



Cheetah News
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Happy Thanksgiving!!



Just a reminder: TSMS will be closed next week!

Reminders For Parents During Break



Parents please be sure to take this time and look over your students uniforms and school supplies to make sure they have student agendas, enough pencils, erasers, folders, etc needed for school. Students should return Monday the 27th with the correct TSMS sweater/jackets and appropriate shoes. Students wearing outside jackets at school, that are not uniform appropriate will be confiscated for the day. Students wearing inappropriate shoes that are not black, white, brown, or navy will be identified and parents will be contacted. No RED shoes permitted.

Family Thanksgiving Luncheon

































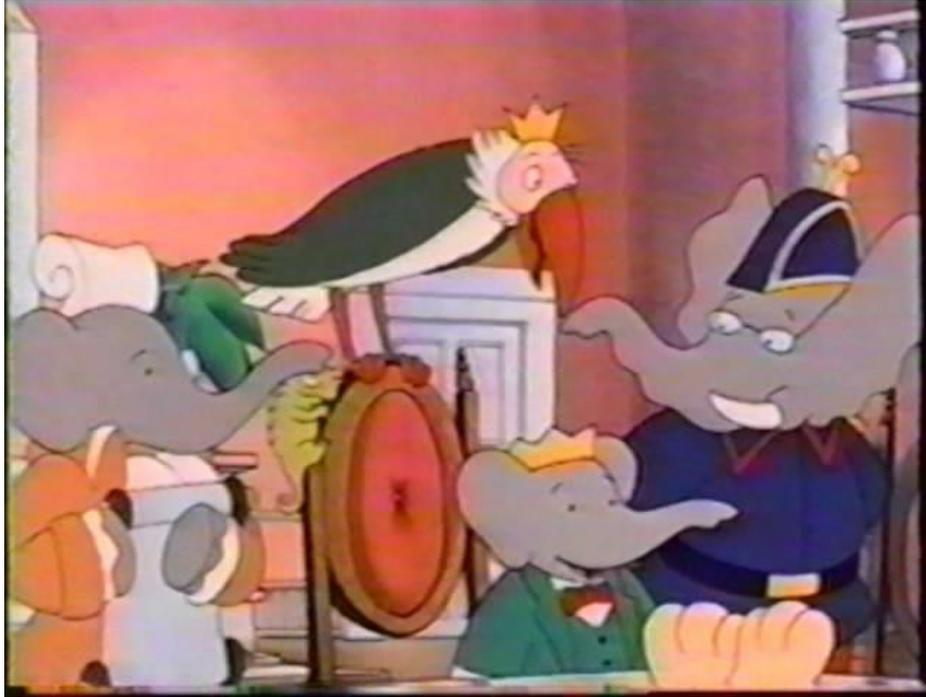




TSMS would like to thank all families that joined us for our Family Thanksgiving Luncheon!!!

TSMS Character Education: Character Trait of the Month- **Citizenship**

Do your share to make your school and community better • Cooperate • Get involved in community affairs • Stay informed; vote • Be a good neighbor • Obey laws and rules • Respect authority • Protect the environment • Volunteer



Student of the Week: Brizeida Patino



For showing great Citizenship by taking on responsibilities during Cheetahs United this week. She took on facilitating activities on the active table with the K - 4 students and volunteered to read with her cousin Aaron (one of our busiest bodies). She is a great example for all of her peers.

-Gaskin

TSMS Teacher of the Week: Mr Demir



We would like to thank Mr. Demir for all of his hard work and dedication to our school!

TSMS Connect: Parent Portal



Dear parents,

We are excited to announce a great new feature added to TSMS Connect: Parent Portal.

Until now, parents have been using student accounts to gain access.

From now on, parents will have separate login accounts and have ability to do following ;

- Send messages to teachers within the system
- Access information easier (grades, assignments, discipline, attendance, report cards, standards reports)
- Parents of multiple students have access to all their children's info from one account
- Update contact information via their accounts
- Submit volunteer hours (will be added soon)

Please look for an email from Mr. Aktas soon about instructions to set up your parent portal account.

Thanks

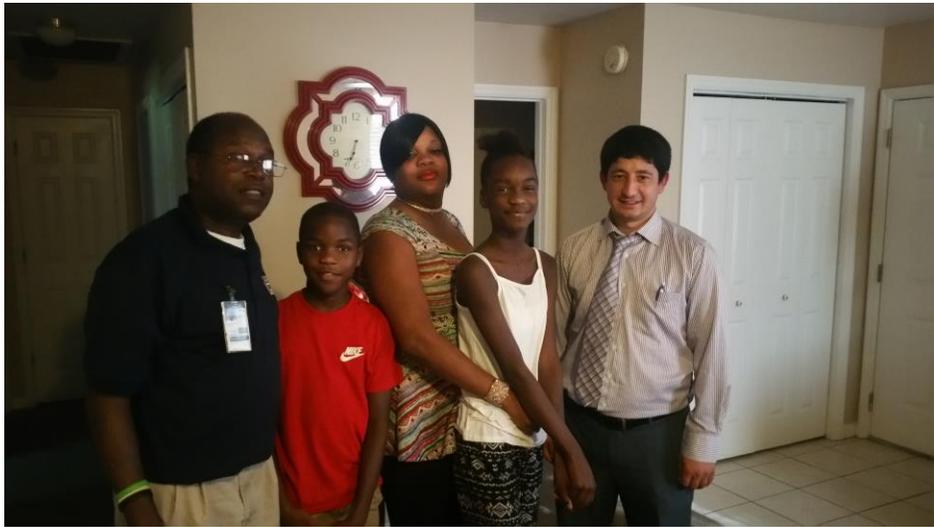
Did you know, your teachers are coming to your house today?























Dear Parents,

We would like to visit the home of our students to see the students and their families as a way of getting to know them better, and bridging the gap of communication between the parents and the school.

Researches show that

- Home visits help with both academic and behavioral performance of students.
- The interaction with student's family at their home is a very effective way to help his
- or her progress.
- Home visit is an effective way for teachers to get parents involved in their child's
- education and to inform parents and children on how much they care.

For this reason, our teachers would like to have a short visit to your home at a time that is convenient for you.

