



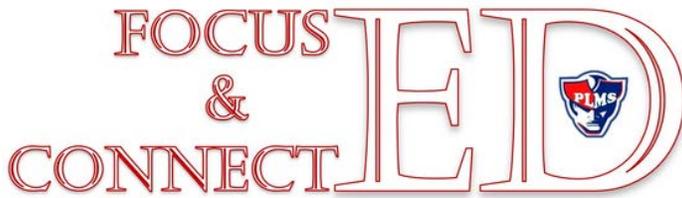
# PATRIOTS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

## #SPEAKMODELACHIEVEEXCELLENCE

After months of hard work and dedication, our Patriots have finally earned a well-deserved break! Now is the time to step away from school-related work, relax, and recharge. Take this opportunity to rest, have fun, and come back ready to dominate Quarter 4! Enjoy your break—you've earned it!



2024-25



PLANTATION MIDDLE SCHOOL

We're in the final stretch of the 2024-2025 school year—Quarter 4 is here! Patriots, let's stay focused, persevere, and finish strong. Success isn't just about smarts; it's about resilience, time management, and a commitment to growth. Each milestone is a testament to the effort you've put in.

As you approach the finish line, remember to stay determined, seek support when needed, and celebrate every bit of progress. Every victory, big or small, brings you closer to a bright future! Keep pushing forward—victory is just around the corner!



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Spring Edition  
Spring 2025



### Important Dates



- March 21- Employee Planning/No School
- Spring Break: March 24-31
- April 2- 6th Grade BEST Writing Assessment
- April 3- 7th Grade BEST Writing Assessment
- April 4- 8th Grade BEST Writing Assessment
- April 8- Quarter 3 Report Card
- April 18- No School
- April 19- Quarter 4 Interim
- Teacher Appreciation Week: April 28-May 2
- Testing Season: May 5-May 15
- May 21- PLMS EOY & Athletics Awards
- May 22- PM 3 Level Up Celebration
- May 23- 8th Grade Prom
- May 26- No School
- May 27- PLMS Career Fair
- May 29- 8th Grade Promotional Ceremony
- June 3- Last Day of School

# YEARBOOK



Hey, Patriots! It's time to capture all the fun, friends, and memories we've made this year! Don't miss out on your chance to remember these epic moments forever.



### Why Buy a Yearbook?

- Look back on all your favorite events, activities, and moments with your classmates.
- Get signatures and messages from your friends.
- Relive the laughter, the sports, the dances, and all the memories that made this year unforgettable!



**SCAN TO PURCHASE**



## BCPS Annual Customer Survey

We value your opinion and ask that you please take the time to complete this survey. The surveys ask stakeholders their opinions about their school, including their teachers, administrators, peers, and other aspects of their experiences at school. Please be assured that your responses to this survey will be anonymous. Your honest opinion is appreciated.



**SCAN HERE**

**The surveys is available through May 2nd online in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, and Portuguese.**



Malia is an inspiring Patriot, dedicated to her academics and always there to support her peers. Beyond the classroom, Malia is a part of the cheer team, cheering on our athletes with pride and energy! Keep Shining Malia

★ ★ ★ **Malia**  
‘Just Do It’ Honoree



### Support our Patriot Community

- Supporting our school as a whole means enhancing academic programs, upgrading facilities, and fostering a safe, inclusive environment for everyone. Together, we can empower our educators, inspire our students, and strengthen our entire community. Let's make a lasting impact!



# MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE

The moment we've all been waiting for is here! Our Patriots are ready to showcase all the incredible progress they've made throughout the 2024-2025 school year as they take on their end-of-year assessments: Progress Monitoring 3, End of Year Course exams, and the science assessment. These assessments play an important role in shaping their courses for the 2025-2026 school year, and we know our Patriots will approach them with focus and determination! They've worked incredibly hard in the classroom, and our dedicated teachers and support staff have been working tirelessly to ensure every student's needs are met. We'd also like to give a huge shoutout to our amazing parents and guardians for their unwavering support. Together, we are unstoppable!

