



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

The faculty and staff at A. Maceo Walker Middle School wishes each of you a safe, prosperous, and successful new year. As students return to school, we want to remind them about the importance of attending school on time each day. Additionally, we want to stress the importance of following school / classroom rules and completing assignments in a timely manner. When necessary, schedule a conference with your child's teachers. Using your child's parent connect code will enable you to view his/her grades throughout the nine week grading period. If you need another copy of your child's parent connect code, please see their homeroom teacher.

POSITIVE PARENTING

Living in today's fast-paced society often leaves parents wondering how to relate to and support their children. Many find themselves utilizing very few disciplinary techniques before exerting physical consequences.

The national volunteer service organization, offered a list of alternative techniques to use when rearing and disciplining children. They encouraged parents to utilize the following strategies when teaching their children the appropriate ways to behave. Parents can:

- **Model**-exhibit the behavior you want to see and share your own experiences with your children
- **Establish Clear Consequences**-tell your child exactly what will happen if a rule is broken
- **Praise**-acknowledge when your child follows the rules
- **Confrontation**-ignoring the behavior does not fix the problem
- **Lead Family Discussions**-talk about what is going on with your children
- **Establish Logical Consequences**-let the punishment fit the crime
- **Implement the First/Then Rule**— inform your child that he/she must complete the task before moving on to something he/she would like to do.
- **Be Consistent**-stick to the rules you set



Academic Help in 2020

We would like to remind you of the tutoring services that are available at A. Maceo Walker. Tutoring is available for Reading and Language Arts and Math for grades 6 through 8. A copy of the tutoring schedule is posted on our school's website. If you are interested in enrolling your child for tutoring, please ask your student's teacher for a permission slip.

For your safety: Check-out Procedures

Please be reminded that only authorized adults, 18 years or older, are allowed to check students out.



These persons must be on the student's registration form. Our policy requires a picture ID and signature of the person signing out. We appreciate your help in keeping our students safe.

AMW FALL TALENT SHOW

Thanks to everyone that participated in this year's Fall talent Show. Every talent did a remarkable job.

Hats off to you and we look forward to the great talent for our next talent show.



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 two hours a day.

Improving Literacy Skills at Home



As children get older and begin having more difficult reading assignments, many parents begin to think of reading as an independent activity. Many studies, however, have shown that children need just as much home support during these years because of the changing levels of difficulty.

The following are some ways to turn a young reader's reluctance into enthusiasm:

1. Scout for things your children might like to read. Use their interests and hobbies as starting points.
2. Leave all sorts of reading materials including books, magazines, and colorful catalogs in conspicuous places around your home.
3. Notice what attracts your children's attention, even if they only look at the pictures. Then build on that interest; read a short selection aloud, or simply bring home more information on the same subject.
4. Let your children see you reading for pleasure in your spare time.
5. Take your children to the library regularly. Explore the children's section together. Ask a librarian to suggest books and magazines your children might enjoy.

Dates to Remember:



STUDENTS RETURN	Jan. 6
REPORT CARDS ISSUED	Jan. 8
SCIAA BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS	Jan. 9-13
FIRE DRILL	Jan. 16
MLK HOLIDAY (NO SCHOOL)	Jan. 20
W.E.Z. PTSO MTG @HAVENVIEW 6:00PM	Jan. 28
FINANCIAL READINESS SESSION WITH TRI STATE BANK	Jan 29