



For the Parents, Students & Staff of Atlantic High School

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Mrs. Sandra Edwards
Principal

Principal's Message

Greetings Parents, Students, and Community Stakeholders,

It is hard to believe that we are at the halfway mark for this school year and spring break is right around the corner. Our staff and faculty are working hard to ensure your student's educational experience will be amazing and rewarding. Many students are making great academic strides. We encourage all students to strive for excellence! A student's educational experience is influenced by the relationship between school, parent, and their teachers. Remember to keep in contact with your student teachers weekly through emails, SIS, or by visiting the school.

Academic success is everyone's responsibility; therefore, we need your continued help and support. Please make sure your child is in school on time, in dress code with their school ID around their neck, and ready to be an active participant in their classroom. Encourage your child to do their very best while at school. If your child needs help, please have him/her to reach out to their teacher or guidance counselor for assistance. Remember, my faculty and staff are committed to educate, affirm, and inspire in all that we do. Our future looks bright, here at Atlantic High School!

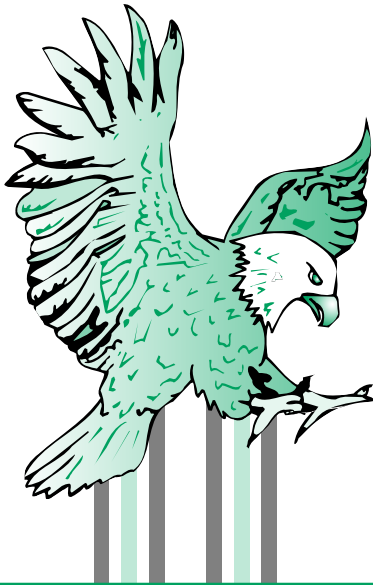
Sincerely,
Principal Edwards





Homecoming Spirit Week

Today was 90's cookout day. This week the students were able to promote school spirit and unity. It was such a fun day for them to come together and create lasting memories.



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Business Partners

We would like to give a Big "Shout Out" and "Thank you" to our business partner, the Hilltoppers of Delray Beach, for your generous monetary contribution to our Athletic Department. Your commitment to our Athletic Department has made an incredible difference in our program. Thank you for being our unwavering champions. A special thank you to Mrs. Yvonne Odom for leading this worthy cause as well as your continued support to Atlantic. If you would like to become a business partner or know of a business that would and/or is interested in our banner program, please contact Mrs. Britt at (561) 279-1727. There is still room for you to join us!



McKinney-Vento Program (MVP) - Homelessness

The McKinney-Vento Program (MVP), the District's Homeless Education Program provides assistance to homeless children and youth, including unaccompanied homeless youth throughout the District in compliance with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. The McKinney-Vento Act protects the educational rights of children and youth experiencing homelessness and seeks to remove barriers often experienced by students experiencing homelessness in enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school.

Who is Eligible for Services?

If, due to a loss of housing, you must live in a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground, on the street, in abandoned buildings, or doubled-up with relatives or friends, then you are eligible to receive services provided under the McKinney-Vento Act. Unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness are also eligible for services under the McKinney-Vento Act. Our school's contact person is Ms. Cadet. Please feel free to contact her at marie.cadet@palmbeachschools.org if you have questions regarding McKinney-Vento Act services.



Homecoming Dance

Homecoming Dance 2023! Theme-Euphoric Masquerade! It's a beautiful sight when students dress up and mingle with their peers outside of the school setting. They definitely understood the assignment.


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Author Randi Pink to Visit 10th Grade Reading Classes

For the second year in a row, author Randi Pink will be visiting Atlantic Community High School to discuss her historical novel *Angel of Greenwood*. Last year, students were so engaged in reading during class and were blown away hearing Ms. Pink speak, that reading teacher Alicia Ostendorf begged to have her come back to our school again.

