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Cultivate...Change...Celebrate

The Golden Bears *Family Corner*

SHMS Parent Center ~ Room 1218 ~ Mon.-Fri. 10:00am - 2:00pm

APS Names Mahogany Jackson 2017-2018 APS Districtwide Teacher of the Year



The Teacher of the Year (TOTY) award is a major accomplishment that recognizes the teacher whose work and service goes above and beyond the regular duties of a teacher to truly make an impact on a school, district or community. Our very own TOTY, Ms. M. Jackson, was named Atlanta Public Schools' (APS) 2017-2018 Districtwide Teacher of the Year during the ApyeS! Awards ceremony on Wednesday, Oct. 25, at the Woodruff Arts Center.

Ms. Jackson is one of our 8th grade social studies teacher. As a teacher leader, Ms. Jackson serves as grade level and department chair as well as a member of our school's leadership team. In addition to being a curriculum writer for Atlanta Public Schools, she also has served as a district trainer during the implementation of the APS Units of Study. Ms. Jackson currently serves as the lead for Sylvan's New Teacher Mentor Program (NTMP), and she is a member of the National Council of Teacher Quality in which she reviews teacher preparatory program curriculum.

Congratulations Ms. Jackson on this well-deserved award for the tremendous work you do each and every day here at Sylvan! Your passion for our students is inspirational.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT WEEK



What a fantastic week we had for **Family Engagement Week!!** We had a week full of activities for parents and guardians to be involved. Parents thoroughly enjoyed the Writing Workshop hosted by one of our 8th grade teachers, Mr. Murray, where they learned about RACE Strategy.

Parents volunteered in the Parent Center for College and Career Motivation Day, sponsored by our School Counselors. We finally closed the week out with **Bring Your Parent to School Day**. Parents shadowed their students for the day, received massages and relaxation therapy, enjoyed Thanksgiving cuisine and jammed in the cafeteria during the "Turn-Up" lunch hour.

Kudos to all of the parents who participated in the week for raising the bar on family engagement. Stay connected to learn how you can become engaged!



Superintendent's 2017 Winter Card Contest

Open to all APS Students

Give your consent below and visit
www.atlantapublicschools.us/cardcontest
for more information

Every year, the Superintendent, Dr. Carstarphen, holds a Winter Card Art Contest. The contest is open to all APS students and this year, 16 Golden Bears entered. The contest allows work in any media, pencil, paint, pastels or watercolor form. The talented winning students receives his/her art printed on the official 2017 APS Holiday Card. Winners will be announced on Mon., Dec. 4 at the Atlanta Board of Education Board Meeting. All entries will be on display during the holiday season at the CLL (APS Offices) Building downtown. Good luck and congratulations to:

Coby Allen, Alujama Antoinette, Shoun Bilal, Erik Bravo, Ania Bronson, Lyric Brown, Eddie Gamble, Ayanna Hale, Julius Harwell, Montrez Henderson, Evan Holmes, Robert Latimer, Regina Miller, Michelle Poole, Montravius Swinney, and Javar Thomas!

On December 20th during the Annual Holiday Concert/Family Night, our Fine Arts Department will begin the opening of the Sylvan Hills Rotating Art Exhibit, which will feature art students' work. Be sure to attend the Holiday Concert to see the work our students are doing in Fine Arts and connections!

Submitted by: Ms. P. Gartrell, Art Teacher

UPcoming EVENTS Save the Dates!



Parent-Teacher Conference Session

Wednesday, December 13

Annual Holiday Concert

Wednesday, December 20

Winter Break

December 25 – January 5