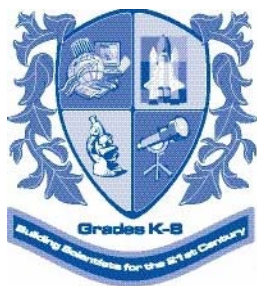


RISE Academy School of Science & Technology

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BUILDING SCIENTIST FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

A Message From The Principal

Welcome to RISE Academy School of Science & Technology. Our school year is off to a wonderful start! I've had the opportunity to meet all of the students and I look forward to working with each of them throughout the year.

We have been working diligently with AIA Transportation to rectify the issues with the bus routes. AIA has developed a bus route which is able to accommodate more students and get them to school on time each day. When you see Mrs. Joseph in the Office be sure to thank her for being persistent with regards to our transportation needs.

Our Science Lab is fully equipped and students are ready to begin their lab experiences. I'm told that there are a few lucky students who will have the opportunity to dissect worms. Be sure to ask your child about their weekly lab adventures.

Each day we provide breakfast for our student in the cafeteria from 8 am – 8:25 am. Breakfast consists of cereal and cold milk. All students

who wish to have breakfast must report to the cafeteria prior to 8:25 am. No breakfast will be served for late students.

We are looking for parent volunteers to assist with the following projects:

Breakfast/Lunch Monitors

School Newsletter

Each family is required to fulfill their 20-Hour Volunteer Commitment prior to the end of the school year. We encourage you to be an active part in our school and in your child's education.

The Tropics have been very busy in the past few weeks. In the event that there is inclement weather, please stay tuned to your local news for information pertaining to school closings. Our school will always follow the Broward County Public Schools.

*Sincerely,
Dawna Taylor-Thornton
Principal*

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Important Dates

- ◆ 9/9 PTO General Meeting
- ◆ 9/18 Interim Reports Issued
- ◆ 9/25 Early Release Day
- ◆ 9/25 Governing Board Meeting
- ◆ 9/30 No School

Open Enrollment

We are still accepting enrollment applications for students in Grades K-3. Any student is eligible to attend if they are residents of Broward County. All students must be at least 5-years old by September 1, 2008 in order to attend our school.

If you know of anyone who is interested in enrolling their child at RISE, please contact us immediately at 954-585-4671 or visit our school website to download an enrollment application. Applications are also available Monday – Friday from

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Main Office.

Please keep in mind there are limited spaces for each grade level. When all spaces are filled students will be placed on a waiting list and will be contacted if spaces become available.

It is our goal to be 100% enrolled by September 30th.

Kindergarten Mrs. Morrison & Ms. Grant

Each quarter there will be a project sent home for the students to work on with your families. For this quarter, your child will be learning about their family members and pets. They will also be learning more about the communities that they live in and their responsibilities within their community both here at school and at home. This project will be done in class and there will be a Family Tree assignment that you and your child/ren will work on at home. Please provide a copy of a family photo for your child/ren to bring to school for the class part of the project.

Birthdays for the month of September **Clayton Forbes**

Stars of the Week

Azha Baker

Shay-Linn Brummer

First Grade Ms. Bartlett and Ms. Kovarik

Birthdays:

8/24 Jayqwin Giles

8/31 Anthony Dees

9/22 Zamari Edwards

Upcoming Activities:

Apple Day (September 22nd – The 1st day of Autumn) – For the next two weeks students will take part in lessons pertaining to apples. Students will take part in fun apple lessons, activities, and games on apple day. Apple day will include making and eating apple foods. (i.e. applesauce, apple juice, apple pie, etc.) Letters for parent volunteers and materials needed for Apple Day will be sent home in advance.

Projects at Home:

ABC Nature Book – Students will create a nature book using outdoor materials for each letter of the alphabet.

Unit of Study for September:

Habitats – For the 1st quarter of school all subjects will incorporate animals and their habitats throughout the curriculum.

Second Grade – Mrs. Carolan

Second Grade has had some great changes! The transition of classes was very smoothly. Our academic studies are really progressing. Here are some updates!!

Science- We have done some awesome experiments in class, ask your child to show you the quarter on the glass bottle experiment,!!

We are learning about Living and Non living things. The students have made charts and are able to discuss the differences.

Math- The students have been introduced to addition facts and strategies. The students have been using manipulatives which helps with the "hands on approach."

Reading/Lang.Arts- We have been studying Word Families, sequencing, and have been working on the computer using E Glossary.

Third Grade Mrs. Smith & Ms. Canton

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Canton to the 3rd grade team. The students have adjusted very well and we are looking forward to a great school year. As a team we will strive to do our best and work together to have a successful year. During the short period that we have had together, **Shaynequa Russell** has been outstanding in helping to smooth over the transition process and therefore she is this week's star student for the third grade team.

RISE Academy Staff Listing

Dawna Thornton , Principal

Sharon Birch-Smith, Lead Teacher & 3rd Grade

Myra Mounds, Administrative Assistant & Data Processor

Andrese Joseph, Receptionist & Transportation Coordinator

Kimberly Morrison, Kindergarten Teacher

Patreace Grant, Kindergarten Teacher

Brenna Kovarik, 1st Grade Teacher

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Jill Carolan, 2nd Grade Teacher

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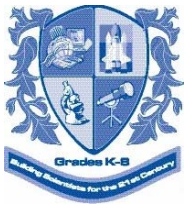


Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

The 1st General PTO Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. We will be accepting nominations for the PTO Executive Board for the 2008-2009 School Year. The following positions are available:

Vice President
Secretary Treasurer
Fundraising Chairperson

**1 Volunteer Hour will be given to each family present.
We encourage you all to come out and attend !!!**



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Science Fun



Dancing Raisins

Fill a glass or bottle half full with soda water.
Drop three or four raisins into the water. Wait.
What happens? Why?

Write your answers in your Science Log and
bring to Mrs. Thornton for a **SURPRISE!!**

SPANISH CHALLENGE

Spanish Word Search

B	L	Z	K	M	T	H	Q	W	U	W	T	W	W	S	K	T
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AMARILLO
NEGRA
VERDE

AZUL
ROJO
VIOLETA

BLANCA
ROSA

What do all of these words have in common?

Tell Ms. Silva for a prize!!