

# HERITAGE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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## ABOUT US

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## MISSION:

To provide all students with a differentiated, impactful, and rigorous curriculum in a safe, clean, and supportive environment that promotes self-discipline, motivation, and excellence in learning.



## SOUTH ATLANTA CLUSTER

<https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/62836>



## STEM- FOCUSED SCHOOL

<https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/40056>



## SCHOOL UNIFORM & DRESS CODE POLICY

<https://tinyurl.com/ea5cmxbh>

# APS 5 STRATEGIC PLAN

Building a **Culture of Support** that focuses on

1. Data
2. Curriculum and Instruction
3. Whole Child Intervention
4. Personalized Learning
5. Signature Programming



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy 2022! We hope your family is off to a great start of a happy and healthy new year. As we forge into the next few months, it is important to remember the influence you have on your child's education. Reinforcing what is being taught and connecting that learning to their everyday life is a critical part of your child's education. With the start of the new calendar year, I hope you and your child(ren) have additional time to read and learn together. January is also the time for mid-year checks and resets to ensure the growth of all of our students! The start of the new year is a new beginning and an opportunity to renew our commitment to educating every student, everyday with your support! Our teachers are very excited to see where our students are as we approach the next administration of MAP testing in March - we have some great supports, practices, and procedures in place for ALL students to experience success. Encourage your students to work hard and come to school everyday on time to get the most out of their learning experience.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

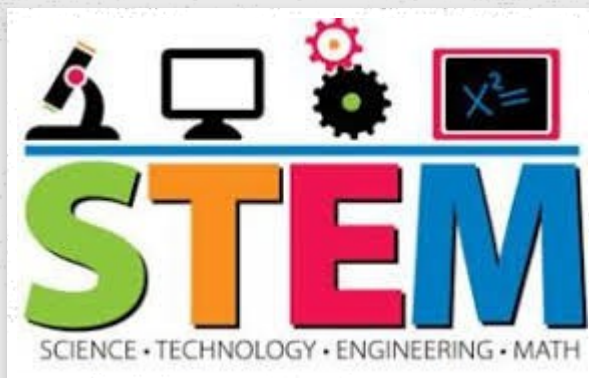
- 2/1/22 First Semester Awards Day
- 2/2/22 NAEP Assessment for 4th Grade
- 2/4/22 2nd Grade Field Trip to the Atlanta Ballet
- 2/8/22 5th Grade Field Trip to the High Museum (Obama Portraits)
- 2/14/22 Valentine's Day and Cognia Certification Review
- 2/15/22 3rd Grade Field Trip to the Georgia Aquarium
- 2/17/22-2/20/22 Winter Break; No School for Students
- 2/22/22 School Bus Driver Appreciation Day; Twosday Celebrations
- 2/25/22 Debate Tournament
- 2/25/22 HBCU Day at Heritage Academy
- 2/28-3/4/22 Read Across Heritage Week
- 3/9/22 Kindergarten Field Trip to the Atlanta Botanical Gardens
- 3/21/22 Teacher Professional Learning Day: No School for Students





## AROUND THE NEST!

- Missed the 1st Semester Awards Day! You're in luck! You may view the presentations here: K-2 link- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SLSCP3gjyLwfABUFYXPuIAvAyMaHxwri/view?usp=sharing>; 3-5 link- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/14a-NmgVgg06XJr1J1kEagHih1Xr8QGf3/view?usp=sharing>
  - As a part of our Read Across Heritage Week, the NFL has selected Heritage Academy as a partner to celebrate "Tackling Reading Day on Wednesday March 2." This day will involve NFL Super Bowl Winner Nate Gilliam (L.A. Rams) and other visitors promoting reading at Heritage Academy, as well as corporate donors donating books, pizza and ice cream for every student! **Read Across America Week at Heritage Academy is February 28 – March 4, 2022.** Encourage your students to participate in each day's activity. Flyers will go home and be posted to Class Dojo!
  - Our next A.P.T.T. Meeting is approaching soon. Please plan to join us via zoom on **Thursday, March 3 at 6:00pm.** We will share a Reading & Math skill with you that will take your child to the next level of learning. We will provide you with activities and materials. Zoom information for the APTT Meeting can be found in your child's Google Classroom.
  - Our spring MAP Assessment window is quickly approaching. This testing administration help us to determine student growth. Over the next few weeks, please motivate your children, talk to them about reaching their personal goals and doing their best on the assessment.
1. Please encourage your child to read and participate in our **Accelerated Reader (AR) program.** AR affords students an opportunity to read independently on their level and earn points. These points are utilized to promote competition between grade levels, students, and individual classes. They are also utilized to earn student incentives throughout the school year. Please find innovative ways to excite students about independent reading outside of the classroom which will increase participation in AR.
  2. Our **Sight Word Soldiers Competition** program is one way we reward and motivate our scholars to study and learn as many sight words as possible using the Sight Word Soldiers Program. Student will earn soldier tags for meeting goals and tags are added to their chain, which will hang in our classroom. These sight words are an extremely important part of your child's reading success, and we need your support in helping your child learn them. Please see your child's teacher for a list of words to study.