**#AchieveExcellence**



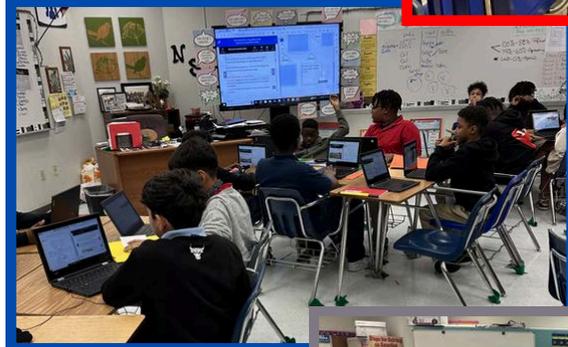
## Mission Dates

- May 5- 6th Grade PM 3 ELA
- May 6- 6th Grade PM 3 Math
- May 7- 7th Grade PM 3 ELA
- May 8- 7th Grade PM 3 Math
- May 9- 8th Grade PM 3 ELA
- May 12- 8th Grade PM 3 Math
- May 13- 7th Grade Civics EOC
- May 14- Science & Biology EOC
- May 15- Algebra & Geometry EOC
- Testing Make-Ups
- May 16-21



### CAUTION

Patriots are preparing to achieve their academic goals.

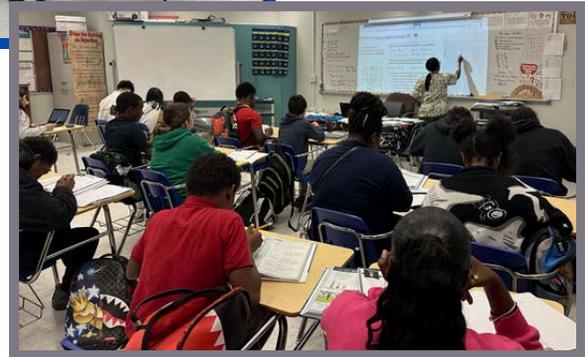


## "C-ing" Our Way to a B"

English Proficiency	50%
Math Proficiency	47%
Science Proficiency	35%
Civics Proficiency	60%
Acceleration	95%



**KEEP WORKING HARD**



# Test Prep Strategies

From: Your fellow Patriots

Do not rush your test!  
-Kai

Make sure to get a good night's sleep before the test!  
-Lamar

Go to your ELOs and use all your math resources, like reference sheet and calculator.  
-Daniella

Like Nike... Just do it!  
-Gianna

Before submitting your test, go over the questions and check your answers!  
-Natalie

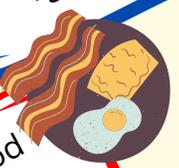
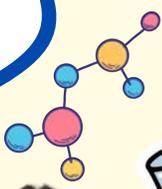
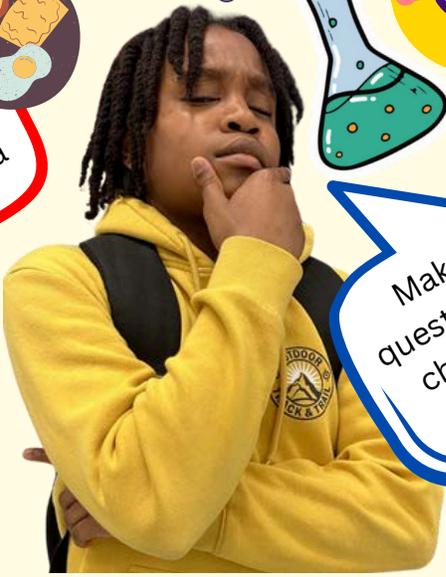
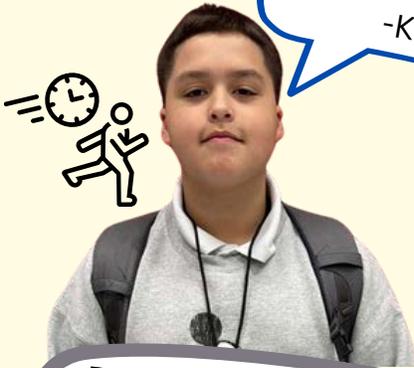
Take a deep breath before starting the test.  
-Natalia

Treat the test like a class assignment - it'll help you feel less stressed!  
-Jordan

Be and remain positive through the test.  
-Amber

Eat some good breakfast.  
-Geniah & Denashia

Make sure to read the question and all the answer choices carefully before picking your answer.  
-Darween



Good Luck you got this!