[Please fill out home visit request form here if you are interested.](#)

PVO Giftcard collection



This is a sign up for \$5 Walmart gift cards DUE ON 12/1. We will distribute them to the TSMS staff members according to how many we receive. Last year we were able to give each instructional staff \$40, and paraprofessionals \$20 each! These giftcards were used to purchase items for the classrooms.

PVO funds will be used to fill in any gaps and augment.

The school's administration will also be giving a gift to the teachers to join with the giftcards.

Thanks for everything you do to let our teachers know how much they are appreciated!

WE LOVE OUR STAFF AT TSMS!

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TSMS Staff Appreciation Breakfast - 12/14/2017- December



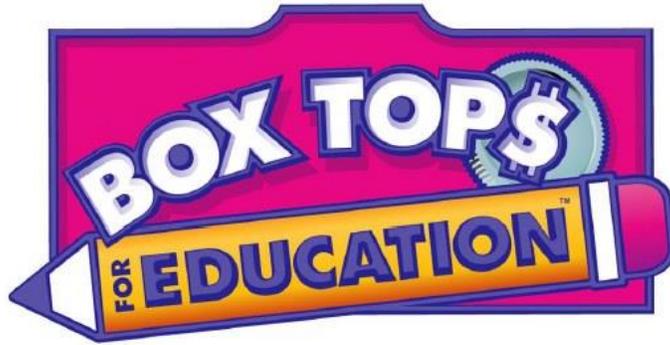
Please help us celebrate our very special teachers with a special edition of our monthly teacher appreciation breakfast - Thursday, December 14th If you can participate in bringing in one of the following items (or any of your choosing), this would sure help us to make it a successful event.

Breakfast starts at 7:30am, please have all items brought to the front office by 7:15am on the day of or you can drop them off the day before (just put a note on them for Thursday's breakfast please).

We currently have 45 staff members at TSMS. Date: 12/14/2017 (Thu.)

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090844aaa722aafd0-tsms9>

BOX TOP\$



Tallahassee School of Math & Science is now participating in the Box Tops for Education program! This is a great way to help raise money for the school.

Please clip and bring in to the school all the BoxTops you can collect and your student can turn them in to their homeroom teacher. Every BoxTop helps!

Our first collection is due by Friday 12/15/2017.

Turn them into your homeroom teacher.

Parents Night Out!



Parents Night Out

Sponsored by

ISMS PVO



Need some time to finish shopping?

How about just a date night?

Bring your ISMS K-8th grader to ISMS on Friday 12/8/16 from 6pm to 9pm!

\$15/1st child and \$5/ for each additional child.

*We'll serve pizza and drinks have a movie (Polar Express), games, and
fun for all the kids to enjoy.*

Kids can also come dressed in their favorite pajamas and enjoy some

Hot chocolate during the movie!

Sign up now through 12/1/17 by turning in the attached form.

We Hope To See You There!

ISMS PVO

**We will not be able to add students after the deadline of 12/1*

Staff Spotlight: Coach Waters



Mrs. Waters is a Tallahassee native. She grew up attending: Springwood Elementary School, Deerlake Middle School and Lincoln High School. She went on to major in Business Marketing at the University of North Florida. Although, her degree was in business, her passion was in education. Coach Waters comes from a family of teachers. She has taught elementary school math, science, reading and writing as well as special education and girls gymnastics. In addition, Coach Waters was a high school mentor, counseled struggling children and worked in children's ministries.

Coach Waters grew up playing sports as a competitive gymnast having performed in the opening ceremonies of the Junior Olympics at Doak Campbell Stadium. Her competitive cheerleading team placed 3rd in State Regionals and she has been awarded track medals for short and long-distance meets. She competes as an adult in local road races around the state.

Coach Waters and her husband Paul, of 16 years, have a 9-year-old son Austin. They enjoy spending time outdoors, traveling, sports, and spending time at the beach.

She is thrilled to be a Cheetah! "

Ms. Wrinkle's Classroom



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We are moving and grooving in 2nd grade this week! We have been learning about offspring of different types of animals. Just in time too! Our classroom has been incubating chicken eggs. Not just any ole chicken eggs but TSMS Grandbaby Chicken Eggs. That's right, you heard this correctly. The parents of these baby chickens were also hatched out in an incubator at TSMS. They were hatched by Mr. Demir. We now have GRANDBABY Chickens. Mr. Demir, how does it feel to be a grandfather? 😊

We are excited to watch our babies grow and one day soon see them laying their own eggs. We will have the baby chicks in the classroom for the rest of the week and they will go home with me during our Thanksgiving Holiday. We are 21 hatched and 9 still waiting. Please watch our video and view our pictures.

TSMS CMP Trip







The TSMS College Mentorship Program students took a trip to Tallahassee International Airport for The Commemorative Air Force Red Tail Squadron's the RISE ABOVE Traveling Exhibit to preserve and share the inspiring history and legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen - America's first black military pilots and their support personnel last Friday. It was a great educational and exciting experience for all kids!

8th Grade Field Trip!











