



Atlantis NEWS

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Our Mission Statement

Atlantis Academy provides a safe and nurturing environment to enhance our students' academic, social and emotional growth, and to foster a sense of self-worth and self-confidence.

FEEDBACK IS WELCOME:

We welcome parent input – suggestions, concerns, etc. You can call the school directly at any time to speak with a teacher or administrator. You can also write or e-mail us.

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Dade Association of Academic Non-Public Schools and is accredited by:

- Florida Council of Independent Schools
- Southern Association of Colleges and School

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE:



In the next few weeks, Atlantis Academy will open again for a new school year. When school begins, students and teachers alike have the opportunity to begin anew. This is one of the advantages of a new school year. A few weeks off for summer vacation give all an opportunity to turn a new page. Summer is a time for self-enrichment, a time for educators to learn and experience new things so that they, in turn, can better enrich students. Summer is also a perfect time for students to reflect, plan, and grow.

As we open the new school year, you can be certain that teachers and administrators have resolved that this coming year will be the best one yet. We want to do everything we can to help your children succeed. Therefore, if there is anything we can do to help your child have a successful year, please let us know immediately.

As parents, now is also the perfect time to sit down with your children and discuss the importance of a good education. You may want to begin talking about expectations for the new year, agree on study time, curfew, use of the telephone and computer, and TV viewing time. At the same time, you may want to impress upon your children that learning takes time and is hard work – and that a good beginning can lead to a successful school year.

All research shows that when the home and the school cooperate, education is enhanced for young people. Let your child see that you are working together with the school to help make this a terrific year in every way.

This summer we made several improvements to the physical plant and appearance of the school which most definitely will add to the caring and nurturing environment of Atlantis Academy. Some of the changes include: The fence in the rear of the school was repaired and we have installed a security alarm, and a new intercom system. Additionally, we are in the process of replacing the sliding glass door and installing new sinks in the larger rest rooms.

Below, I have listed important dates and specific instructions that will assist you in planning for the upcoming year. If you have any questions regarding these or other matters relating to our school program, please feel free to call me at 305/271-9771.

The 2010-2011 school year will be Atlantic Academy's 33rd year of serving students with a variety of emotional and academic needs, and we hope that our students and parents return from summer renewed and excited for another productive year. We are looking forward to another great school year filled with new opportunities for growth, learning, and rekindled passion for moving towards graduation and the future.

Welcome to a new and exciting school year 2010-11!!

Thank you,

Carlos Aballi
Director

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Enclosed you will find information that will assist you in preparing for a successful school year:

- School Calendar
- Atlantis Academy Student Guidelines – due on or before 8/27/10 - signed
- Emergency Information Card – due on or before 8/27/10
- Biographical Information Up-Date – due on or before 8/27/10
- Transportation Information Survey – due on or before 8/27/10
- Extended School Day Services – registration and payment are due on Thursday, Aug. 19
After-care program is provided on a pre-paid basis only.
- Lunch orders **MUST** be turned in with a check no later than Thursday, Aug. 19 – the lunch program is provided on a pre-paid basis only.

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, August 19th we will have an Open House from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for new parents and for parents of students who are moving on to a different team this year.

ATTENDANCE

The teaching-learning process is incremental. Each lesson is based upon or related to previous learning. This is why it is so important that students be in school each day. All research shows that those students who attend school regularly are more likely to be academically successful. We realize that circumstances will arise that will prevent your child from attending school. When that happens, please notify the office by phone (305/271-9771) before 10:00 AM on the day of the absence. In the event of a prolonged absence, the team leaders will work with parents regarding assignments and make-up work.

EXTENDED DAY CARE

The before school care starts at 7:00 a.m. and the after school care ends at 6:00 p.m. Program description and registration form are enclosed for your information.

NEW! Student Store



FOOD SERVICES

This year we have a new food service provider – “Healthy Children Catering”. Menu items come with water, milk or juice at a cost of \$4.00 per day. A copy of the menu for Aug. is enclosed for your information – please be sure to send your order in (with a check made out to Atlantis Academy) on or before Thursday, Aug. 19. Remember, we no longer have food available at school other than through our new food service provider – please plan accordingly. *Breakfast items and snacks at break will be provided through our student store.*

Student Store

A student group under the supervision of two teachers will run a snack store this year – profit to go to the teams. The Student-run Store will be open only before school, during break and after school.