# Black History Month Showcase

## Celebrating Black Innovation & Excellence



### Special Thanks to our Vendors



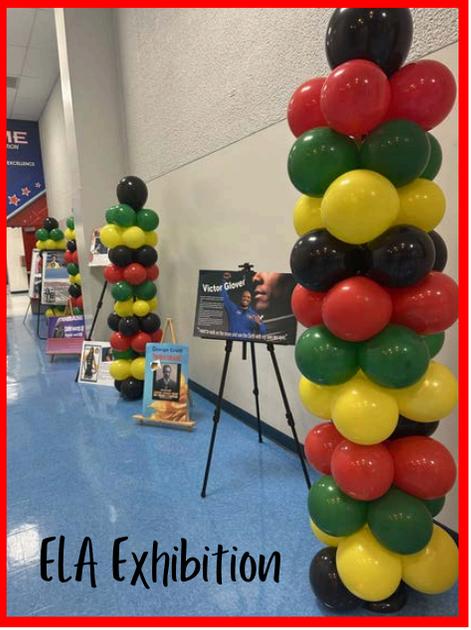
# Thank you!

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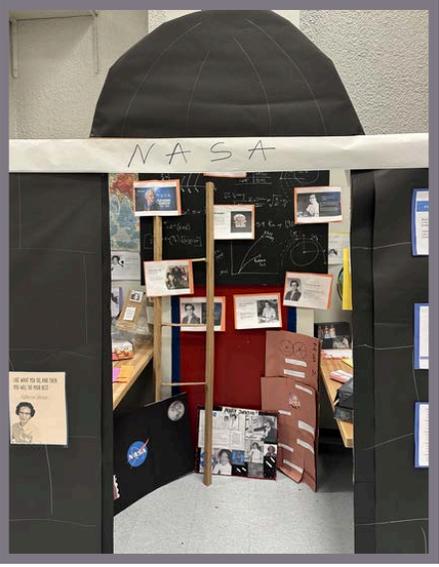
Our amazing Band under the direction of Mr. Dunlap



A.C.E.S Aerospace Exhibition



ELA Exhibition



A.C.E.S Fashion & Design Exhibition

Special thanks to our  
Masters of Ceremony  
Mr. Johnson and Darween



The Lion King  
Directed by Ms. Mitchell



Poetry from  
Mr. Maxwell



Dance Performance from The Five



Dance Performance from  
The Dancing Divas

# Patriots' got Talent



Singing by Jenaya



K-Pop Dancing from Mayar



Poetry written by Riley



Singing by Rose



Dancing from Travis



Whether it's singing, dancing, or performing a magic trick, the courage to perform in front of an audience takes a lot of confidence.

By pushing past their nerves and embracing the spotlight, they not only entertain but inspire others to pursue their own talents and face their fears.



Dancing Duo Freedom



Fashion Designer Jay-lin





Can you believe these dresses are made out of newspapers?



Fashion Show directed by Dr. Freeman

Poetry Jam by Ms. Samuel's PA Students



Fresh Prince- Will Smith



"I have a Dream" - Martin Luther King Jr



"Phenomenal Woman" Dr. Maya Angelou



# Patriot Positivity

Highlighting success, one Patriot at a time!

## CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE



Caliber Awards

### Flag Football Season



Cheering for our Patriots!