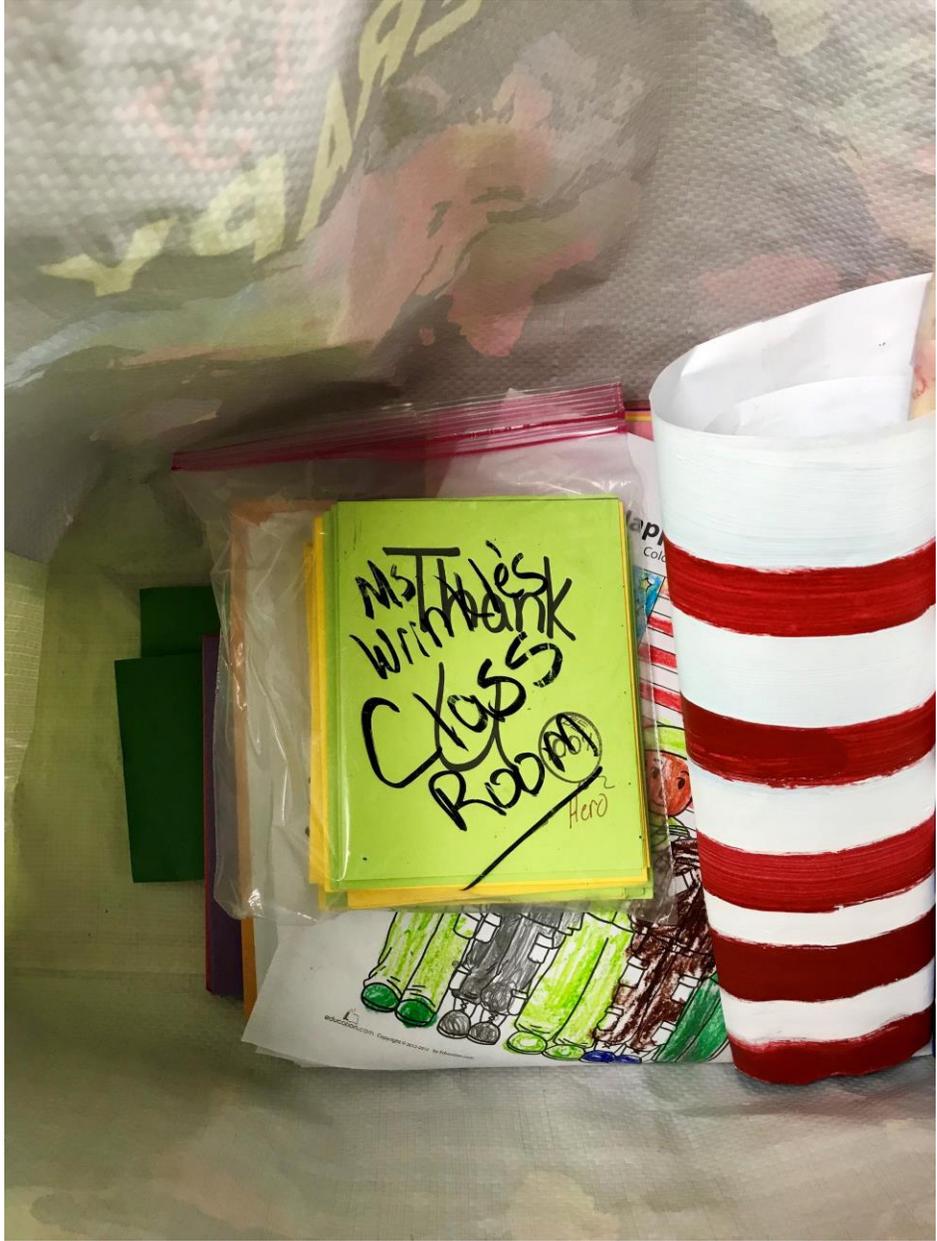




















The 8th-Grade class took a field trip to Florida's Historic Capitol and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post. They had an amazing time debating an actual issue inside of the old FL House of Representatives chamber. The room is filled with historically-accurate desks and chairs, and the students choose a topic to debate and vote on. Our class chose to discuss the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), which the FL House voted on in 1982. Our students had some great arguments, and they ultimately voted to pass the Constitutional amendment, just as the real FL House did 35 years ago!

At the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post, we hand-delivered cards made for local veterans by each class here at TSMS. Students then completed a scavenger hunt for information hidden among the amazing artifacts displayed in the VFW's museum collection. Commander Pickel, and Former Commander Alvarez also talked to us about Vietnam, and the new museum being built near the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C. It is always a pleasure to learn from the bountiful resources in our community, and maybe the History Fair projects in Mr. McCovery's U.S. History class will now benefit from a piqued interest in this year's topic: Conflict and Compromise!

4th Grade News

4th Grade Proclamation

I am limitless. I believe in myself.

I am courageous. I love challenges.

I am a leader. I am a great listener.

I am honest, and trustworthy.

I believe in my dreams. I am smart.

I treat myself and others with respect.

I am strong and healthy. I am confident.

I LOVE myself. I LOVE my life.

I can become what I want to become.

Failure is not an option!

I AM VICTORIOUS!

I AM SUCCESSFUL!

In the spirit of the seasons changing, we are also changing our mindsets in school. Our students are more excited than ever to be a 4th grade student at TSMS! We are shifting our thinking to be more positive so that we may yield positive results. We are learning to have a growth mindset in 4th grade. Having a growth mindset simply means, changing your thinking as you learn to do things in different ways. It could be something you've never done before or even something that you struggle with. In having a growth mindset, we must change the words we say as well. Instead of saying things like, "This is too hard! I can't do it." We will say, "I can do this. I won't give up." Something that I've heard a few kids say is, "Is this good enough? or This is good enough." We can change this thinking as we say, "I want to do my best work! I'm proud of my effort." In our ELA class, we have a 4th Grade Proclamation that we are reciting daily as we start the day off with positive words and actions. Our hope is that as we continue to cultivate a positive mindset, our classroom vibes will keep the kids hungry for knowledge.

