

Jaguar News



A. MACEO WALKER MIDDLE SCHOOL
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As we enter the Winter Break it is important that students attend school each day and submit all assigned work. Teachers have issued makeup packets to each student. Please make sure that your child completes the makeup work and submits it to his/her teacher. Additionally parents, while students are out for the winter break, they should remain engaged in learning. Your child can access the following educational resources at home on any computer that connects to the Internet: mathisfun.com, glencoe.com, and studyjams.com.



WINTER BREAK

December 20, 2021—January 3, 2022

School is Out!!!



WE NEED YOU HERE!!!

Each year the Tennessee State Department of Education categorizes schools based on performance. One of the criteria that determines a school's classification is attendance. In order to make AYP, a school must have an average daily attendance rate of 93 %. Therefore, it is critical that all students come to school each and every day. If a student is absent, please be sure to send a note explaining the reason for the absence. Please send your child(ren) to school each day on time. When a student is absent he/she misses valuable instructional time with the teacher. This class time is very difficult to make up. So make sure students go to bed early, get up in enough time to get to school on time and encourage proper school behavior throughout the day.



YOU ARE WELCOME!

The faculty and staff of A. Maceo Walker Middle School would like to encourage parents and community members to visit our school. We support an Open-Door Policy where parents frequently visit classrooms, participate in school activities, and volunteer for school events. When you come to visit, please be sure to sign in on the computer in the main office. Parents are also encouraged to schedule conferences with teachers and counselors. To schedule an appointment with a school counselor, please contact Mrs. Spears or Mr. Smith @ 901-416-1030

VOULNTEERS NEEDED

Every year, volunteers make tremendous contributions to A. Maceo Walker and provide a wealth of energy, talent, skills and caring for our educational program. As we prepare to re-enter schools in January, we would like to invite you to volunteer at our school. Volunteer duties include:

- Assisting with cafeteria duty
- Dismissal,
- Career Day Speaker
- TCAP proctoring
- Exhibition Judging
- Clerical Assistance
- Hall Monitoring

Prior to beginning your services, please be sure to complete a criminal background check through the District's screening process. This form may be obtained from the main office, completed, and returned for review. Please note that information provided for the volunteer screening is kept secure and confidential by the Office of Volunteer Services. We look forward to seeing you!



Medical Help is Here

The Christ Community Clinic Inc. is working with Shelby County Schools to provide health services when students become ill. The closest location to you is at Westwood High School. The address is 778 Parkrose, Memphis, TN, 38109. Qualified medical personnel will be available Monday-Friday to meet the needs of ALL SCS students, including students from A. Maceo Walker. They will provide medical, vision, hearing, and developmental behavior screenings, as well as, sports physicals and treatment of minor injuries. In case any additional follow up is needed, your child will be referred to his or her personal doctor. If your child does not have a doctor, Well Child Clinic, will gladly serve as his/her primary care physician. If you would like additional information, please contact the school office at 416-1030.

2022-23 School Choice Showcase

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11 • 11 A.M. - 2 P.M. • HICKORY RIDGE MALL

CHOOSE

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SHELBY COUNTY SCS



MASTER LITERACY AT HOME!

From **NOVEMBER 15** to **JANUARY 7**,
PreK-3 students, parents, teachers, and
principals who participate and support the
program can win **CASH** and **PRIZES!**



SCS HOME ENGAGEMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Cooking and Learning for the Holidays

December is a time for baking and sharing. Have fun this holiday season and have children help measure and count baking ingredients. For example, "We need two eggs. Let's count them." Talk to them about the measurement tools: "We need 2 and 1/4 cups of flour: one cup, two cups, and this 1/4 cup is smaller...it takes four of these to equal the big cup." Explain what each ingredient is and where it comes from: flour comes from wheat, eggs come from chickens, butter comes from the milk that we get from cows, nuts grow on trees, etc. Use food colors to make red or green cookies or breads. Discuss the three primary colors (red, yellow, and blue) and let the children mix the colors together to create new ones. If you really want to have some fun, use ABC cookie cutters and have young children make cookies to spell their friends' names. Decorate in your usual holiday fashion. You will always find more fun activities and additional supplemental materials plus other helpful tools, news, events, and more on the following website:

www.SylvanDellPublishing.com.



10 WAYS TO GET YOUR CHILD TO DROP

THAT REMOTE AND READ!

1. Enforce a rule that your child spends no more than two hours a day watching TV, playing video and computer games, and surfing the Web.
2. Encourage your child to read at least 15 minutes a day. Reading boost concentration, vocabulary, and academic success.
3. Have a variety of reading materials handy. Visit the library often and help your children choose materials they will enjoy.
4. Make reading time special. Arrange a comfortable spot and a set time to read as a family, whether you read the same book together or separate books individually.
5. Even older children enjoy hearing books read to them, so act stories as you read aloud.
6. Take turns reading to each other. Be patient with beginning readers. Offer help only if they are struggling.
7. Follow up on what you have read. Talk about books at dinner or at regular "family book club" discussions.
8. If you read the same book together, ask questions as you go along. Help kids learn to analyze a story's plot, theme, and characters.
9. If your kids want to see a movie that is based on a book, have them read the book first. They will learn there is more in books than can be shown on a screen!
10. Set a good example by reading daily and limiting your own TV-viewing to less than

Dates to Remember:



BASKETBALL GAME VS KATE BOND	Dec. 2nd
PARENT UNIVERSITY	Dec. 8th
CFA #2	Dec 13th-17th
BASKETBALL HOMECOMING WEEK	Dec. 13th –17th
WINTER BREAK	Dec. 20th— Jan 3rd