## STEM-TASTIC NEWS!

### A CHOICE BOARD FOR EIGHT STEM PROJECTS YOU CAN DO WITH ANY NEWSPAPER

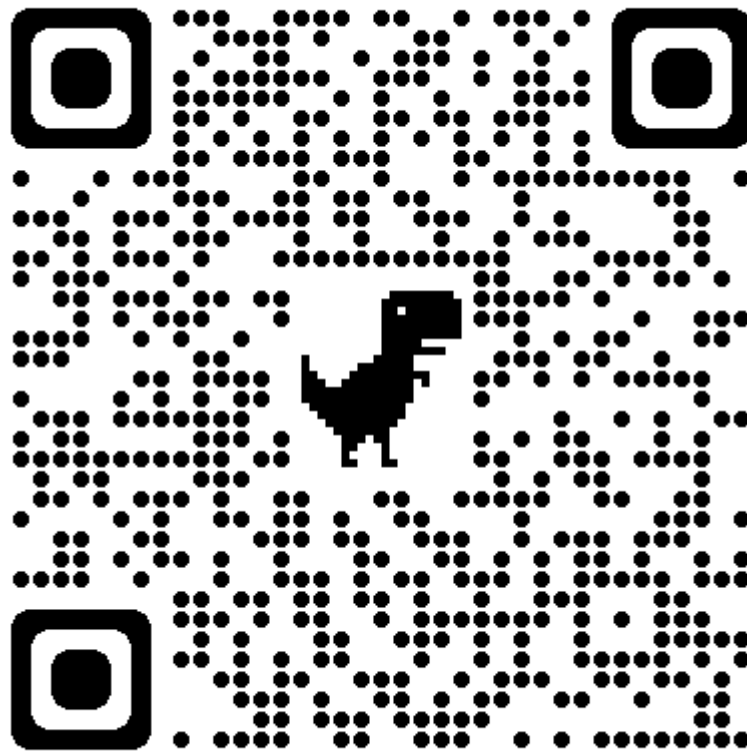
#### Lesson Overview

*Featured Choice Board:* [Eight STEM Projects You Can Do With Any Newspaper](#) (By [Natalie Proulx](#) Feb. 3, 2022)

What scientific or mathematical wonders can you make with just a print newspaper and a few simple materials? In this lesson, we invite you to find out, with our choice board of eight STEM-related activities, including a D.I.Y. roller coaster, seeds in biodegradable pots, a mathematical puzzle with origami cubes and more.

All of these projects are drawn from [At Home](#), a special section of The New York Times that ran in the early days of the pandemic to help readers cope during lockdown. Each edition of At Home featured an activity that challenged readers to make something out of their print newspaper. We've rounded up eight such projects that help students explore STEM concepts like air resistance, geometry, design thinking and Newton's first law of motion. For most of these activities, all you will need is a print newspaper, a pair of scissors and some tape. What will you create? Choose an activity from the choice board, follow the directions to put it together, test it out and then reflect on what you learned using the Going Further prompts below.

Use the camera on your mobile device to access the QR code below and begin your project!



## NUTRITION

- Breakfast and Lunch Menus can be found here and are subject to change.

