

## Don't Miss Our Family Events!

- ♥ Tissue 'n Tears 4K Parent Event
- ♥ Grits for Grands
- ♥ STEAM Carnival
- ♥ Trunk or Treat
- ♥ Thanksgiving Feast
- ♥ Homemade Holidays
- ♥ Sweetheart Family Dance
- ♥ Read Across America "Book Fair"
- ♥ Multicultural Night
- ♥ Pastries for Parents: Doughnuts for Dad/Muffins for Mom
- ♥ Arts Showcase
- ♥ *A Taste of Literacy* Family Night
- ♥ Awards Ceremonies



## Olanta CAAS Magnet School SIC Members

Dianne McKenzie, Community  
Member (Chair)

Chasie Cattenhead, Teacher

Rita Goins, Parent

Tessa Mims, Parent

Alvin Perhealth, Teacher

Kim Proctor, Community Member

Dana Jordan, Parent

Mel Thompson, Community Member

### *Ex-Officio Members*

Shakeyla Brockington, MSAP Site  
Coordinator

Katie Lewis, PTO President

Melanie McKnight, Asst. Principal

Tonyelle Thomas, Principal

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## Olanta Creative Arts & Science Magnet School



*SAILing Towards  
Excellence  
with Science and Arts  
Integrated Learning!*

**Tonyelle L. Thomas**  
*Principal*

**Melanie D. McKnight**  
*Assistant Principal*

**Shakeyla Brockington**  
*MSAP Site Coordinator*

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

## Message from the Principal

Bearcat Greetings!

This year has been full of new beginnings and exciting growth as we moved into our first official year as Olanta Creative Arts and Science Magnet School!

We have started many new initiatives. We highlighted our environmental science focus with hiring a resident scientist, beginning our journey to Green Ribbon certification, conducting numerous field studies, and implementing the Engineering is Elementary curriculum. We dove into Arts integration with redesigning our master schedule for collaboration and team teaching opportunities, as well as creating an exploratory block to invite students to join Arts-focused clubs such as Dance with a specialized instructor, Chorus, Drama with guest artists from The Watering Hole, Steel Drum Ensemble, and Artists' Guild (not to mention several other clubs such as Coding, Spanish, and Tae-Bo/Tumbling). We are also working on our culture and climate by becoming a Capturing Kids' Hearts campus.

Research supports the benefits of our focuses increasing achievement and supporting the development of the whole child, which are what we are all about here at Olanta. We may be small, but we are full of heart!

Proud Principal,  
Mrs. Thomas



## Student Achievement at Olanta CAAS Magnet

SC Ready Grade Level	Reading Scoring Met/Exceeds	Math Scoring Met/Exceeds
3rd	15.0%	15.0%
4th	33.4%	35.9%
5th	21.5%	17.8%

SC PASS Grade Level	Science Scoring Met/Exceeds	S.S. Scoring Met/Exceeds
4th	25.6%	69.2%
5th	25.0%	50.0%

*\*\*Note: Above results are from 2017-18 SY*

MAP Test Grade Level	Reading Average RIT/Percentile	Math Average RIT/Percentile
K5	154.1/38%	155.5/42%
1st	169.3/29%	175.7/37%
2nd	176.2/21%	180.1/19%
3rd	187.3/23%	192.9/23%
4th	197.8/30%	200.9/21%
5th	199.7/22%	205.8/17%

*\*\*Note: Above results are from Spring 2019 Administration*

### Reasons to Celebrate!

- ♥ 2nd graders on both Math and Reading MAP increased 3 percentiles, well over one year's growth.
- ♥ 5K students increased 3 percentiles on Math MAP, well over one year's growth.
- ♥ 4th and 5th graders increased 5 or more percentiles on MAP Reading, well over one year's growth.
- ♥ Grades K5-2nd increased 13 to 19 points overall on both MAP Math and Reading for the year.
- ♥ Grades 3rd-5th increased 8 to 9 points overall on both MAP Math and Reading for the year.



## Family & Community Engagement

- ♥ Restoration and Deliverance Church's Back to School Bash
- ♥ Jordan Chapel Order of the Eastern Star's Classroom Adoption
- ♥ Olanta Fall Festival Parade participant
- ♥ Hosted OWL's Christmas on Main Program
- ♥ Parent Academy/Padre Academia Sessions
- ♥ Trunk or Treat (Community Sponsored Stations)
- ♥ Clemson/Carolina Challenge Food Drive for Local Food Pantry
- ♥ Read Across America's Community Readers
- ♥ OMS Jr. Beta Club & Help 4 Kids Canned Food Drive
- ♥ Olanta School's Alumni Association's Winter Reading Challenge and Pen Pal Program
- ♥ Florence Co. Library-Olanta Branch Weekly Story Time
- ♥ Proud Partner of Several Community Businesses and Organizations and Growing--Come see our Partnership Wall!



## School Recognitions

MSAP Magnet Schools of America Grant Recipient  
21st Community Learning Center After School Program Grant Recipient

Proud Capturing Kids' Hearts Campus  
National Beta School of Distinction  
My Energy Kit Challenge Champion School  
A "No Place for Hate" Campus  
1-to-1 Technology Available for All Students