SIGNING IN/OUT DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Students who arrive late or need to leave school before the end of the school day must be signed in/out by parent or guardian, in person, in the main office. If you know that your child will need to leave school early, please send a note with your child. The student must present the note to the receptionist in order to receive a

permit to leave school. Students will be permitted to leave class at the time indicated on the pass and they are to report to the main office to meet their parent. When arriving late to school, the parent must sign the student in at the main office. The student will then get a “tardy admit” slip prior to reporting to class.

DRESS CODE, BOOK BAGS & SUPPLIES

Dress Code – I would like to request your support of our DRESS CODE. During the winter months, students are only to wear NAVY BLUE (no logos) coats, jackets, sweaters, or sweatshirts.

Supplies – please be sure that your student comes to school with the needed supplies to succeed in school.

CELL PHONES / ELECTRONIC GAMES – IPODS, ETC.

These items, when not used properly, are the source of most discipline and distractions problems in our school. Please, unless it is absolutely necessary, it would be in the best interest of the students if all phones are kept home. Cell phones are to be turned off during school hours.

ELECTRONIC GAMES and I-Pods ARE NOT ALLOWED IN SCHOOL.

The school WILL NOT be responsible for the loss or damage on any phone.



TOBACCO POLICY

Atlantis Academy is a smoke-free school where the use of tobacco, in any form, is prohibited. Students are not to have any form of tobacco in their possession while at school or at any school sponsored activity.

PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION

We have a number of companies that provide transportation services for students. For a complete list and phone numbers, please contact the school receptionist.

MCKAY SCHOLARSHIP

Please be sure to stay in contact with your State Representative or State Senator to voice your support for this program. The information below may be of assistance:

Charlie Crist, Gov.,
Charlie.Crist@myflorida.com
Alex Villalobos, Sen.,
alex.web@flsenate.gov
Amitere Flores, Rep.,
www.myfloridahouse.gov

EMERGENCY MAKE UP DAYS

We hope that there will not be a need to use any of the emergency days this year; however, if due to hurricanes or other unforeseen events we were forced to close the school, the days below will be used as make up days.

Dec. 17, Jan. 21, and April 4 and 22

SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (LOWER, MIDDLE TEAMS & SPECTRUM)

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| 1 Box of Crayola colored pencils. | 1 pack of construction paper |
| 1 box of thick Crayola (type) washable markers. | 1 box of easy-zipper storage bag (Quart size) |
| 1 box of thin Crayola (type) washable markers. | 1 pack of 10 ¾ disposable plates |
| 2 (10) pack of #2 pencils. | 1 pump bottle of hand sanitizer. |
| 3 wide ruled composition notebooks (Middle Team only) | 1 pack of Solo 8 ounce plastic cups. |
| 2 packages of glue sticks. | 2 rolls of paper towels. |
| 2 large erasers | 1 pair of Fiskars scissors |
| 1 large container of Lysol sanitizing wipes | 1 pack of ruled/lined paper (Middle Team only) |
| 2 boxes of Kleenex or Puff tissue | |

UPPER TEAM

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| 1-3 Ring Subject Binder | Colored Highlighters |
| 1- 3 Ring Binder for Science | Calculator |
| College Ruled Paper | Small Sticky Notes |
| 5 Dividers with Pockets for Binder | 1 pack of construction Paper to be left in classroom |
| 12 #2 pencils | 1 pair metal safety scissors |
| 1 small glue sticks | 1 pencil bag with holds for binder |
| 1 Box Thin Tipped Markers | Each Student will need an E mail Address |
| 1 Box of 24 crayons | Index Cards |
| 1 Box Colored Pencils | 1 agenda book |
| 4 Erasable Pens | |
| 1 Small Pencil Sharpener (that holds shavings) | |
| 1 Ruler Centimeter and Inch Markings | |
| 2 Composition Notebooks | |



PLEASE NOTE

Please try to send supplies in on the first day of school.

Master Calendar 2010-2011

JUL-10				
MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

AUG-10				
MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

SEP-10				
MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

OCT-10				
MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

NOV-10				
MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

DEC-10				
MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

JAN-11				
MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

FEB-11				
MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28				

MAR-11				
MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

APR-11				
MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

MAY-11				
MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

JUN-11				
MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
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- New Teacher Orientation
- Teacher Planning Day – Students Do Not Report
- Legal Holiday – Students Do Not Report
- Recess Day – Students Do Not Report
- Beginning / Ending of Grading Period
- Parent Conferences – Students Do Not Report

Days In Grading Period	
Quarter	Days
1	47
2	42
3	42
4	46
Total	177

NOTE: Teacher planning days may be used as school make up days if needed.

● McKay Checks Come This Month – Parents need to sign their checks in the office.