TSMS Music

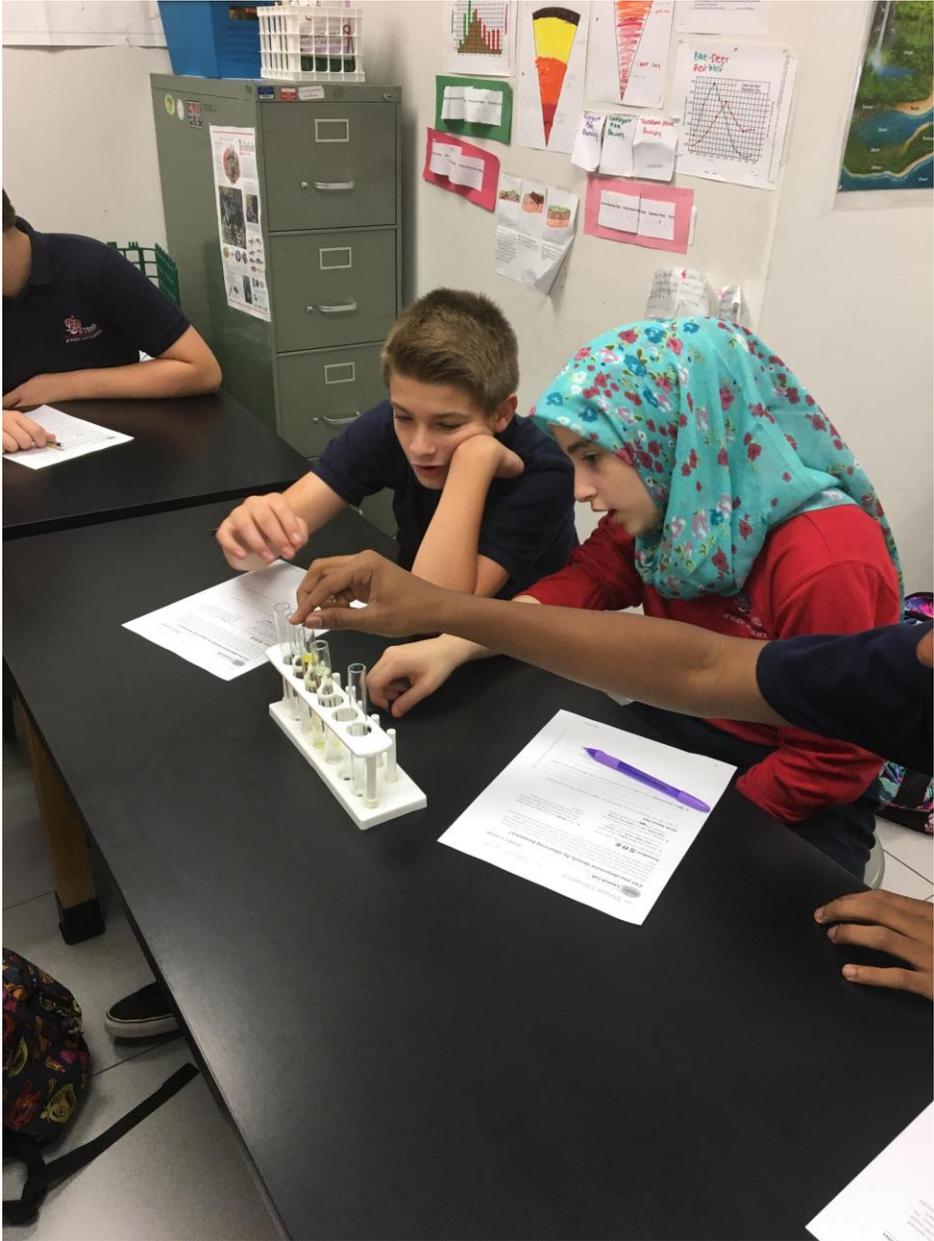


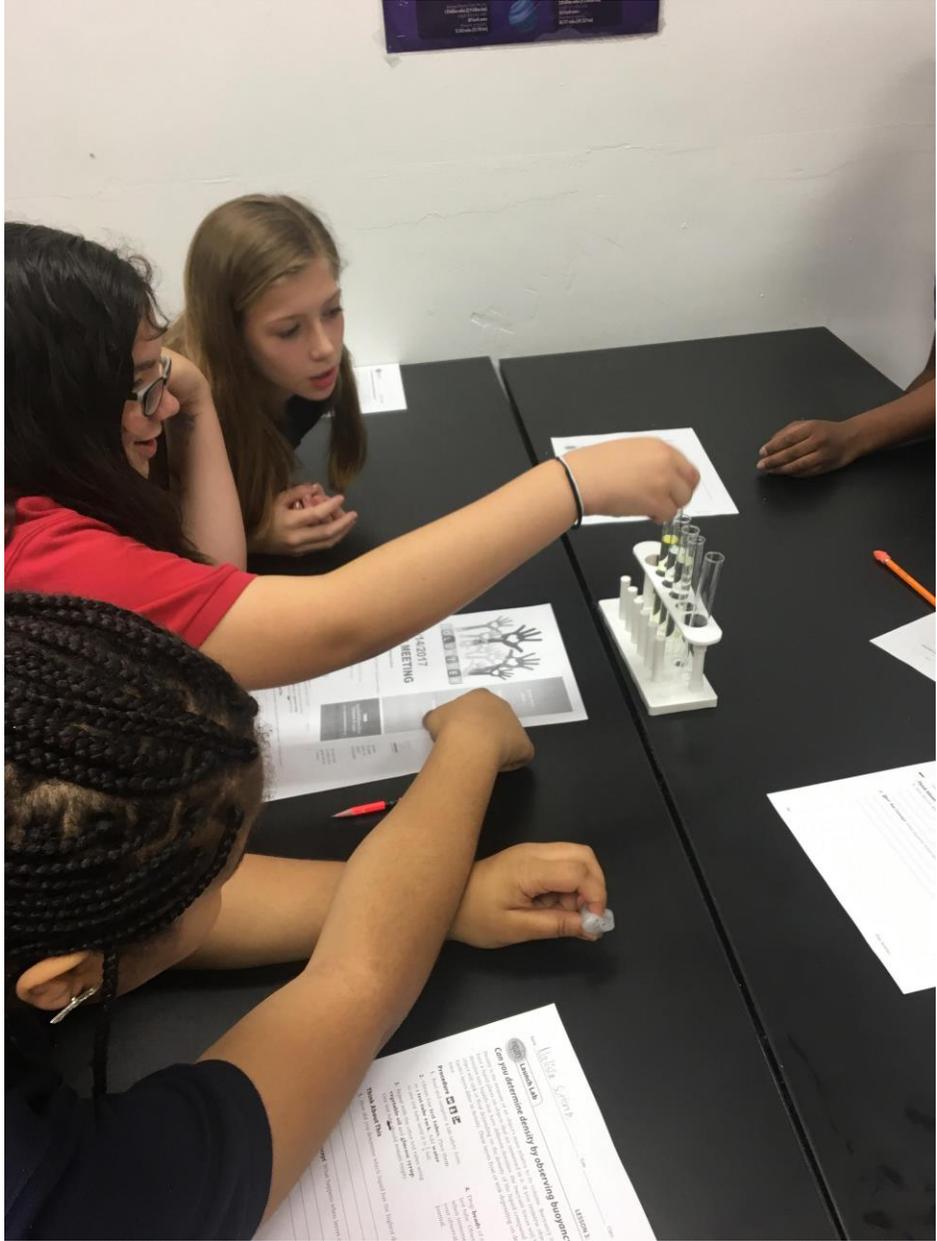
We are having a great year in music! We have scheduled our winter concerts-I am looking forward to seeing all of our families come out for some awesome singing and instrumentation! 😊

