

NOVEMBER 2018



**BOOKER MIDDLE  
SCHOOL**

# THE TORNADO WATCH



Greetings Booker Nation,

This is the time of year that we often reflect, pause for a moment and ask ourselves just what it is that we have to be thankful for. If there is a special day for giving thanks, let us know, at least, what it is for which we give that thanks.

The answer is not always at our fingertips; is not always clear. We read the headlines of newspapers; we listen to the voice of the radio; we watch TV, You-tube and what do we see? We often see crime so horrible that it sickens every decent man or woman. We see results of war, we see tragedy upon tragedy: hunger, poverty and degradation. This is what we see and, certainly, the doubt must come that we have little to be thankful for in this far-from-perfect world.

Make no mistake about it; there is much that is good and worthwhile in this world. If we look for it, we can find individuals who give of themselves in every way. We find people who risk their own lives to save others. If we look for it, we can find love conquering hate every day. During this Thanksgiving season, let us ask ourselves what it is for which we may be thankful. And, let us answer our own question. We can be thankful for each other. We can be thankful that, in this world filled with tragedy, we have people whose lives are a triumph, a triumph of love. Therefore, let us all rejoice in the wonderful things that we are doing at Booker Middle School and be thankful, on this very special day and throughout the entire year that we are here to make a difference in the world in the lives of our children. So, whether you are a parent student or teacher, I encourage you to walk in gratitude and know that we too are thankful for you!

Let us also be reminded that "Our Gratitude Determines Our Altitude"!

**"We tend to forget that happiness doesn't come as a result of getting something we don't have, but rather of recognizing and appreciating what we do have."**

**Fredrick Koeing**

Sincerely,

Dr. LaShawn Frost, Principal

## STAY INFORMED!

Website: [www.sarasotacountyschools.net/schools/bookermiddle](http://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/schools/bookermiddle)

Remind: Text @bookerm to 81010

VPA Website: [www.BookerMiddleSchoolVPA.weebly.com](http://www.BookerMiddleSchoolVPA.weebly.com)

VPA Facebook: @BookerMiddleSRQ

VPA Instagram: @BookerMiddle

VPA Twitter: @bookermiddle

## SAVE THE DATE!

**COMMUNITY DINNER**

Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

@ BMS

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

<p>Congratulations to the 6th graders! They won the 1st Quarter BMS Attendance Challenge. They will attend a special assembly to see the staff play our Tornado Volleyball Team in a big staff vs. student game. As you can see, all grades are well above the district goal of 95%. Great job leading the way Booker Middle School.</p>	GRADE	TOTALS	10/15/18	10/16/18	10/17/18	10/18/18
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	6	22	1	1	1	0
			98.27%	97.91%	96.87%	98.95%
	7	15	.5	0	0	.5
			97.80%	98.90%	97.81%	99.27%
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## Unlock Potential. Find Your Password!

*By Latonya Campbell, Ed.S.*

Here at Booker Middle School, we want our students to reach their potential and develop skills to thrive in school and in life. The theme during School Psychology Awareness Week, November 12-16, 2018, is “Unlock Potential. Find Your Password!” The theme emphasizes how we can each find our own “password,” or personal key for unlocking any number of challenges and opportunities in our lives to help us thrive. Our goal is to highlight how identifying strength words can assist students in unlocking resources, reaching potential, and developing proactive or preventative skills to thrive in school and life. The idea is that a “password” can help us set goals to help create critical academic and social-emotional skills. Words such as “imagine,” “encourage,” “learn,” “connect,” and “contribute” are examples of passwords that can push us forward in developing those critical skills.

Unlocking potential can take many forms. It can mean taking action to speak up when bullying occurs, engaging in learning, trying a new activity or skill, cleaning up trash on the playground, doing something kind for a classmate or neighbor, or making new friends. These actions empower children, create compassion, strengthen connections, and build resiliency—all traits that are critical for academic and social-emotional success. Unlocking potential to grow as an individual and to make the world even a little bit better can have a long-lasting impact.

