



# PANTHER NEWS

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## *From the Desk of the Principal*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Today marks the end of our third nine week grading period. This means our year is quickly coming to a close. With only nine weeks remaining in this school term, it is critical that each and every student come to school prepared to make the most of each day.

As a school, we have made an effort to provide many opportunities to ensure parents are aware of promotion and retention requirements. We have done this through parent teacher conference nights as well as workshops during which Georgia Milestones' state requirements were shared. Simply put, you should be aware if your child is in jeopardy of retention. If your child has failing grades for this grading period, it is imperative that you meet with your child's teacher to discuss placement for the 2017 - 2018 school term. As always, feel free to call our school (779-2800) to schedule an appointment.

Please ensure your child attends school on a daily basis. Simply put, they cannot learn if they are not present. In addition, please understand inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. We must work together to ensure all students are granted the opportunity to learn in an environment that is free of distraction, disrespect and upheaval. Your child's education is too important to expect any less and as such, we will hold everyone accountable for their actions. It is our hope that all of our students demonstrate what they are taught regarding behavior and character on a daily basis here at our fine, fine school!

As Always, Take care,

### **SPOTLIGHT ON OUR FINE, FINE Teachers!!**

This week, we would like to shine our spotlight on Ms. Iwanda Dickey! Ms. Dickey is now in her second year with us at our fine, fine school and currently serves as our part time Early Intervention Teacher. As such, she works closely with students in an effort to strengthen their foundational learning. Ms. Dickey has committed more than 30 years to education serving as a teacher, assistant principal and principal! Way to go Ms. Dickey!!



### **GEORGIA MILESTONES IS ALMOST HERE!!**

We are entering our final instructional days prior to taking our Georgia Milestones Assessment! Milestones is mandatory for all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. As a reminder, mandatory promotion and retention requirements have been put in place for this assessment. We must make every remaining day of teaching and learning count!

### **PARENTS OF FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS**

On Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, Howard Middle School will host their 5<sup>th</sup> grade parent night. You are encouraged to attend as important information will be shared regarding the transition to Middle School. In addition, on Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup>, we will have our annual transition visit known as "Smooth Move" to Howard Middle School. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend this event as well.

### **Mark Your Calendars**

March 15<sup>th</sup>: Half Day for Students  
March 22<sup>nd</sup>: Report Cards sent home  
March 27 - March 31: Spring Break  
**Every Friday - Jean Day for Students.**