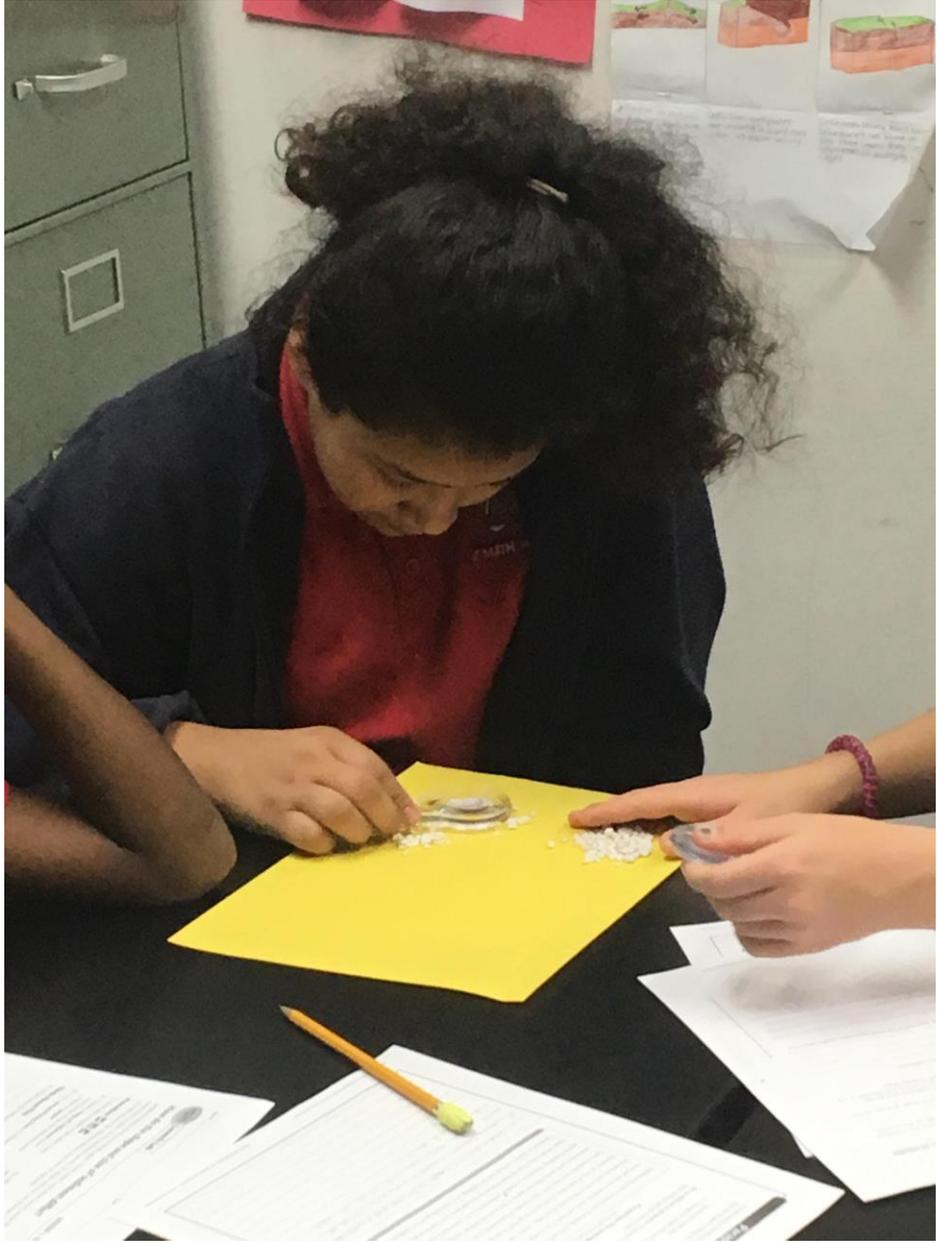
Our K-2 students will be performing on December 6th and our 3-5/8th students will be performing on December 7th. I will be sending more information home as we get closer to these dates.

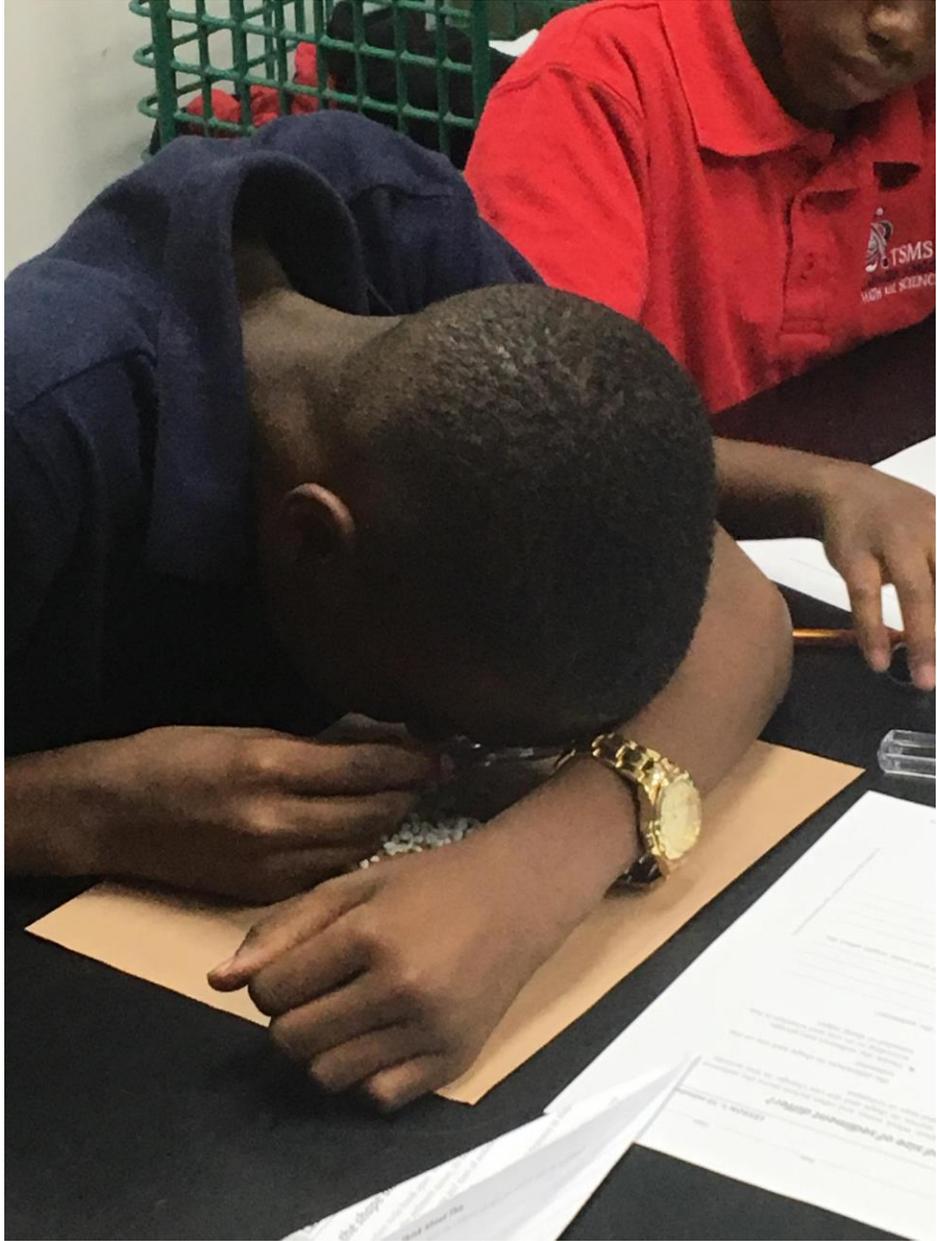
If you have an extra moment, please check out the attached video! I showed this to our middle school/intermediate students this week because it was so fascinating. I hope you enjoy it 😊