### Unlock Potential at Home

There are many ways families can help students take action to make positive changes. As parents and caregivers, you can:

1. Talk to your kids about their passwords to help them unlock potential—key words or phrases to help them take steps toward positive change. Password ideas include: dream, laugh, connect, imagine, create, encourage, share, listen, help, explore, try, speak up.
2. Help your children develop positive relationships with peers and adults, and model respectful, caring behaviors with others.
3. Help your children identify their strengths and interests, learn new skills. Emphasize that learning and growing require trying new things and that success comes from small steps to a long-term goal.
4. Encourage goal setting and mapping out a plan for achieving the goals. Talk with your children about steps they have taken, what worked and what didn't, and what they might do next.
5. Praise attempts, as well as success, and make sure that you focus on the effort or hard work put into the success. Emphasize the importance of deliberate practice that talent is developed over time through skillful practice.

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6. Create an environment at home that allows your children to explore building (helping with projects, and more), drawing (paints, paper), and music (on the radio, with instruments, or through formal training through school or community resources). This may help to identify special interests.
7. Help your child work through setbacks, or lack of self-confidence, by helping to identify negative thoughts that may suggest concerns about his or her ability to be successful. As a parent, you can help children see what the small steps are and how persisting and overcoming obstacles is a part of succeeding. Help your child realize that setbacks are not permanent or all-encompassing.
8. Seek out support systems available in the community to help your children learn new skills and thrive, such as tutoring or mentoring programs.
9. Encourage your children to participate in school and community activities that may help them to develop positive behaviors, such as being grateful. In particular, volunteer activities may encourage the development of positive behaviors. Consider participating in community and school events yourself as role a model.

### About School Psychologists

School psychologists are members of school staff who support students' ability to learn and teachers' ability to teach. School psychologists apply expertise in mental health, learning, and behavior to help children and youth succeed academically, socially, behaviorally, and emotionally by providing direct support to students, such as individualized learning and behavioral assessments to identify students' strengths and needs, academic and behavioral interventions, counseling, and social skills training. We also consult with teachers, families, and other educators to improve support strategies and school-wide practices and policies. We are in a unique position to ensure students' success every day, including both small and big accomplishments. More information is available at

[www.nasponline.org](http://www.nasponline.org)



### Career Cluster Chat

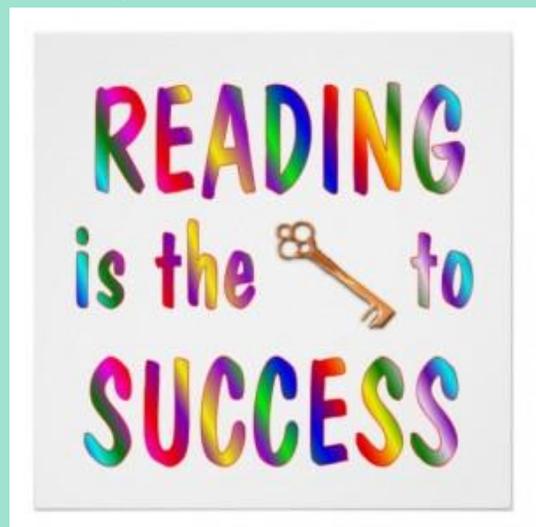
Sarasota County Schools highlights Health Sciences Career Cluster. A career cluster is a group of jobs and industries that are related by skills or products. Within each cluster, there are cluster "pathways" that correspond to a collection of courses and training opportunities to prepare you for a given career.

Sarasota County hosts a bright stage for Health Science career seekers. Our school system offers great opportunities to study EMT/Fire, EKG Technician, Exercise Science and Practical Nursing in high school. These programs prime its students for excellent careers in local institutions and medical practices. Did we mention Health Science careers average \$20 an hour within the Sarasota-Manatee region?

For more information, have a home discussion about College and Career Readiness Wednesdays at Booker Middle School or visit the College and Career Center during your next visit to campus.

### Reading Resource

Practice on i-Ready will make a definite positive impact on FSA scores in the spring! Ask your child how many minutes and how many lessons he/she has passed. The goal is to pass 6 reading lessons this quarter. Set aside a time for your child to read at least 20 minutes a day at home. As we work together collaboratively, we will achieve Reading Success!



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## Congratulations Students of the Month!!