Angel of Greenwood is a work of historical fiction that accurately depicts the success of Greenwood, Oklahoma, which was commonly known as "Black Wall Street," and the subsequent racially motivated bombings. Ms. Ostendorf has created a full instructional unit based on the book, which hits all required Florida standards. The unit culminates with a beautiful reading journal in which the students get to create a new cover based their interpretation of the novel's theme. This year, the novel will also be presented in a second reading teacher's class, expanding the number of students that will be impacted by the author's visit.

Ms. Ostendorf has already had a great response reading the novel this year, with students emailing her to take the book home to read ahead, and begging to continue reading even though class time has ended. The students cannot put this book down! Author visits have been shown to be amazingly impactful for students, but seeing the students excited about reading is the best feeling a reading teacher can have.



We Are A Five Star School Again

The Five Star School Award is a prestigious distinction that is highly desirable in the community and in all school districts throughout the state of Florida. It designates and recognizes schools that have total community involvement. There are five separate areas which cumulatively create a school deserving of this recognition. The areas that encompass this award are Community/ Business Partnership, Family Involvement, Volunteers, Student Community Service, and School Advisory Council. The school must meet 100% of the criteria in ALL areas. We are also a Golden School Award recipient. Thank you Mrs. Britt and all who helped to make this a reality!

Perfect Score on Spring Assessment

Congratulations to Emily Ly, Allison Long, Nathanaelle Letage, Victor Lopez, Kaitlyn Haas, and Matthew Cai for achieving a perfect score on one of their Spring 2023 assessment! Your exceptional achievement is an example to others that success can be attained through hard work!

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Criminal Justice Academy Spreading Holiday Cheer

Thirty-five incredible students from our Criminal Justice Academy program, came together to make the holidays a little brighter for families in need right here in Delray Beach. These amazing students delivered a dozen full Thanksgiving meals to families who could use a helping hand during the holiday season. Their dedication to spreading joy and warmth is truly inspiring.

These Criminal Justice Academy students worked tirelessly, holding fundraisers to raise the funds needed to provide these delicious Thanksgiving meals. Their commitment to making a positive impact is nothing short of commendable. This project allowed them to foster a sense of community, empathy and a spirit of gratitude and generosity. Thank you Deputy Byrd and Officer Mouchette for all you do for our CJ Academy Students.



Acceptance Into Morris College On The Spot

Congratulations to Karlanne Fortune, Noudruga Geffrard, Yolanda Castin, Aisha Fluorentin, and Destinee Britt for being accepted to Morris College on the spot!



Congratulations to Our Student Authors

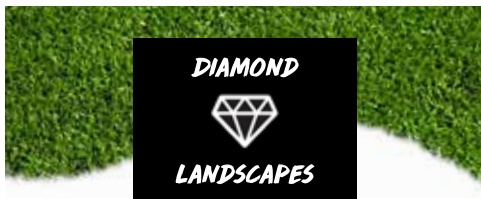
Meet Atlantic's newest student authors!

Seniors Olivia Gonzalez and Nedjie Aurelien are Atlantic's newest published authors! Author/publisher Stephen Kozan visited Atlantic High School last year and offered a writing contest to a group of students. Olivia won the contest and went on to write and publish a complete YA novel. Her book, *"Spiraling Out of Control"* is a gripping narrative that plunges readers into an unexpected journey throughout space and history. Told in a blend of poetry and prose, two individuals have the weight of the world on their shoulders. They find themselves thrown together in a place that belongs to neither of them, befriended by a group where no one is what they seem" (<https://kidswritestories.net/book/spiraling-out-of-control/>).

Senior Nedjie Aurelien was offered the opportunity to publish her book this October, and has been one of the fastest students to be published by Mr. Kozan. Her book is a compilation of poems exploring the pain and angst of being a teenager who has experienced loss but still manages to find hope. The novel is currently in production and will be released in less than a month. Nedjie hopes that her book is a "champion of diversity for young black women that may see themselves within the literature field," which is a task she manages beautifully (<https://kidswritestories.net/book/spiraling-out-of-control/>).