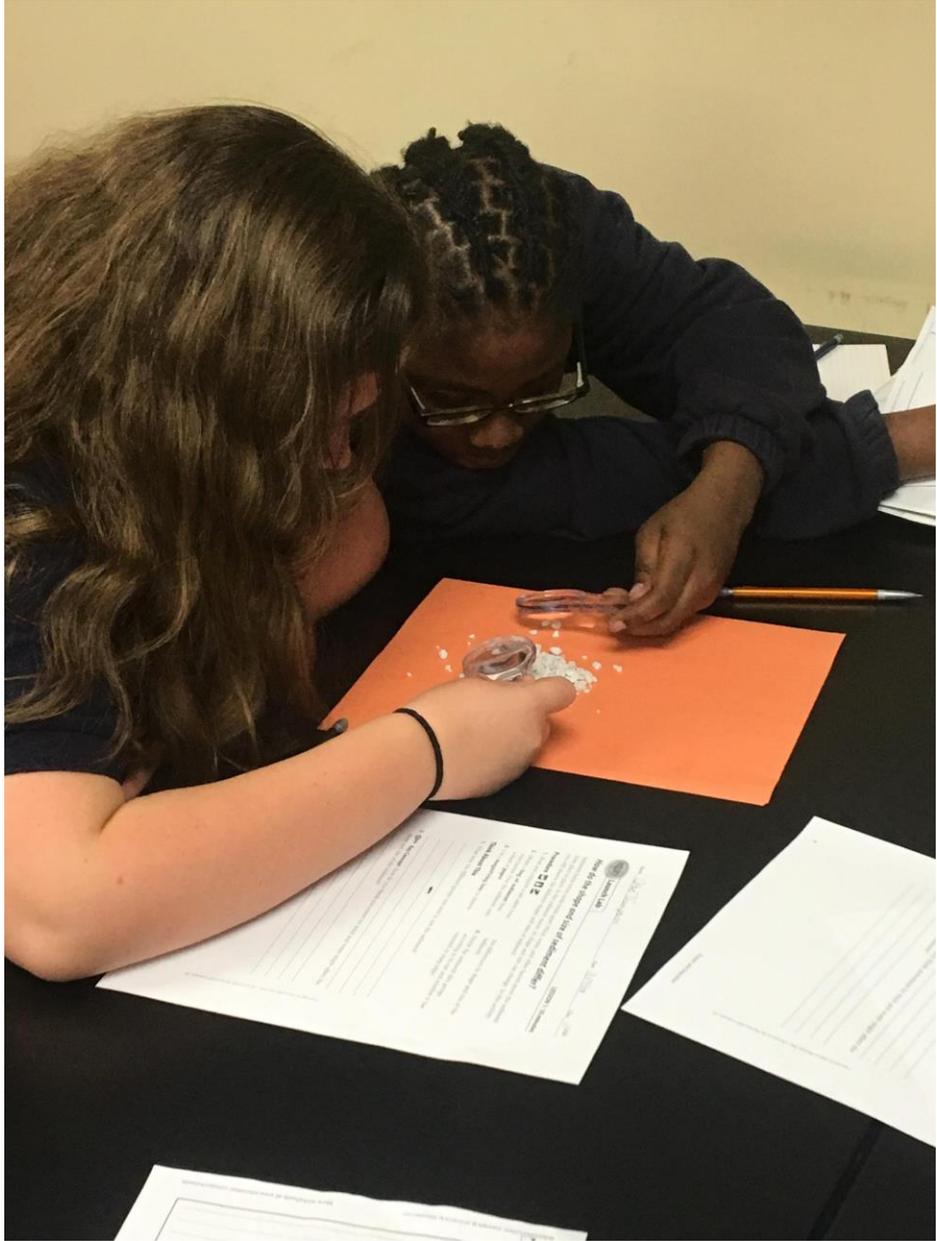
Ms. Burns Science



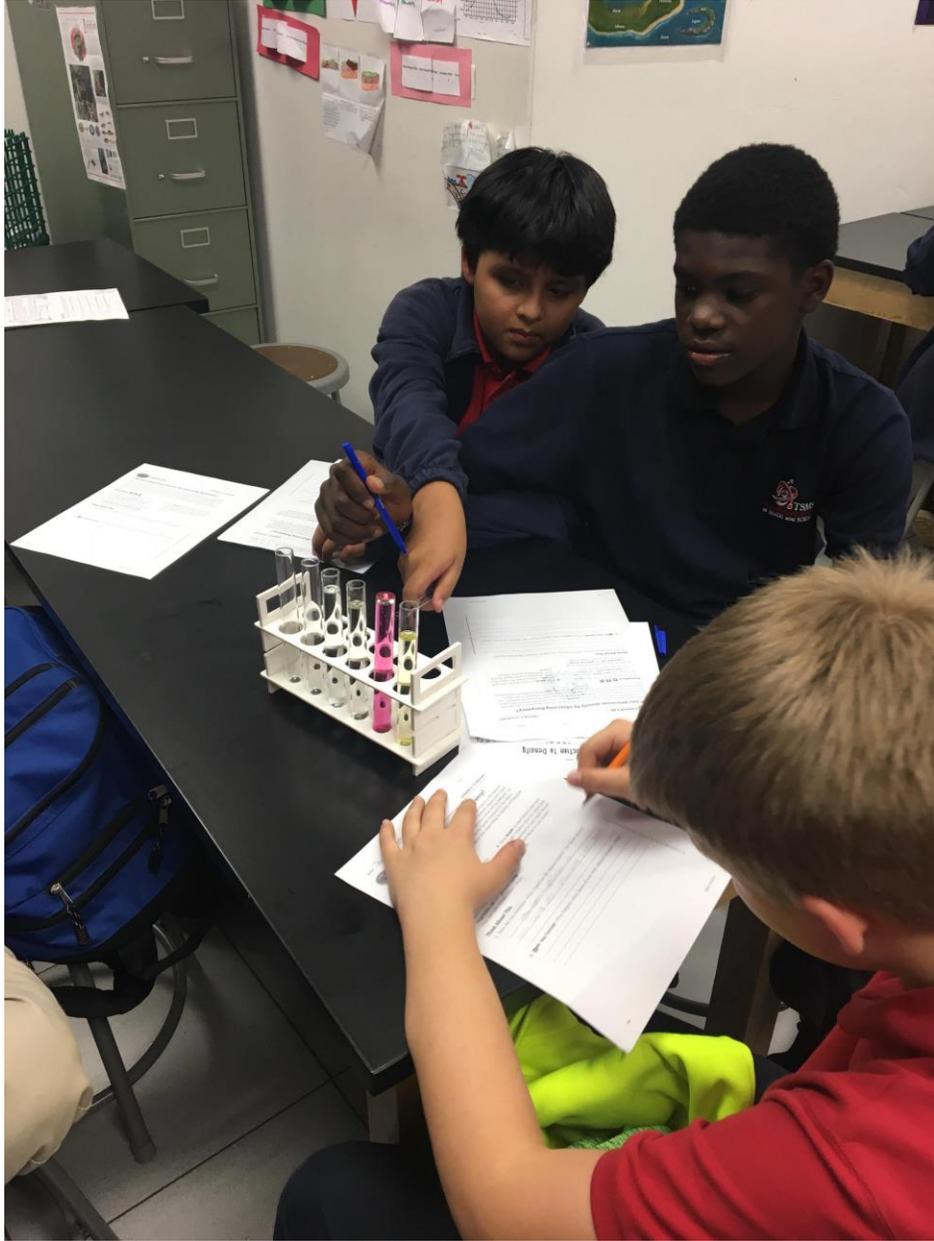


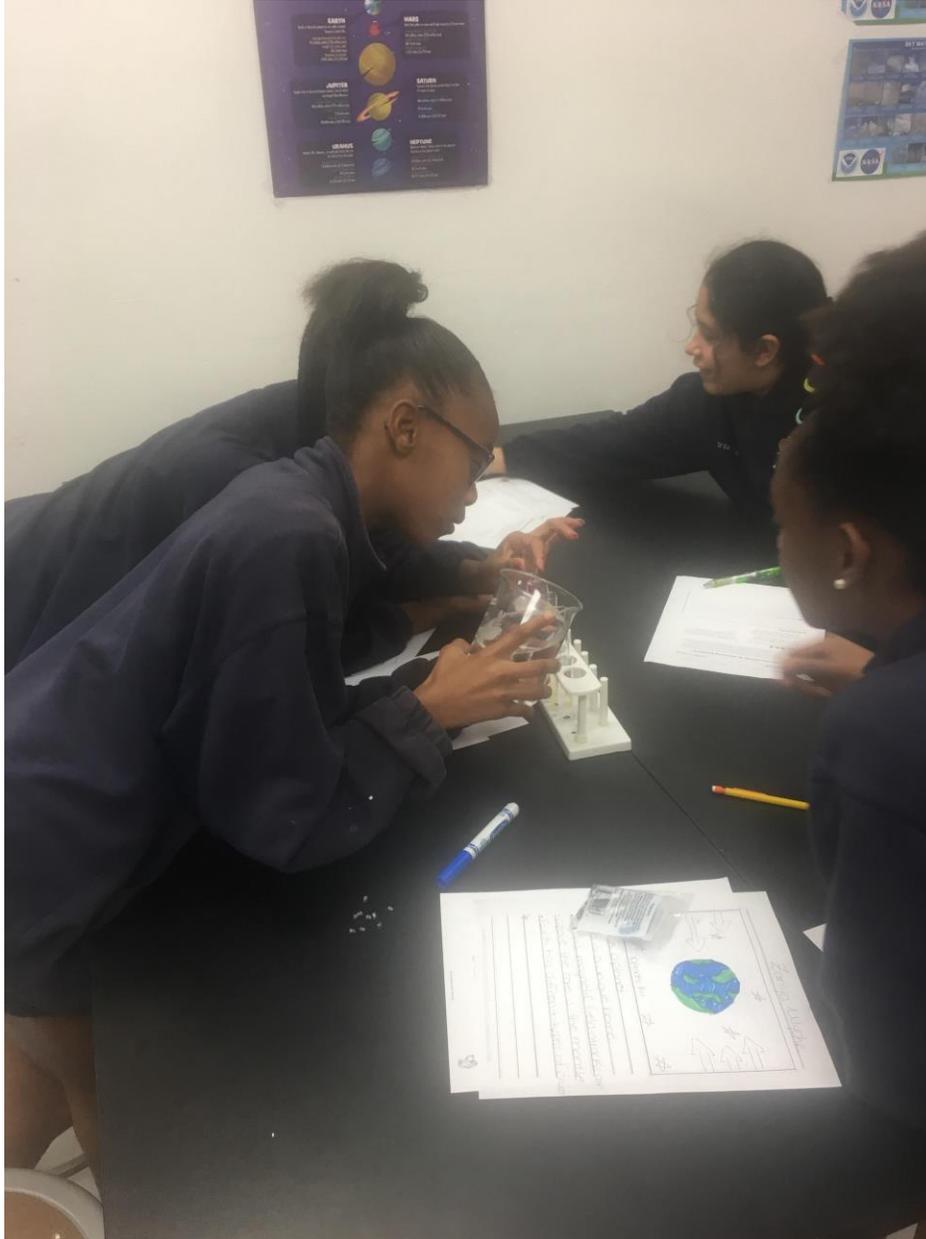












In 6th grade science, we analyzed sediment to look at its shape and discussed how erosion can smooth the gravel and break it into smaller pieces.

