Greetings Galaxy Families,

At this point, we are mid-way through our first quarter. I appreciate your patience as we work through the last couple of months of construction on our campus. We are very proud of newly renovated buildings and security fencing going up on the perimeter. Thank you to parents and staff who helped us with campus cleanup and landscaping projects right before school started. We couldn't have been ready without you! If you would like to volunteer at any time, please stop by our front office to complete an online application.

All of our teachers are working very hard to deliver rigorous, standards-based instruction to our students. Should your student need additional assistance, they can see one of their teachers during “Rocket Time”, a built in remediation period of 25 minutes every day. This time floats across each period, so that students see each of their teachers once every 7 days. I also encourage you to maintain contact with your child’s teachers. You can find their email addresses in the Gradebook for your child. If you need information on Parent Portal please contact my assistant, Jennifer Protinick at extension 44406.

Our students are learning and practicing a new social skill each month. “Kindness” was the theme in August, and one of the skills we discussed with students was to make eye contact and say hello to each other. This month’s theme is “Respect”. Respect yourself, others, and your school or community. Middle school students are learning to interact with one another in respectful ways while they navigate the more independent routines from elementary school. We are having many conversations about being respectful to one another.

And finally a few kudos to our staff and students…. Congratulations to Emma Krob, Kevin Nguyen, and Joziah Srinivasan who all scored perfect scores on one of the state standardized assessments last May. We are very proud of them. Also, we are honored to announce Mrs. Sharron DeRosier is our Teacher of the Year for 2019. Mrs. DeRosier teaches social studies in our STEM Academy. Go Rockets!!

Should you have any questions about our school or your student’s progress, please contact the school and ask for their grade level administrator. We are here to assist you.

Sincerely,

Karen Chenoweth

Visit our website at: http://myvolusiaschools.org/school/GalaxyMiddle/Pages/default.aspx
**ATTENDANCE**

It is very important to call the school when your child will be absent. Parents will receive an automated phone message the evening of the absence if there is no call is received. Please call by the attendance office by 4:00 pm each day at (386) 575-4144 ext. 44455.

**UPDATES**

Please remember to update addresses, name changes, phone numbers, etc. It is important to have your information current so you can be reached in the event of an emergency. Please contact Ms. Smith at (386) 575-4144 ext. 44441.

**CLINIC**

Any students that have an inhaler, Epi Pen, or any other medical device or medication need to have a physician’s order along with a care plan completed and submitted to the clinic. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Ms. Thomas at (386) 575-4144 ext. 44698.

**VOLUNTEERS**

We are always looking for help: classrooms, PEP assemblies, school pictures, scholastic book fair, basketball games, and field trips. If you are interested please see Ms. Jimenez at the front desk for an application.

A HUGE thank you to Galaxy’s Business Partners!

Please support the businesses that support our students & school.

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**Important Phone Numbers**

386-575-4144

- Attendance: 44455
- 6th Grade House: 44414

  Dr. Lavallee 6th Grade Administrator
- 7th Grade House: 44422

  Mr. Goodin 7th Grade Administrator
- 8th Grade House: 44410

  Dr. Pough 8th Grade Administrator
- Ms. Protinick: 44406

  Principal’s Secretary
- Dean of Discipline Ms. Cromer: 44463
- Records and Registration: 44441
- Media Center/STEM: 44480
- Cafeteria: 44699
- Clinic: 44698

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**Dates to Remember**

- August 13th: First Day of School
- September 3rd: No School
- September 4th: Open House
- September 10th: SAC Meeting
- September 17th: STEM SAC Meeting
- September 12th: Midterm Period Ends
- September 17th: No School
- October 12th: Grading Period Ends
- October 15th: No School

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NOTES FROM THE CLINIC:

We are in bug season now. Moreover, not just flu bugs, or stomach bugs but head lice bugs. As with any contagious condition prevention is key. Keep your child’s hair pulled back if it’s long; discourage head to head contact and sharing of brushes, combs, or head gear. Please check your child for head lice during routine grooming. There is no outbreak of lice now but I encourage you to be proactive. The signs of head lice are scratching at the back of the neck and behind the ears. It appears like a dandruff flake but glued near the base of the hair shaft. There are many over the counter treatments. Check with your child’s doctor for what they recommend or you may pick up the flyer from your school, “Guide for Head Lice Treatment.”
Clubs, Groups & Classes

Student Government Association

Our first meeting is September 10th and meetings will be held every other Monday until 4pm in 3-26.

