

Rawlings Rockets News

M.K. Rawlings Center for Fine Arts

November 2018

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Parent involvement supports students' academic success

Getting involved with your child's education doesn't just feel rewarding. It is rewarding! Hundreds of studies link parent involvement—at home and at school—to student success. Parent involvement raises students' chances of earning higher grades, getting along with others, finishing homework, graduating from high school, and more! To benefit your child the most, be sure to:

- Start early and stay involved. When parents get involved early on, kids benefit more. And research shows parent involvement should continue through middle and high school.
 - Explore your options. Your involvement can be as simple as asking, "What did you learn at school today?" or as complex as running a fundraiser. Ask about the school's needs and match them to your time and talents.
 - Be confident. No matter how you get involved, remember that it makes a difference. All primary caregivers—mothers, fathers, grandparents and others—have valuable contributions to make.
- Source: Parents Make The Difference, October 2018, Vol. 30, No. 2

Dates to Remember

- November 2-No School -UF Homecoming
- November 6-Election Day
- November 8-Veterans' Day Performance 1:30pm
- November 9: Honor Roll Celebration (8-9am), **Fall Carnival (5-7pm)**
- November 12-: No School-Veterans' Day
- November 15: SAC meeting (3:15-4:15pm)
- November 19-23: Thanksgiving Break!
- November 30-Interim Reports

Trait of the Month

November's character trait is **citizenship**.

Citizenship is our character trait for the month of November. Citizenship is taking a positive part in making one's community a better place. Citizenship includes being informed, standing up for others, obeying rules, voting or participating in school events, and helping maintain and improve the environment through picking up after oneself and recycling.

Friday, November 30th at 8:00 AM in the second stage area, we will have a combined Celebration of Character ceremony to recognize students selected by their teacher for exhibiting exemplary Citizenship, and students selected for demonstrating compassion.

Families are warmly invited to attend!



Vision

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Student Spotlight

for last month's
citizen of the month
challenge:

Tysen Sanford
Lauren Batie
Luis Pozos
Makenzie Eiland
Kaycee Curry
Jaheem Coleman
Devontrae Campbell
Maliyah Wilkerson
Jeremiah Session
Amerial Washington
Derris Ford
Ameria Baker
Jackell Harris
Jazmain Ousley
Kendall Penn

Citizen of the Month:
Jazmain Ousley

Parents of the Month

For October

Latonia Burkett

Helen Harris

Ashley Mead

Counselors' Corner

MK Rawlings Career Day

On Wednesday, January 9, Rawlings Rockets from pre-K and Head Start, through fifth grade, will have the opportunity to see presentations of different careers and their equipment, given by community volunteers. Families, in preparation for this day, please talk with your children about how you chose the career you are in, and how school or training has helped you be prepared to earn a living. Children can also start to think about the kinds of things they enjoy doing – whether working with people, or ideas, or things, and preferences such as working inside or out; working in a job where there are a variety of challenges daily, or ones where the responsibilities are more static and consistent.

If you are interested in speaking at Career Day to a group of students, about your work, please contact Mrs. Pettit at 352-955-6715. We want family and community members to come out for this event and share their experiences with our students!



Best Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is here, so our minds have turned
To what time has taught us, to what we've
learned:

We often focus all our thought

On shiny things we've shopped and bought.

We take our pleasure in material things,
Forgetting the pleasure that friendship brings.

If a lot of our stuff just vanished today,
We'd see the foundation of each happy day
Is special relationships, constant and true,
And that's when our thoughts go directly to
you.

We wish you a Thanksgiving you'll never
forget,

Full of love and joy—your best one yet!

By Joanna Fuchs

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