<https://www.schoolnutritionandfitness.com/static/greenmenus/0707092223267041/2021/2021/502118-Elementary.pdf>





## SEL COMPETENCY OF THE MONTH: RELATIONSHIP SKILLS

**Self-management** skills allow individuals to handle daily stresses and control their emotions under difficult situations. Students' capacities to regulate their emotions impact student memory and the cognitive resources they use on academic tasks. Selfmanagement skills include the ability to monitor and reflect on personal and academic goalsetting. Academic self-regulation has important implications for student motivation in the classroom, as well as the learning strategies students use to master material.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY!

Keep up the Good Work!

Name	Grade	Homeroom Teacher
Amori Frank	Pre-K	Adams/Fauntleroy
Ja'Carlos McKee	K	Brittany Davis
Denim McLaughlin	K	Jazmyne Love
Michela Das	1st	Alyson Staton
Kee Avery	1st	Theodore Sanford
Kayden Tolbert	1st	Trennye Nash
Jakeria Brooks	1st	Bettina Moore
Kayden Tolbert	1st	Trennye Nash
Amare' Bryan	2nd	Dr. Craig Johnson
Kamia Lawrence	2nd	Angelia Potter
Khloe Huey	2nd	LeLeatha Mitchell
Kaydyn Shy	2nd	Jasmine Smith
Ki'Layah Tyner	3rd	Keithia Maddox
Camarion Barnes	3rd	Olivia Scates
Taylor Jacobs	4th	Rasheedah Flowers
Major Barfield	4th	Rashidah Parks
Xavier Williams	4th	Sheniece Hogan
Kriston Vaughn	5th	Tomiko Park
Skye Barfield	5th	Ashlee Williams
Jordin Hindsman	5th	Taj Cole

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

### Vaccination Event

Along with our partner, Viral Solutions, APS is pleased to provide another opportunity for our community to obtain COVID-19 vaccines and boosters.

The next vaccination event will be Saturday, Feb 26, 2022 from 10 a.m to 2 p.m. at the following drive-thru locations:

**Mays High School** 3450 Benjamin E Mays Dr SW, Atlanta, GA 30331

**Maynard Jackson High School** 3200 Latona Dr SW, Atlanta, GA 30354

**Long Middle School** 3200 Latona Dr SW, Atlanta, GA 30354

**Sutton Middle School (7th/8th )** 2875 Northside Dr NW #2807, Atlanta, GA 30305

We encourage you to register ahead of time by following this link:

<https://viralsolutionsga.com/>

## WEEKLY COVID TESTING AT HERITAGE ACADEMY

- Voluntary **weekly COVID testing program** for students and staff takes place every Thursday. This testing program is designed to mitigate the potential spread of COVID 19 in schools as well as assist with contact tracing for any positive cases identified. **Please**



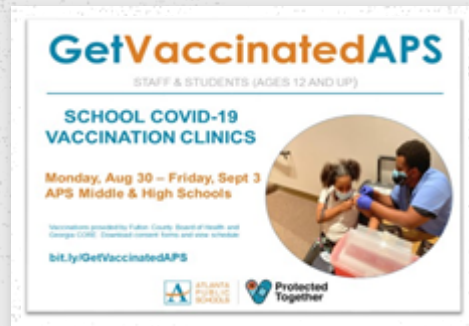
complete the consent form here: <https://studentapp.viralsolutionsga.com/consent> or click below.



### APS Student Consent Form 21-22 (1).pdf

Students test every Thursday at HA. Please complete and sign the consent form for COVID Testing and return it to your child's homeroom teacher.

