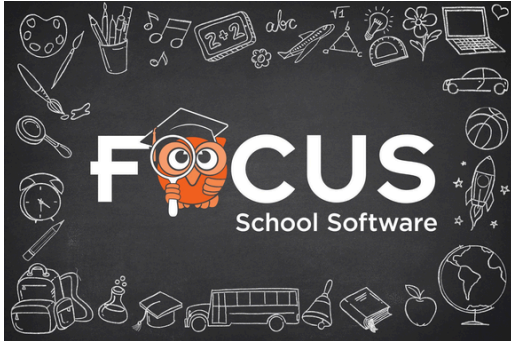


# MONTESSORI MONTHLY

The Official Newsletter of Atlantic Montessori Charter School



**The Focus Parent Portal** is your gateway to staying connected with your student's educational journey in Broward County Public Schools.

For the first time, parents/guardians with multiple students will be able to access all their students in one place.

The portal will allow you to monitor your student's academic progress, stay informed of upcoming school and district events, and allow you to communicate directly with your student's teachers.



## Excused Absence Notification

If your child will be absent, please ensure you send a note with your child containing the following information:

- Your child's full name***
- The date of the absence***
- The reason for the absence***

Please submit this note to:

***pinesdocuments@amcharterschool.com***  
***daviedocuments@amcharterschool.com***

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Have you scheduled a parent conference with your child's teacher?

Parent conferences are important because they provide an opportunity to discuss your child's progress, address any concerns, and build a stronger partnership between home and school. They help you gain insight into your child's strengths and challenges, as well as strategies for supporting their learning. Contact your child's teacher today to set up a date.

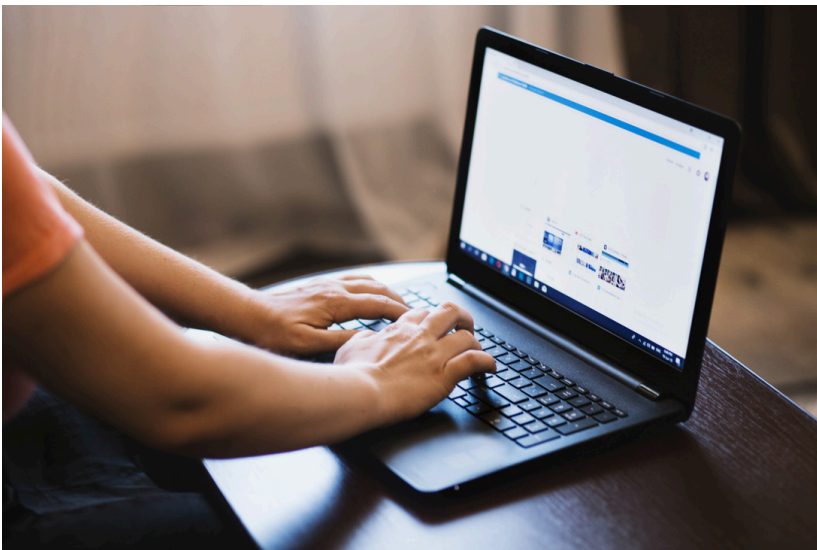
**For the safety of our students and staff, all visits to the classrooms must be arranged in advance. Walk-ins cannot be accommodated. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.**

# **STRIKE THE RIGHT NOTE: WHY A KEYBOARD MAKES THE PERFECT HOLIDAY GIFT FOR YOUR STUDENT!**

This holiday season, many students are hoping to unwrap a tablet, iPad, or laptop. If you're planning to surprise your child with a new device, consider one with a keyboard attachment. Not only does it enhance their experience for entertainment, but it also supports their educational development in meaningful ways.

At school, students often rely on programs like iStation for instruction and progress monitoring, which function more effectively with keyboards for typing and navigation. Additionally, Florida state tests—such as the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA), STAR, and FAST—are administered on computers equipped with keyboards. Practicing with similar devices at home helps students feel confident and prepared for online testing, both technically and academically.

Keyboards also facilitate differentiated learning, enabling students to interact with lessons and receive instant feedback at their own pace. This promotes skill mastery and better overall outcomes. By opting for a device with a keyboard, you're equipping your child with tools for success in school and beyond.



As you shop this holiday season, consider the advantages of a tablet or laptop with a keyboard. Not only does it provide greater versatility for both learning and leisure, but it also equips your child with the tools they need to excel in a tech-driven world. It's a gift that could make a lasting impact on their confidence, skills, and overall learning journey!

# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

SHINING A LIGHT ON OUR OUTSTANDING STAFF!



**DAVIE CAMPUS**

***Ms. Salisha Hosein - 2nd Grade Teacher***

My name is Salisha Hosein and this is my 2nd year here at Atlantic.