In 7th grade, we looked at liquids with different densities and dropped objects with the same densities (fishing weights) into them, then measured how fast they dropped. This is like the layers inside the earth, and they separate according to their composition and density.

Ms. Zuschlag's Book Character Day



Ms. Zuschlag spent a few weeks reading *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* to her class. The students were very engaged and always asked for another chapter to be read each day. We finished just in time for our Book Character Day! The students did a great job representing the characters in the book. The entire class can earn up to 5 AR (Accelerated Reader) points for taking the quiz. Most students have already taken the quiz and are well on their way to reaching their goal for this quarter. Our next class novel will be *Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator*. The students are eager to see what Charlie will do now in that special elevator!

Greetings from the PE Department!









This week was filled with festive activities due to the Fall Festival! Our PE classes started a new unit on Tennis too! The elementary classes practiced paddle balances and striking techniques. The middle classes practiced forward strikes and partner rallies. The 4-7th graders are continuing to pace for the mile run later to come. It is a great idea to start setting goals early!

The weather is cooling off, so please have them dress accordingly. It is required for 4-8th graders to have a PE uniform. Also, send your child to school with a water bottle on PE days if you like. This will give us more time to practice the activity. Have a great week!

Your partner in education,

Coach Waters

“Time really flies when you are having fun”

Smart Snacks in School

THINK FOOD: THINK SMART SNACKS IN SCHOOL!

As a Sponsor for the National School Lunch Program, TSMS follows the USDA's Smart Snack guidelines and encourages parents to be aware of these standards when providing snacks to students--such as snacks for a classroom birthday party—and to offer healthy low sugar foods as much as possible. Think Healthy: More fruits, vegetables and whole grains!



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SMART SNACKS IN SCHOOLS

USDA's "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards

Purpose:

- to improve the health and well-being of the nation's children
- to increase the consumption of healthful food during the school day
- create school environments that reinforce healthy eating habits

The health of today's school environment is improving because students across the country are now offered healthier school lunches with more fruits, vegetables and whole grains. The *Smart Snacks in School* standards build on those healthy advancements and ensure that kids are only offered tasty and nutritious foods during the school day while limiting junk food.

For more specific details about the Smart Snacks in School standards, please check out the following information provided by the USDA and Think Healthy!

<http://www.vistar.com/~media/Vistar/PDF/allfoods-flyer.pdf>

Greetings from Ms. Straubinger's Class!



We had a fun time on Tuesday during our Book Character Costume day! Our book this year was “The Strange Case of Origami Yoda.” The book is about a 6th grade boy who makes an origami finger puppet of the character Yoda from *Star Wars* and uses it to dispense wisdom that helps his classmates. It’s a great story, especially for kids who are a little quirky like the main character in the book! In our class we had almost 100% participation, which means almost every student came in costume! Awesome!

TSMS Winter Wear



It will soon be getting colder, students will want to bundle up when coming to school. Parents make sure to stop at All Uniform Wear to pick up the TSMS winter wear. These items are Uniform appropriate and may be worn throughout the school day.

As a reminder the dress code policy is as follows:

- Sweatshirts must be navy blue and the **school logo is required**. The sweatshirt is an economical alternative when students need to have additional warmth. When wearing a sweatshirt, the student must still be wearing another TSMS shirt underneath the sweatshirt – the sweatshirt cannot be worn alone. Sweatshirt may not be worn (tied) around the waist.
- Long sleeve thermals layered under short sleeve Uniform tops are not permitted.
- Boots, Uggs, and high-heeled shoes are not permitted
- Socks, stockings, tights or hose may only be in solid school colors. Clear or skin-colored hose are also acceptable. Fishnet or other patterned stockings or hose are not permitted. Stockings, tights, or hose must cover the full length of the student’s legs and feet – leg warmers are not permitted.
- **All outside coats and jackets or hooded apparel may not be worn inside the school building**

All Uniform Wear 1989 Capital Circle NE

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*Please refer to pages 25-29 in the Student Handbook for more information.

Parents For Charter Schools



[Tip of the Day \(Click Here\)](#)

[Consejo del Día \(Haga clic aquí\)](#)

Motivate Your Child To Do Homework

Some parents use money and material things as bribes to try to motivate their children to put effort into schoolwork. But teachers often encourage parents to take a different tack.

Rewards should be offered in response to good efforts, not promised beforehand. And the best rewards should boost self-esteem. Kids should be helped to feel good about themselves. Rewards that can do this include:

- **Specific** praise.
- **Special** time with you. A trip to the zoo or museum, for example.
- **Dinner**, with the food of your child's choice.
- **A chance** to stay up late.
- **A slumber** party with one or two close friends.

Motive a su hijo a hacer la tarea

Algunos padres usan dinero y cosas materiales como sobornos para tratar de motivar a sus hijos a esforzarse en la escuela. Pero con frecuencia, los maestros animan a los padres a utilizar otro método.

Las recompensas deben ofrecerse al finalizarse un trabajo dedicado; no deben prometerse de antemano. Y las mejores recompensas deberían fomentar la autoestima. Se debe ayudar a los niños a sentirse bien consigo mismos. Estos son algunas recompensas que pueden servir:

- **Elogios** específicos.
- **Un tiempo especial** con usted. Un viaje al zoo o a un museo, por ejemplo.
- **Una cena**, en la que su hijo pueda escoger su plato favorito.
- **Una oportunidad** para ir a dormir más tarde.
- **Hacer una fiesta de pijamas** con algunos de sus mejores amigos.

Contact Us

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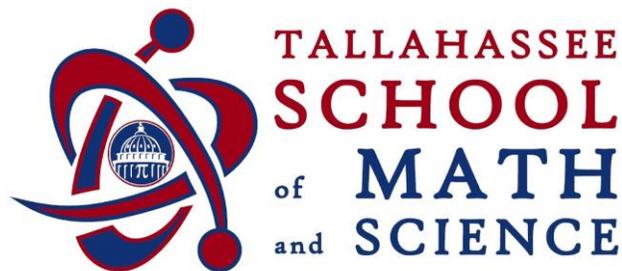
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