We thank ReadyAimWriteKids, LLC (books written by kids and for kids) and Stephen Kozan for providing this opportunity to our students. Both students will participate in a book launch at Delray Beach Public Library on April 6 at 1p.m. The event will be open to the public, and will feature a Q&A with both authors, a reading from both authors, and the chance to get copies of their books signed! The following week, both students will participate as panelists in the BAM! Festival of Books, Art, & Music at the Mandel Library, April 13 10a.m.-3p.m. Both events are free and open to the public.

If anyone would like information about attending the book launch, BAM! Festival, and/or purchasing these student novels, please contact Rebecca Radic in the library.



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Bound for College

Bound for College is up and running here at Atlantic High School. In October, BFC went on a college tour at Florida International University in Miami. We have about 80 members this school year. Unfortunately, at this time we are not open for new applications; however, in January we usually add new spots for Sophomores and Juniors. Our BFC program is at 4 high schools across the district: Atlantic High, Boynton Beach High, Santaluces High, and Village Academy. We prepare our students for ACT/SAT test preparation, take college tours, and provide any additional support to get rid of the barriers these students have. During your senior year, they will continue to work on improving their test scores along with the college application/scholarship process. We provide all of this support for FREE!!!! The student occurs at no cost while in the program.

If you need any additional information about our wonderful program, please don't hesitate to ask or visit their website at: <https://weareboundforcollege.org/>.

Congratulations to our 2024 Palm Beach Post Pathfinders Scholarship Nominees

The Pathfinder High School Scholarship Awards are presented each year to those high school seniors in Palm Beach and Martin counties who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in various academic, vocational and athletic categories. Pathfinders is sponsored by Palm Beach Newspapers, Inc., publisher of The Palm Beach Post, Palm Beach Daily News, Florida Pennysaver and La Palma. These awards are presented each year to recognize excellence and to encourage these students to one day bring their considerable talents to the communities where each received a start on the path to a good education and a rewarding career.

They will compete with the top students in each area at all high schools in Palm Beach and Martin Counties. The students will be interviewed in March. This year's scholarship amounts will be \$3,000 for first place, \$2,000 for second, and \$1,500 for third place. Please congratulate them and wish them luck as they continue on in the competition! We are proud to have them represent us.

Congratulations to our 2024 Nominees-

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Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) Team Host First Eagle Bucks' Game Day

On Friday, October 27th, PBIS hosted our first Eagle Bucks' Game Day. Approximately 150 students were released from 6th period to attend a fun-filled game day in the cafeteria. Eagle Bucks' Game Day was for students who showcased our proud Atlantic motto throughout the first quarter and were rewarded with snacks, drinks, and exciting games with a chance to win gift cards. Eagle Bucks is a part of a system, that allows teachers and staff members to distribute "money" to students who exhibit extraordinary behavior. At the end of each quarter, students are able to use the "money" as entry into a planned event. If you would like to donate to an Eagle Bucks' Day, please contact Zanquisha Jones, PBIS Coach, at zanquisha.jones@palmbeachschools.org or Sandra Edwards, Principal, at sandra.edwards@palmbeachschools.org.

Images from Eagle Bucks' Game Day on October 27, 2023



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Thank You!



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District Football Champions

Congratulations to all of our coaches and our varsity football for winning the District Championship! Also, congratulations to our football team for having a combined 3.0 GPA and 30 honor roll students! We are so proud of you! As Eagles we SOAR!



Miami Dolphins High School Coach of the Week

Congratulations to Coach Murray on receiving the Miami Dolphins High School Coach of the Week Award! The Miami Dolphins Foundation, in partnership with the NFL, presented our football program with a grant for \$1,000. This is an ongoing program that collaborates with the NFL to honor top High School Head coaches each year.