODAY!!! Our Yearbook is only twenty dollars. Please visit our website: www.treering.com/validate Enter our school's passcode: 1016077048581272

Please do not send money to the school, pay online only.

Kindergarten-LCS is now enrolling the Class of 2035! Register your 2022-2023 kindergartner by going to www.leonschools.net/officeofadmissions.

Covid Protocols

Students are strongly encouraged to wear masks properly, wash their hands, and practice social distancing. We ask that parents keep students home if they are sick and contact the school if they test positive for Covid. For more details on the latest Covid protocols visit: <https://www.leonschools.net/InClass>.

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Stars



Congratulations to the Willy Wonka Cast, Crew, Volunteers, Parents, Audience, Faculty, Staff and Administration for making the play a big success. We had sold out shows. We also had a fun Spirit Week of rainbow colors, silly socks, twins, and wacky hats.



Thanks to Congressman Al Lawson of the 5th District of Florida for partnering with the Library of Congress to donate two boxes of new books to our Media Center. We appreciate the donation! Ask Mrs. Shorter when you visit the Media Center about the new books!



Mr. Aaron Milner, from our Classroom Connection partner Johnson & Milner, read two books to Mrs. Hill's Kindergarten class. The kids enjoyed both of them. Thank you so much Mr. Milner for your time.



The FSU Mexican American Student Association volunteered at our second Big Event Campus Beautification Day.

Attendance

Florida law requires each parent of a child from five to sixteen years of age to be responsible for the child's school attendance. Florida Statutes, 1003.24 defines the responsibility of parents for the attendance of their child at school and requires them to provide an explanation for any absence from school.

EXCUSED AND UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

It is the parent/guardian responsibility to notify the school regarding the reason for a student's absence in a timely fashion.

The law allows absences for illness or medical care, death in the family, religious holidays, **prearranged absences** for educational purposes approved by an administrator, financial and certain other special circumstances or insurmountable conditions.

Unexcused absenteeism sufficient enough to jeopardize academic progress at the elementary and middle school levels is defined as a student being absent without an acceptable reason **five** (5) times in a calendar month or **ten** (10) times in a 90-calendar day period.

TARDINESS

Tardiness is any arrival at school after the tardy bell **(8:30)** has sounded without an approved excuse. Likewise, students who leave school before the end of the school day **(2:50)** have their learning interrupted.

Tardiness and leaving early without an acceptable excuse are seen as a form of nonattendance, which is in violation of compulsory attendance statutes.

PTO NEEDS YOU!

Apalachee's Parent-Teacher Organization would love to see more parents participate in monthly meetings. Meetings are held every third Wednesday at 5:30 pm via zoom. This a great opportunity to meet other parents and collaborate on school goals, fundraisers, and events. Questions? Contact PTO President Roshanna Beard at roshanna.beard@gmail.com.

Would you like to serve as a Mentor, Volunteer, or Community Partner? Contact Parent Liaison Selena McKinnie at mckinnies@leonschools.net Volunteer applications are located at <https://volunteers.leonschools.net/> and **must be updated annually before volunteers can enter campus**. Volunteers are required to wear masks while on campus.