Marcus Allen	Javari Mitchell
Hannah Bartholomew	Tatyanna Mitchell
Rachel Batista-Pere	Bella Mongillo
Mark Bernik	Cheyenne Murillo
Charlotte Blake	Jerry Oliance
Lila Burgess	Briah Pearson
Emily Burgos	Zariah Peterson
Angelo Butler	Dylan Poston
Matthew Callen	Angela Ramirez-Riojas
Richard Carino	Dylan Ramon
Gabriel Cordero	Kimario Rawls
Abria Davis	Edward Reaves
Gianna De Armas	Anthony Reyes-Cerda
Miracle Deveaux	Kyla Riddle
Karina Flores-Cisneros	Arturo Rodriguez
Noelani Forsythe	Thomas Rowe
Cora Gerdes	Anastasia Samedi
Jazmynne Goddard	Handy Sandoval
Stephanie Gomez	Jasmine SeaPaul
A'Drea Gordon	Xesenia Seepaul
Chris Hannon	Owen Starr
Valeria Hernandez	Jillian Vega
Manuel Hernandez-Acosta	Leslie Vences-Avena
Margaret Layman	Logan Warren
Cristobal Lugardo-Lopez	Caleb West
Catherine Luis	Sherman Wiggs
Fatima Marin-Martinez	Makayla Wiggs
Lizvette Medina	Davieon Williams
Abigail Metzler	Lindsay Zimmerman
Samantha Miller	

# HAPPENING IN NOV/DEC

This page is a hub for some of the Booker Middle School events happening both on and off our campus in the next month. Use the legend below to more quickly locate your areas of interest.

Legend		
	Purple and Gold	BMS General
	Blue	Academics
	Yellow	Clubs
	Green	Law Academy
	Red	Sports and Athletics
	Purple	VPA and Arts

## BMS GENERAL

### COFFEE & CONVERSATION WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 AM @ BMS

### PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>  
5-6 PM @ BMS

### SAC MTG

Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>  
6-7 PM @ BMS

### PARENT UNIVERSITY

Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>  
5:30-6:30 PM @ BMS

## VPA and Arts

### GUITAR PERFORMANCE

Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 @ BMS

### JOINT WINTER MUSIC CONCERT

Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 PM @ BMS

### ART/MULTIMEDIA SHOW

Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 @ BMS

### WINTER CHORUS CONCERT

Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 @ BMS

## SPORTS AND ATHLETICS

### BASKETBALL

Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
BMS @ Woodland

### BASKETBALL

Monday December 17<sup>th</sup>  
BMS @ Venice

### BASKETBALL

Wednesday December 5<sup>th</sup>  
Brookside @ BMS

### BASKETBALL

Monday December 10<sup>th</sup>  
Laurel @ BMS

### BASKETBALL

Wednesday December 12<sup>th</sup>  
Heron Creek @ BMS

# NEWS

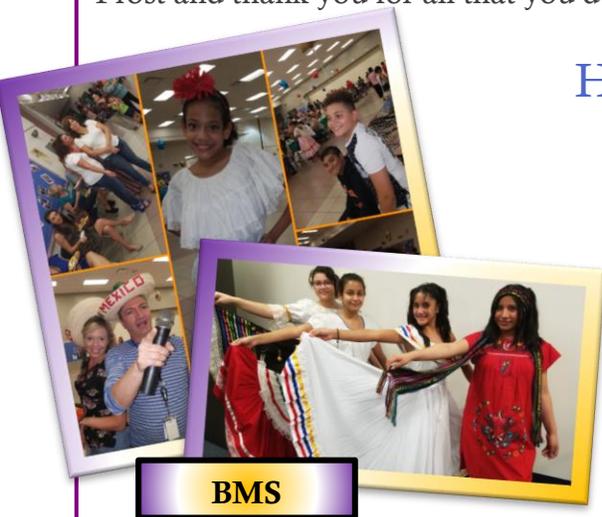
## Dr. Frost District Principal of the Year!!

Please join us in congratulating our principal, Dr. LaShawn Frost. She has been named Sarasota County's 2019 District Principal of the Year. It is due to the tireless efforts from Dr. Frost that we have the wonderful school we have today and that we continue to grow, evolve, and achieve as a learning community. Congratulations Dr. Frost and thank you for all that you do!!!!



