



BFA SHARK BYTES



EDITION 1

AUGUST 30, 2019

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE FROM MR. SIMS

Greetings parents, students, and BFA community! I am excited to serve as principal of Bright Futures Academy! Our students and staff have started the school year with tremendous enthusiasm and optimism. We are looking forward to maximum parent and community involvement as we move our school to a "B" rating. We have supreme confidence in our students, teachers, parents, and support staff. We appreciate your continued support of Bright Futures Academy!

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Kindergarten (Nelson): In Kindergarten we are learning about our five senses. Did you know that there are 7 different types of taste? Students are also learning about the 7 continents and 5 oceans. In Math we are learning how to count to 100 and identify numbers 0-3. In Language Arts we are starting to learn about different letters in the alphabet. We are also practicing how to write our first and last names. Our first field trip will be on September 25.

1st Grade (Etienne): We are currently learning to understand addition, working on our sight words fluently in preparation for our first reading level assessment, and working on identifying the continents and oceans as well as parts of a map and globe. This month I would like to send out birthday shout-outs to Madison and Curtis.

1st Grade (Brown): We are currently learning how to identify the central message and key details in a fictional text. In mathematics, we are learning how to solve addition word problems within twenty using a variety of strategies. For social studies we are working toward understanding the importance of rights and responsibilities and how they can aid us in becoming global citizens. I'd like to recognize my entire class for the ownership they've taken over their learning while adjusting to the change. Way to go sharks!

2nd Grade (Porter): 2nd graders are practicing our fast facts of addition and subtraction. We encourage you to practice with your child as a wonderful way to help them academically and spend quality time together. In Science we have been studying the parts of a flower and the parts of a plant. We will be talking about good citizenship and what makes a good citizen in Social Studies. Happy Birthday to Zackari!

3rd Grade (Lockhart): 3rd graders are learning about number lines and number patterns in math. For language arts, we are learning about narrative writing. For social studies, we are learning about communities and good citizenship.

4th Grade (Jackson): 4th graders are reviewing multiplication facts and the order of operations. In language arts we are reading the book, Island of the Blue Dolphins.

5th Grade (Bayer): Fifth grade is off to a fantastic start! We are learning all about each other with interesting activities that are very interactive. Our class is very excited about the fun things planned and we are ready to learn new things.

Next month's edition will feature our middle school grades, art and PE! Be on the lookout for info on Fall Clubs!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon., Sept. 2--NO SCHOOL

Tue., Sept. 3--BFA T-Shirt Contest

Fri., Sept. 13--Freeze Pop Fridays start

Fri., Sept. 13--Last Day for BFA T-Shirt Contest Submissions

Tues., Sept. 17--Curriculum Night at BFA

Wed., Sept. 18--Restaurant Night at La Fogata

Mon., Sept. 23--Cheer/Dance Tryouts Begin

Wed., Sept. 25--Kindergarten Field Trip

Mon., Sept. 30--NO SCHOOL

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Make sure you Like/Follow us on  so you don't miss any posts. Our Facebook page is Bright Futures Academy. Also visit our website at brightfuturesacademy.com. Items posted this past month include:

- BFA T-Shirt Contest
- Weather Closure Information
- Uniform Policy Updates
- Auditions for News Anchors
- Middle School (6-8) Athletic Eligibility Forms
- Title 1 Letters
- Bus Routes
- The BFA Store
- Jeans Fridays
- Freeze Pop Fridays
- Restaurant Night
- Curriculum Night
- Field Trip Information
- Car Line Traffic Patterns
- School start and dismissal times

HOT OFF THE PRESS....FROM OUR STUDENT REPORTERS

We are hoping to formulate a Press Corp of Student Reporters. These reporters will be responsible for conducting interviews with fellow students with a predefined topic for each month. Any interested students should provide their name to the front desk.

“D”EEP THOUGHTS—MUSINGS FROM MR. D, CEO

Did you know that BFA has been around for 18 years? BFA opened its doors in 2001 as the Bright Futures International Charter School, with approximately 48 students enrolled in grades K-2. In 2004, we opened the Academy for International Studies, which serviced approximately 25 students in grades 6-8th. The schools continued to grow, and in 2008, the charters were re-written, merged, and approved for 15 years to service students in K-8, on multiple campuses and multiple sites as Bright Futures Academy. BFA has operated on as many as four campuses in three different municipalities. We strive to address the needs of the whole child and how they interact with the world around them. This requires education about the environment in which we live, interactions with others, self-control, and physical and emotional health. We are excited for another great school year at BFA!

QUOTABLES....

“Education is the key to unlocking the world, a passport to freedom.”

.....Oprah Winfrey

“Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child and one teacher can change the world.”

.....Malala Yousafzai

“Be so good they can’t ignore you.”

.....Steve Martin

“You must do the things you think you cannot do.”

.....Eleanor Roosevelt

“Work hard, be kind, and amazing things will happen.”

.....Conan O’Brien

STAFF SPOTLIGHT—MS. ETIENNE, 1ST GRADE



Hello, my name is Ms. Roseline Etienne. I have been at Bright Futures Academy for 6 years now and love every moment of it. I love teaching and being able to help students blossom into the beautiful person they are meant to be. I was born and raised in Newark, New Jersey. In 1995, I moved down to Florida where I completed my education. I graduated with my Bachelor’s Degree in 2014 and with my Masters in April 2019, both in Early Childhood Education. During my free time, I love to watch Netflix and ride my bike. I look forward to many more years of teaching the brilliant students at Bright Futures Academy. Every child has the passion to learn and the ability to grow into a wonderful person. My goal is to teach my students to believe in themselves and the goals that they place with the help of their teacher. I am so ecstatic to be able to take part in this wonderful journey with you all.