Mr. Johnson  
Teacher of the Year



Ms. Doe  
School-Related  
Employee of the Year

### Quarter 2 Honor Roll Celebration

Speak Life. End Bullying.  
The Musical Film



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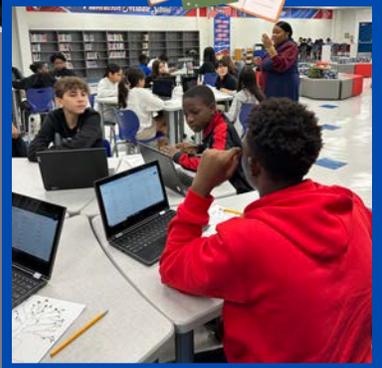
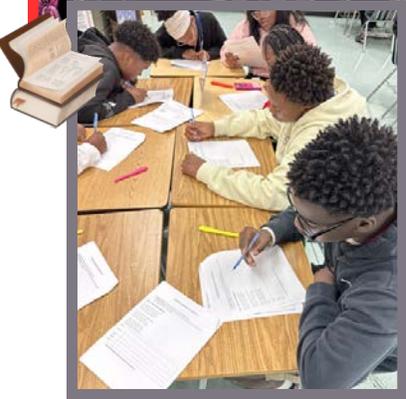


Did you know...  
When bystanders intervene, bullying stops within 10 seconds 57% of the time.

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## 6th - 8th Grade Poetry Supersession



## Mental Health Services Board Workshop



Ms. Martinez  
Student Support  
Instructional Specialist



Daniella shared her experiences with the Wellness Clubs she participates in while in MTL and discussed their positive impact on her.



The ACES Aerospace Magnet Program visit Florida Memorial University to explore its Aviation Program.



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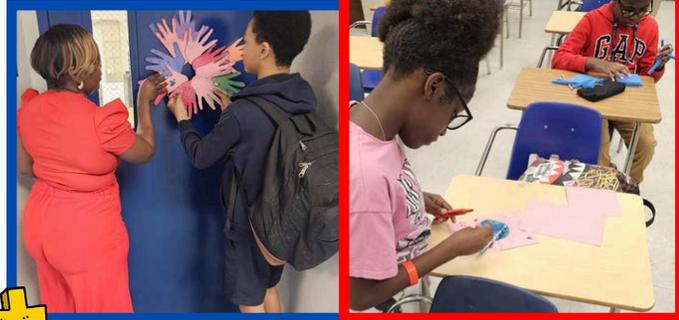
A Day of Love and Service  
February 14, 2025



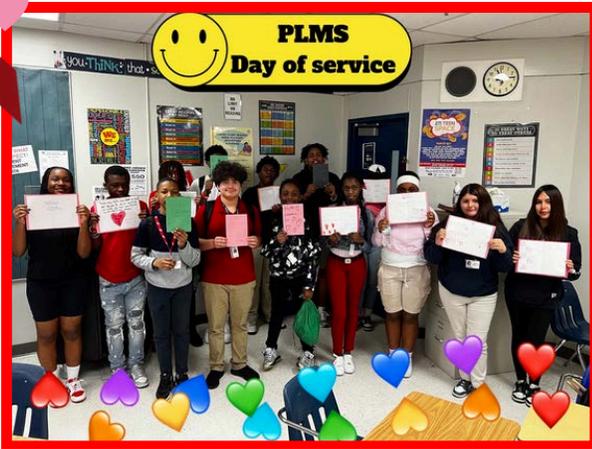
5000 Role Models showing love to the PLMS staff



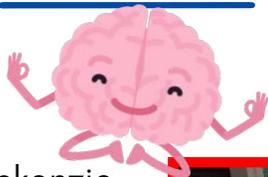
Spreading some Patriot Love



Math Love Language



Morning yoga with Ms. Mckenzie





## A.C.E.S & Patriot Academy Updates



### Patriot Academy

Our Patriot Academy students have demonstrated tremendous growth in both ELA and Math. They are putting in significant effort to master their content and actively engage in meaningful student discourse. Students are encouraged to continue their progress in their accelerated and high school classes, as well as remain involved in extended learning opportunities through various projects.