## Hispanic Heritage Celebration

Booker Middle School held its 1st Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration on Monday October 8th. There was lots of dancing, food, and celebrating. Much gratitude to the volunteers and parents that helped us with our wonderful celebrations and also thanks to the awesome Hispanic Heritage Celebration Committee (Mr. Jenkins, Alba Ramos (Chair), Danny Leal, Juan Uribe, Carlos Silva, Nora Rodriguez, Troy Montes, Greg Nielsen and Pedro Batista). Thank you especially to the restaurants who supported this event (Mi Pueblo, Angel's Taqueria, La Chuleria, La Primavera Supermarket & Restaurant). Hope to see you at the event next year!



## Ms. Fox Awarded First Place Award!

Ms. Fox has received the 2018 Penguin Random House Foundation Teacher Awards for Literacy, and received the following praise from the publisher: *"your grant application earned a First Place Maya Angelou Poetry Award Grant for \$10,000. We received many grant applications, and your "Dragonfly Café – Second Edition" clearly stood out from the submissions. Your passion and commitment for your students and community made it an obvious choice for us. Again, congratulations and well done!"* Congratulations Ms. Fox you never fail to amaze!!



## Future of Space Exploration

Here are some of Booker Middle's finest! They worked on an activity today (inspired by Lynne McDonald). After reviewing an article on the relationship between technology and our ability to explore space, students used their knowledge and imagination to write speech bubbles for astronauts! Extra points for using scientific vocabulary.



# ... BUT WAIT... THERE'S MORE!

## Chorus at Veteran's Day Concert

Booker Middle School's VPA choirs participated in the Veteran's Day concert at Sarasota High School this year. They performed on their own, as well as doing a combined song with the SHS choirs and McIntosh Middle school choir. They did a wonderful job honoring our veterans and had a fantastic time too!



VPA



BMS

## Debra Employee of the year

Please join me in congratulating Debra Alvis-Greenwald for being named Booker Middle School's 2019 Classified Employee of the Year. We hope for your continued hard work and success. You are truly the backbone of our school and your dedication to the students at Booker Middle is inspiring every day!

## Read and Burn!

Check out Dr. Frost as she models the new workout equipment in the library. It's a great way to get your body and your mind moving at the same time! It is a wonderful way to help students with attention difficulties and promotes health and literacy.



BMS

## Tennis

Julianna represented Booker Middle School extremely well in our District Tennis Tournament, making it to the finals. Thank you Coach Glahe and BMS Tennis students for a great season!



Sports

# ... BUT WAIT... THERE'S MORE!

## Lip Sync Battle Pt 2

On Nov. 9th PBIS hosted their second Lip Sync Battle. Everyone had so much fun and our staff brought the house down! Any guesses who won?



## ESOL Afterschool Program Trip

Our ESOL Afterschool Program Highlight for the month of October was our visit to USF Sarasota/Bradenton Campus. Students were extremely enthusiastic about college life. They all wanted to stay!!! (LOL).

## Solosynergy Performance

Ms. Mill's VPA Intermediate drama students and elders from the community have been working on this project in association with Sarasolo Productions for weeks and the performance finally arrived! Participants performed at the Sarasota Art Center. One audience member gushed, "It was funny, thought-provoking, tearful and every emotion in between. I learned so much about some of our students. The relationships between our students and the elder they were paired up is absolutely precious."



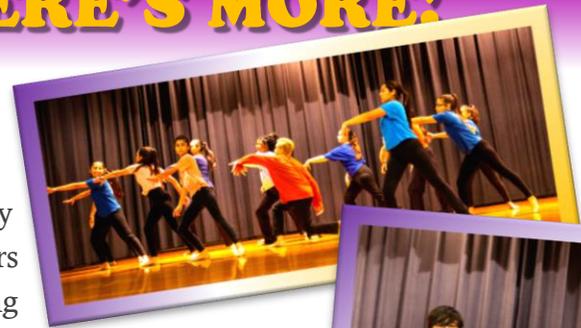
## Pink Out Day

Booker Middle School had fun, as we do each year, recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness Month with our Annual Pink Out Day. Way to go students.