October 26th
A Night in Paris
(7th and 8th grade only)
Details to follow

Galaxy Middle School is proud to announce the formation of the 2018 Rockets Cross Country Team! Practices will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday with a meet happening every Wednesday in October. If you are interested please see Ms. Collado or Mr. Jackson.

BETA Club

Our first meeting is October 1st at 3:45pm in portable 7. This is an invitation only group for 7th and 8th grade honor students. You must have received a letter stating you were invited to attend. Membership dues are $40 for new club members and $5 for returning members.

Galaxy News and Information On-Line

Have you ever misplaced a flyer announcing a great activity for your child and wish you could find the information again? Now you can! Flyers are now posted on the district’s website at http://myvolusiaschools.org. Simply select the “Parents” icon, locate the tool box on the bottom right hand corner, click on general information, and then click “Flyers, Community Events and Programs.” It’s the third item from the top of page. New flyers will be posted on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Check back frequently for events and activities throughout Volusia County.

Computers

Don’t have computer access at home? Computers are available at our school’s Media Center and every Volusia County Public Library. For questions call (386) 575-4144.

School Calendar

My name is Allison Holland and I am the Social and Emotional Learning teacher. This position is new this year and I am thrilled to introduce Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) at Galaxy. My role is to provide SEL support to students, teachers and families. Your students will see me four times this year for an SEL lesson. A handful of students will also see me in small groups or individual sessions. The out of this world teachers at Galaxy are implementing SEL into their classrooms daily, so, this is something your students will start to become familiar with. For families, I am here to give tips and resources on how to include SEL outside of school and into the home. Be on the lookout for information regarding the first “Snacks with SEL,” a parent outreach program that I am starting. We would love to see you at the first meeting on November 8th.

But wait… what is Social and Emotional Learning? It is the essential skills needed for work, school and life. There are five competencies that include; self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision making. SEL has shown improvements in mental health, social skills and academic achievements. If you would like more information on SEL or what my role is at Galaxy, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Allison Holland
Social and Emotional Learning Teacher
akhollan@volusia.k12.fl.us
386-575-4144 ex: 44478

Galaxy winners for “What is Respect” contest.

6th Grade
Blake Dean

7th Grade
Ryley Huss

8th Grade
Morgan & Emily Donohue
Come One, Come All, To Our:

Galaxy Showcase

Saturday
October 6th, 2018
11 am – 2 pm

Come see what we have been up to at Galaxy Middle School! There will be a talent show, fun activities, and free food!

Galaxy Middle School chorus will start off the festival, orchestra will follow along with a student talent show that will continue throughout the event.

Enjoy a free lunch for the whole family, along with our concessions of popcorn, cotton candy, and snow cones. Wander through and admire the works of students from every subject and participate in activities, games, bouncy houses, and fun experiments.

Furthermore, Galaxy Middle School Science Olympiad is having their annual Vender Blender, so please enjoy all that the venders have to offer that support our Olympiads! We look forward to seeing you at showcase!

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7th GRADE OVERNIGHT TRIP TO OUR STATE CAPITAL

- Tour the Capital Building and visit the Governor’s Mansion
- Tour the Gulf Specimen Marine Laboratory
- Explore the Mission San Luis
- Take a boat tour at Wakulla Springs; the longest and deepest known submerged freshwater cave system in the world!
- Experience the IMAX Movie at the Challenger Center
- Take on the Role of a Supreme Court Judge at the US Supreme Court
- Relax and Shop at the Governor’s Square Mall

Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Time: 5:00

Location: Media Center

Trip Date: November 15-16, 2018
Trip Cost: $276.00
(Includes Travel, All Entry Fees, Hotel and Meals)
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 Reserve your copy for only $5
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- Easy Payment Option: To break up the cost, you have the option of
  making payments throughout the year. You can pay $5 each month, or more
  as you can. Final payment totaling $35.00 is due by May 15th.

 OR

- Pay only $30 total today! Save $5 if paid in full by December 21st!

  (Price increases to $35 in January)

 OR

- Use the internet and a credit card on our Galaxy Middle website

  (the website price will be $35 the entire time and will be available
   September 1st)

Only 250 books have been ordered again this year...if you do not pre-order, there is no guarantee you will receive a book this year; there is a good possibility all books will be sold and nothing will be left at the end of the year. WE DID SELL OUT LAST YEAR!

All yearbooks will be delivered during the last couple weeks of school.

STUDENT LAST NAME FIRST NAME GRADE
(______) _____ - _________
PHONE NUMBER

Email Address (to send receipt)

Return this completed form and payment to Mrs. Krob (pt. 1) or to your house office.