Note to Parents:

As we near the end of the year, there is no need to reapply for the Patriot Academy program. Students will automatically continue their pathway for the 2025-2026 school year.



### Academy of Fashion Design

This quarter, students will be looking at upcycling clothing. This is a fashion trend that helps with reducing the amount of clothing in landfills. Students will learn some of the many ways they can transform old clothes into new garments and accessories. To assist with the completion of this unit, students will be required to bring in 2 to 3 pieces of used clothing they no longer wear and would like to transform them into something new.



### Academy of Aerospace Engineering

Students will be working on understanding air resistance, buoyancy and thermodynamics by creating and exploring with parachutes and hot air balloons. Students will also be addressing the challenges of sustaining life on Mars through understanding the importance of efficient resources and sustainability. Students will be engaging in this process as we dive into our own environmental issues we have here on Earth.



### Academy of Entrepreneurship



Students will be able to effectively construct and develop a business plan. The students will also develop a business pitch presentation. They will be able to present to Plantation Middle School selected staff and gain investment for their company. Students will familiarize themselves with some 'Shark Tank' ideas as examples to prepare them for their presentation, including course content, and approved research online platforms. Student will continue to build their personal finance Portfolio as they make smart choices for their financial future health. (Budgeting, Saving and Investing, Compounding interest etc.) We will also have guest speakers in several career fields.



# Curriculum Updates



## ELA

As we wrap up Quarter 3, students will take the Unit Assessment to determine next steps for remediation and enrichment based on the standards covered. In the coming weeks, students will focus on writing as they prepare for the writing assessment, which will take place during the second week after Spring Break. As we approach PM 3, students will focus on test-taking strategies and question analysis while revisiting the lowest standards for their grade level to strengthen their understanding. Encouraging your child to work on "My Path" on iReady is a great way to help them close any learning gaps they may have. Remind them that every small step they take on "My Path" brings them closer to mastering new skills.

## MATH

The math department recently completed Quarter 2 station reviews in the classrooms and is now preparing for review stations to support students ahead of the PM3 assessments. Algebra 1 Honors and Geometry Honors students have also completed the BSA assessments to evaluate their current skill levels. Students needing additional math support can access homework assistance through Varsity Tutors.



This quarter, 6th-grade students will explore energy transfers through the five spheres of Earth, element cycles like carbon and nitrogen, and the law of "Conservation of Energy and Matter." This quarter, 8th-grade Physical Science focused on understanding the transfer of potential and kinetic energy and demonstrating the "Conservation of Energy." Students explored seven types of energy, categorized them as renewable or nonrenewable, and researched their advantages and disadvantages in group projects, creating posters and PSAs. Next, they will study wave types and features, creating personal charts to describe the unique properties of each.

The Social Studies department is preparing 7th-grade students for their end-of-year assessment, covering topics like propaganda, the media, and amending state and federal constitutions. 6th graders are studying early civilizations, like Mesopotamia, and learning to analyze primary documents. 8th graders are preparing for a Junior Achievement Finance field trip, where they'll gain skills in business, budgeting, and bill-paying. All grade levels are also supporting ELA classes by focusing on vocabulary acquisition.



## SCIENCE



## SOCIAL STUDIES

### Student Code of Conduct



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The Code of Student Conduct, Policy 5090, provides specific information regarding the rules that all students are expected to adhere to, as well as consequences for violations. Important among these rules are consistent and timely attendance, respect for people and property, appropriate dress, technology usage, student publications, student activities, student records and the right to appeal, including grievance procedures.

### Student Services

- 6th Grade- Mr. Rossi (754) 322- 4114
- 7th Grade- Ms. Pelzer (754) 322- 4134
- 8th Grade- Mr. Kerr (754) 322- 4111

### Parent/Teacher Conferences

Tuesdays/Thursdays 8:40AM



Stay engaged and connected—  
**join the PTSA!**

- Membership Fees
- Parent/Guardian \$10
- Student \$5



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