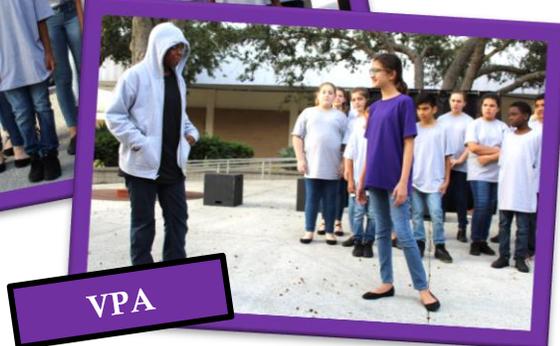
# ... BUT WAIT... THERE'S MORE!

## Unity Day

Thank you to everyone who assisted with this year's Unity Day Celebration, especially Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Clark, VPA teachers and students, Deputy Gipson. It was a splendid day celebrating our similarities and our differences!



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VPA

## Drama Production of "Hoodie"

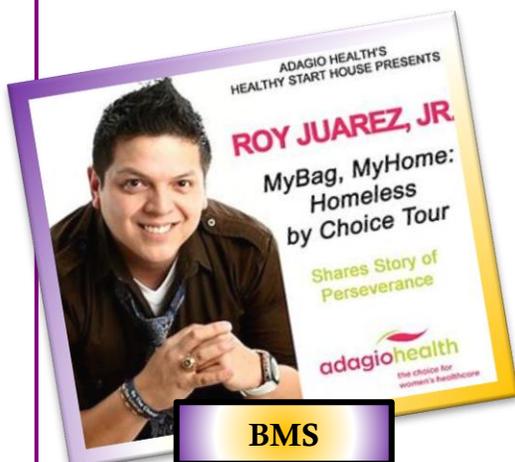
Ms. Mills and her VPA beginner Drama class put on a wonderful production of **Hoodie**, a play by Lindsay Price. It was a fantastic performance by our students of a very thought-provoking play. Well done, guys!!

## Musical Performances Abound!

Congratulations to the VPA Chorus, Orchestra, and Band programs who put on wonderful concerts in the month of October. It is so much fun to see the progress of our students. We can't wait to see the Joint Winter Music Concert in December!



VPA



BMS

## Motivational Speaker Roy Juarez

Students were treated to the motivating story and words of author and speaker Roy Juarez Jr. His passion for impacting youth is fantastic and our students were truly inspired by him. For more information on Mr. Juarez and his company ImactTruth Inc. visit <https://www.homelessbychoice.com/>

*Save the Date*



# Community Dinner

*Community Dinner and Toy Drive  
Dec. 19 from 6:00-7:30pm!*

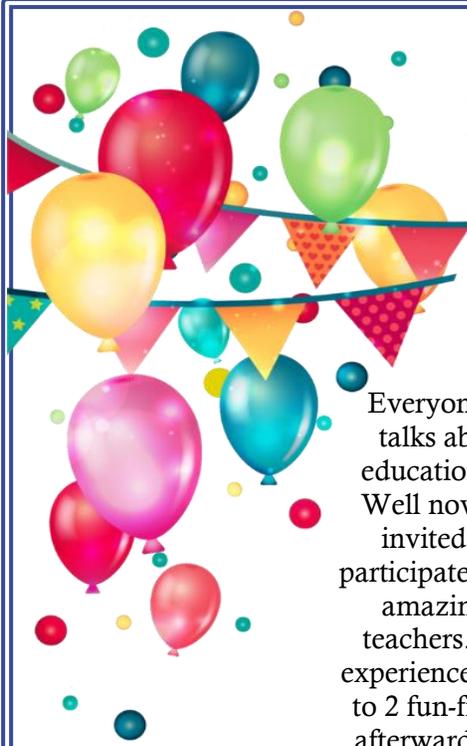
*Performances from our VPA program!*

*Please RSVP by Dec. 12 to Debra Alvis-Greenwald  
@ 941-359-5824  
(limited seating)*