I have my bachelor's degree in Psychology with a concentration in Developmental Psychology from Florida International University. With seven years of experience working with students,

I am currently in my third year of teaching. I am also pursuing my master's in Industrial/ Organizational Psychology. My background in developmental psychology helps me understand and support my students' emotional and cognitive growth, allowing me to create a nurturing and engaging classroom environment.

I am passionate about empowering young minds and making a positive impact on their educational journeys.



**PINES CAMPUS**

***Ms. Brianna Mitchell - School Secretary***

Hello I am Ms. Mitchell and I am the school secretary here at AMCS pines.

I can't begin to express my gratitude for being able to be on this journey with the AMCS Family. I also enjoy helping the teachers in their classrooms while I get to know each student. I am so lucky that I am growing such a happy bond with each of them as well as with their parents.

Outside of work, I enjoy spending my time with my boyfriend and going to fun places together while we blast my radio and listen to country music.

I appreciate this honor and I will continue to do my best not only for myself but for the school.

# DECEMBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3  <i>PICTURES WITH SANTA</i> <i>(DAVIE CAMPUS)</i>	4  <i>PICTURES WITH SANTA</i> <i>(PINES CAMPUS)</i>	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13  <i>WINTER WONDERLAND</i>	14
15	16  <i>Red vs Green DAY</i>	17  <i>UGLY SWEATER DAY!</i>	18  <i>Grinch Day</i>	19 <i>Santa's IMPOSTOR Workshop</i>	20  <i>PAJAMA DAY</i>	21 <i>*REMINDER* JANUARY LUNCH FORM DUE!</i>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<b>Winter Break</b> 						
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
						

 December 16th - Winter Show at Le'Grande Ballroom  
KG-2nd : 6:00pm - 7:00 pm 3rd-5th : 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

MONDAY DECEMBER 16TH	TUESDAY DECEMBER 17TH	WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18TH	THURSDAY DECEMBER 19TH	FRIDAY DECEMBER 20TH
 <i>Red vs Green Day</i>	 <i>Ugly Sweater DAY</i>	 <i>Grinch Day</i>	 <i>Santa's IMPOSTOR Workshop</i>	 <i>Pajama Day</i>
PICK A SIDE AND WEAR YOUR COLOR TO SHOW HOLIDAY SPIRIT!	WEAR YOUR WACKIEST HOLIDAY SWEATER AND SHOW OFF YOUR FESTIVE SPIRIT!	WEAR YOUR BEST GRINCH GEAR TO CELEBRATE EVERYONE'S FAVORITE HOLIDAY GROUCH!"	COME DRESSED AS A SNEAKY ELF, REINDEER, SNOWMAN, OR EVEN SANTA HIMSELF FOR A DAY OF FESTIVE FUN!	STAY COZY AND COME TO SCHOOL IN YOUR FAVORITE PJS FOR A COMFY, RELAXED DAY!

## OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year began on November 1st. If you would like to apply, you can do so by visiting the following link:

<https://atlanticmontessoricharter.com/student-enrollment-application/>

Once your application is submitted, you will receive a call with further information about what documents are required to complete your enrollment. Be sure to apply soon to secure your spot!

*Refer a student and if they register for this school year , you will earn 30 volunteer hours.*

### DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

DECEMBER 3RD & 4TH - PHOTOS WITH SANTA

DECEMBER 13TH - WINTER WONDERLAND

DECEMBER 16TH - HOLIDAY SHOW

DECEMBER 16TH - 19TH - SPIRIT WEEK

DECEMBER 23RD - JANUARY 3RD - NO SCHOOL

JANUARY 6TH - RETURN TO SCHOOL

Stay up-to-date with all of our school happenings by signing up for ClassDojo, following us on Instagram, and liking our Facebook page.

ClassDojo: See Teacher for link

Instagram: @AtlanticMontessori

Facebook: Atlantic Montessori School

*ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GET INVOLVED AT ATLANTIC MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL?*

**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN OUR COMMUNITY OF VOLUNTEERS!**

CONTACT MS. OCEJO AT [JOCEJO@AMCHARTERSCHOOL.COM](mailto:JOCEJO@AMCHARTERSCHOOL.COM) TO LEARN ABOUT EXCITING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR SCHOOL.

**YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A BIG IMPACT! WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!**

**School Hours (Davie Campus):**

KG-2nd - 8:15 am - 2:45 pm

3rd-5th - 8:45 am - 3:00 pm

**School Hours (Pines Campus):**

8:30 am - 2:45 pm

**Office Hours: 7:30 am - 4:00 pm**

**Principal: Dr. Monica Duenas**  
mduenas@amcharterschool.com

**School Liaison: Juana Ocejo - 954-790-8943**  
jocejo@amcharterschool.com