



### Don't Miss Our Family Events!

- ▼ Tissue & Tears 4K Parent Event
  - **▼** STEAM Carnival
  - ▼ Trunk or Treat
  - **▼** Read Across America
  - **♥** Multicultural Night
  - **♥** Pastries for Parents
- ◆ Arts Showcase: Art with Heart
  - **▼** Literacy Night
  - **▼** Awards Ceremonies

\*\*Note: Some traditional events were cancelled due to COVID guidelines.

#### **School Recognitions**

Magnet Schools Assistance Program Grant Recipient 21st CCLC Grant Recipient A Capturing Kids' Hearts Campus National Beta Club School of Merit



### School Improvement Council

Wanda Weber, Community Member (Chair)
Dianne McKenzie, Teacher
Rita Goins, Parent
Katie Lewis, Parent
Mel Thompson, Community Member

#### **Ex-Officio Members**

Shakeyla Brockington, MSAP Site Coordinator Torrie-Thomas Edwards, PTO President Melanie McKnight, Asst. Principal Tonyelle Thomas, Principal

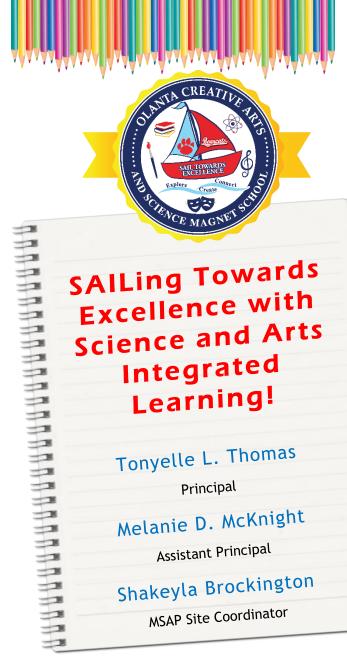
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"Act Your Best!
Do Your Best!
Believe, Achieve, Succeed!"

# Message from the Principal...

Bearcat Greetings!

In spite of the challenges have faced with COVID-19, we have had another great year at Olanta Magnet setting the course to SAIL towards excellence while ANCHORed in Learning!

We started this year by first ensuring the safety of all of our staff and students by restructuring our building and putting strict guidelines in place. We continued building our culture with the implementation of our PBIS system and integration of Capturing Kids' Hearts. We focused on our improving our academics and began working on closing the achievement gap created by the school's closure last year by promoting literacy-based best practices under the guidance of our literacy coach.

We sustained our Arts and Science Magnet focuses through a safe, virtual platform. We partnered with ArtsNow to provide professional development to teachers and activities to our students. We also had Digeridoo Down Under and Caroline Tarantini as guest artists. We also completed several Green Steps PBLs and applied to become a Green Steps School under the guidance of our Resident Scientist Mrs. Campbell.

We have had lots of learning and fun at Olanta Magnet, which would not have been possible without the support of our wonderful families, partners, and staff.

Research supports the benefits to academics when supporting the whole child which is what we are all about at Olanta Magnet. SAIL and Excel, Never Sink or Fail, We are Olanta Magnet!

Proud Principal, Mrs. Tonyelle Thomas

### Student Achievement

| SC Ready<br>Grade<br>Level | Reading<br>Scoring<br>Met/Exceeds | Math<br>Scoring<br>Met/Exceeds |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>            | 28%                               | 14%                            |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>            | 35%                               | 27%                            |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>            | <b>6</b> %                        | <b>9</b> %                     |

| SC PASS         | Science     |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Grade           | Scoring     |
| Level           | Met/Exceeds |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | 32%         |

\*\*Note: Above Results are from 2018-19 SY

| MAP<br>Test<br>Grade<br>Level | Reading<br>Average<br>RIT/Percentile | Math Average<br>RIT/Percentile |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| K5                            | 148/35%                              | 149/26%                        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>               | 159/20%                              | 167/24%                        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>               | 175/25%                              | 177/18%                        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>               | 184/21%                              | 186/15%                        |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>               | 190/18%                              | 194/15%                        |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>               | 203/31%                              | 204/19%                        |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>               | 205/26%                              | 204/14%                        |

\*\*Note: Above Results are from Spring 2021
Administration

### Points of Pride

- ◆ 4<sup>th</sup> Grade SC PASS Science increased from 14% to 32% Met or Exceeding.
- ▼ 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade increased by 5 percentiles on Reading MAP test and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade increased by 3 percentiles, well over a year's growth.
- ◆ All grade levels increased 4-14 points on Reading MAP and 4-15 points on Math MAP.

## Family & Community Engagement

- Sigma Gamma Rho—Florence Alumni Chapter's Classroom Donations
- Clemson/Carolina Food Drive Challenge
- ♥ Beta Club Service Projects
- Read Across America's Community Readers
- Olanta Schools Alumni Association's Classroom Donations
- ♥ Florence Co. Library-Olanta Branch
- ◆ Lions' Club and 4<sup>th</sup> Graders' Green Steps Recycled Glasses Project
- Proud Partner of Several Community Businesses and Organizations