*Toys for all children that attend!*





Save The Date!  
2019 BMS VPA  
Master Classes "Fun" Raiser

Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
@ Booker Middle School

Art \* Dinner \* Entertainment \* Fun

Everyone who steps foot on the Booker Middle School campus talks about how much they would love to be a part of the arts education experience: "I wish I could come do this!" they say ... Well now is your chance! Parents and community members are invited to experience some of the programs first-hand as they participate in visual and performing arts masterclasses taught by the amazing Booker Middle Visual and Performing Arts Magnet teachers. From seasoned professionals to absolute amateurs, all experience levels are certain to have a blast! Participants choose up to 2 fun-filled arts classes to enjoy and then join us for a reception afterwards that includes entertainment and refreshments. Have a blast and support our students! All money raised from this event will go directly to Booker Middle School's art programs.

For more information visit:

[www.bookermiddleschoolvpa.weebly.com/fundraiser](http://www.bookermiddleschoolvpa.weebly.com/fundraiser)

DESIGNING DAUGHTERS PRESENTS

*Drinks With Daughters*  
DAUGHTERS BEHIND THE BAR

Tuesday November 20th 5:30pm-8:30pm

EVIES TAVERN DOWNTOWN \* 1560 MAIN ST, SARASOTA

TICKETS \$30.00

Includes one cocktail,  
appetizers and bowling.

CO-CHAIRS: DANI SOBOLEWSKI & HEATHER HAWLEY

All tips and raffles benefit local charities.



Come out and support this organization  
that donated generously to the VPA  
program!  
For more info visit:  
[DesigningDaughtersSarasota.com](http://DesigningDaughtersSarasota.com)

# CALENDARS



JULY 2018						
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2nd-6th - No summer school, non work days 240 day staff  
23rd - 220 day staff return

AUGUST 2018						
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6th - 196 day staff return  
13th - School starts. 186 day staff return

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3rd - Labor Day (students and all staff)

OCTOBER 2018						
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15th - End of first grading period  
19th - Professional Day (students, 186 day staff)

NOVEMBER 2018						
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21st-23rd - Thanksgiving (students, 186, 196, 220 day staff)  
22nd-23rd - Thanksgiving (240 day staff)

DECEMBER 2018						
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20th - End of second grading period  
21st - Professional Day (students, 186 day staff)  
24th-31st - Winter Break (students and all staff)

JANUARY 2019						
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1st-4th - Winter Break (students and all staff)  
7th - Classes resume  
21st - Martin Luther King Day (students and all staff)

FEBRUARY 2019						
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18th - Presidents Day (students and all staff)

MARCH 2019						
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13th - End of third grading period  
15th - Professional Day (students, 186 day staff)  
18th-22nd - Spring Break (students and all staff)  
25th - Classes resume

APRIL 2019						
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19th - Mini Break (students, 186, 196, 220 day staff)

MAY 2019						
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24th - Last day for students, 186 day staff  
27th - Memorial Day (all staff)  
29th - Last day for 196 day staff

JUNE 2019						
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18th - Last day for 220 day staff



## PARENT UNIVERSITY

5:30PM-6:30PM

AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup>

SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>

OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>

NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>

DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>

FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>

MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>

APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>

MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>



## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

5:00PM-6:00PM

AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>

SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

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JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>

FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>

MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>

APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>

MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>



## SAC

6:00PM-7:00PM

AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>

SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>

DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>

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MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>

APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>

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## COFFEE & CONVERSATION WITH THE PRINCIPAL

- Sept 21
- Oct 26
- Nov 16
- Dec 14
- Jan 18
- Aug 17
- Feb 15
- March 29
- Apr 26
- May 17

## FAMILY NIGHTS

See you there!

Come visit our generous community partners on their scheduled night and a portion of the profits from that evening is donated to our school! Flyers with details and coupons will be distributed at school. Invite your friends!

