



# Azalea Gardens Middle School

## Rocket Reader

*Blast into Reading and Writing!*



### **Rocket Reader December 12, 2022**

#### **Azalea Gardens Middle School Instructional Focus**

The instructional focus of Azalea Gardens Middle School is for all students to show measurable growth in *reading, writing, and learning for excellence* through the implementation of a school wide focus on *reading and writing across the content areas* as measured by SOL scores, a common writing rubric, and STAR reading.

Hello, Azalea Gardens Middle School Families, this is your principal, Dr. Kirk, calling with some important announcements:

**Winter Break.** Please remember schools are closed from December 19 through December 30. We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday break. We will see you back on Monday, January 2, 2023.

**Winter Dance/Fundraiser.** Announcing our winter dance, held December 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ticket sales are now closed. We ask parents who have provided permission for their students to attend the dance, please be sure to be at the school by 7:15, ready to pick up students. There are no busses for the dance.

Also, please remind students to be on their best behavior. The dance is a privilege and a lot of staff have worked very hard to provide this activity for our students. We are looking for all of AGMS to be at their best!

**Spirit Week.** We are celebrating Spirit Week this week. Students and staff are invited to sport the following:

Monday – Light Up the Halls by wearing something flashing.

Tuesday – Reindeer Games. Festive antlers or headwear.

Wednesday – Wacky Wednesday. Wear your favorite tacky holiday gear.

Thursday – Twin Day. Dress alike with your bestie.

Friday – Long Winter's Nap. Pajama Day – NPS Dress Code strictly enforced.

**Honor Roll Assemblies.** The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade First Quarter Honor Roll Assembly will be held, Thursday, December 15 at 1:45 p.m. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade First Quarter Honor Roll Assembly will be held, Friday, December 16 at 1:45 p.m. Parents and guardians must show Identification in order to check students out of school early. Invitations for the Honor Roll Assembly were sent home last week.

**Attendance Matters.** Parents, please know that the first step to academic success is for students to be engaged in school. Missing as few as 3 days can set a student's progress back significantly. Please make sure your students arrive to school on time, stay the whole day, and get their work done.

**Important Dates.** Here are some important dates for upcoming fall/winter season:

December 15:	6/7 Grades First Quarter Honor Roll Assembly, 1:45 p.m.
December 15:	Winter Dance, 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.
December 16:	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade First Quarter Honor Assembly, 1:45 p.m.
December 19-30:	School Closed
January 2, 2023:	Students and Teachers Return, Even Day (Blocks 2,4,6,8)

**Drop off and pick up.** As a reminder, when you drop your students off in the morning and/or pick them up in the afternoon, please use the parking lot. Do not use the bus port. Security will be stationed at the bus port to redirect traffic away from the bus lane. When parking in the neighborhood, please be courteous and mindful of driveways, emergency access, and noise pollution.

**Cell Phones.** Please know that we will adhere to established NPS School Board Policy. After the first time being confiscated, parents or guardians will be required to retrieve the phone from the main office after the designated confiscation period expires.

**PTA.** We invite parents to join our PTA. We are still in need of an executive board and a membership drive. Call 757-531-3000 to help out today.

Thank you everyone. Have a great winter break, and remember as always,  
Gooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo Rockets.