Download  
190.7 KB



## PARENT PORTAL

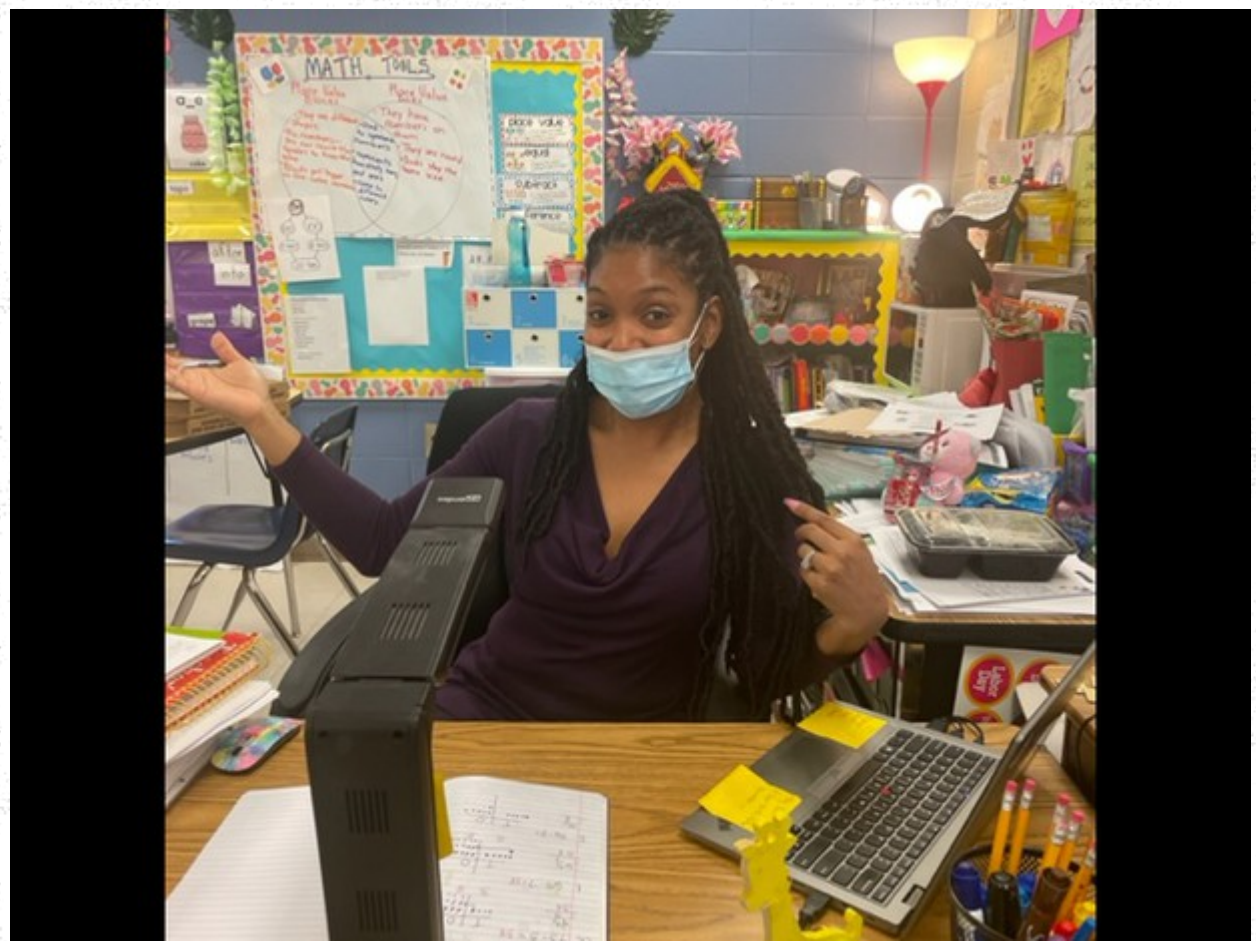
Need help with accessing the parent portal, please see the link below:

<https://sites.google.com/apsk12.org/student-information-system-app/infinite-campus/parent-portal>

## SHOUT OUT TO OUR STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

**Ms. Jasmine Smith, 2nd Grade Teacher**

You Rock!!



## IN THE COMMUNITY

Heritage Academy has entered into a partnership with **Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation (AVLF)** which provides legal assistance to parents having difficulties with housing. Families cannot thrive without affordable housing that is safe, stable, and healthy. Schools cannot thrive with a student body forced to live in unstable housing and deplorable conditions. In Atlanta, where nearly half of the residents are renters, far too many families struggle to obtain and maintain rental housing that lives up to those basic but critical standards. Our children suffer as a result, from deteriorating health to roadblocks to pursuing their education. This is the vision behind Atlanta Volunteer Lawyer's Foundation Standing with Our Neighbors. AVLF's Community Advocates and Attorneys are based inside the schools so that they can meet parents where they are. They provide practical support and resources to families in the community that are facing housing issues as well as legal support to truly advocate for their needs. This is an awesome support for our families and we look forward to a productive partnership.



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