	<p>Freddy's Night</p> <p>6224 N Lockwood Ridge</p>	<p>Newk's Night</p> <p>5405 University Pkwy</p>
<p>Culver's Night</p> <p>2605 University Pkwy</p>		<p>California Pizza Kitchen</p> <p>215 N Cattlemen Rd</p>
<p>Blaze Pizza Night</p> <p>215 N Cattlemen Rd</p>	<p>Tijuana Flat's Night</p> <p>5215 University Pkwy</p>	

**Dates of 2018/2019 family night events and locations coming soon...**



## Booker Middle School VPA Public Events Calendar 2018-2019

### August

- 23 VPA Back To School Night (6:30)

### September

- 25 Musical Theatre Cabaret Night (7:00)

### October

- 4 Fall Chorus Concert (7:00)
- 9 Fall Band Concert (7:00)
- 11 Fall Orchestra Concert (7:00)
- 18 Dragonfly Café (6:00) Rm. 130
- 19 Solosynergy Drama (7:00) The Art Center Sarasota
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### November

- 1 Drama Showcase (7:00) (amphitheater)
- 2 Drama Showcase (7:00) (amphitheater)

### December

- 4 Joint Winter Music Concert (7:00)
- 6 Art/Multimedia (6:00)
- 11 Winter Chorus Concert (7:00)

### January

- 12 Winter Dance Concert (7:00) (Booker High)
- 15 Magnet Night (6:00)
- 17 Dragonfly Café (6:00) Rm. 130

### February

- 5 Vocal Recital (7:00)
- 13 Guitar & Orchestra Concert (7:00)
- 16 External Auditions (9:00)
- 26 Band Concert (7:00)

### March

- 5 Spring Chorus Concert (7:00)
- 7 Spring Drama Showcase (7:00) (amphitheater)
- 8 Spring Drama Showcase (7:00) (amphitheater)
- 28 Dragonfly Café (6:00) Rm. 130
- 30 Master Classes "Fun" Raiser Event

### April

- 11 Dragonfly Café Away (6:00) TBD
- 16 Spring Joint Music Concert (7:00)
- 26 Musical (7:00) (Booker High)
- 27 Musical (2:00) (Booker High)
- 27 Musical (7:00) (Booker High)

### May

- 2 Art/Multimedia Show (6:00)
- 11 Spring Dance Concert (7:00) (Booker High)
- 14 Instrumental Recital (Band) (7:00)
- 16 Dragonfly Café Swan Song (6:00) Rm. 130
- 20 MT 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Recital (7:00) (RM 407)
- 21 Dance Concert, Informal (7:00)

For more information on events or the Booker Middle School VPA program:  
Email: [bookermiddlevpa@gmail.com](mailto:bookermiddlevpa@gmail.com) Visit: [BookerMiddleSchoolVPA.weebly.com](http://BookerMiddleSchoolVPA.weebly.com) REMIND: @bmsarts

# Thank You!

## HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ❤️

**Ed Frazier**, Behavior technician - **Army**  
**Cheri Kerr**, 6<sup>th</sup> grade ELA Resource – **Army**  
**Mike Friday**, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science – **Army**

**Troy Montes**, ESOL paraprofessional - **Air Force Academy**

**Derek Jenkins**, Assistant Principal - **Navy**  
**Erin Lopez**, Home School Liaison - **Navy**  
**Charles Roediger**, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies – **Navy**

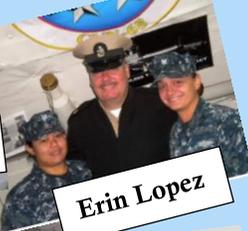
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## Parental Notification Principal Attestation of Qualifications For Teachers and Paraprofessionals

Booker Middle School

Sarasota County School District

As required by P.L. 107-110, Section 1119(i) of Title I, Part A, I attest to the following for the school year 2018-2019:

- All teachers teaching in core academic subject areas and hired after the first day of 2001-2003 school year and teaching in a program and supported by Title I, Part A funds, are highly qualified.
- All instructional paraprofessionals, (except for translations and parental involvement activities) meet the requirements to be considered highly qualified.

Copies of this attestation are available online and at the school and district office and will be made available to the general public upon request.

Dr. LaShawn Frost

## Title I Booklet Distribution

### What is “Parent’s-Right-to-Know”

Federal law requires that the Sarasota County School District notify parents of all children in Title I schools of their rights to receive timely information on the professional qualifications of their child’s teacher. Parents may request information about the professional qualifications of the student’s classroom teacher including, at a minimum, the following:

- Whether the teacher has met the state qualifications and certification criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or certification criteria has been waived.
- The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certificate or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications

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