

# September Newsletter



McKinley Monarchs

Together We Make The Difference!

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## Principal's Page

Dear McKinley Families:

Our school theme this year is “together we make the difference.” As we have launched into this new school year, I have the pleasure of welcoming all our families back to our progressive school filled with world class teachers. The McKinley doors are open for students to come and learn a new lesson every day. Our children are brilliant and we are proud that our parents and guardians are sending their children to us ready for school. We have several new staff members. For our veteran families help us make our new teachers feel at home by sharing a personal welcome to our community.

All our roles are important in guiding and building an academic fortress for our students' present and future. The entire staff of McKinley endeavor to continuously offer a rewarding educational experience for our students.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### August 24th

Back to School Night

### September 8th

9/11 Acknowledgment

### September 11th

Picture Day

### September 13th

Institute-No School

### September 14th

8th Grade Parent Meeting

### September 21st

Girls' Basketball Home Game 4:00p.m.

### September 22nd

Mid-Terms Distribution

### September 27th

Family Reading Night  
5:30-7:00 p.m.

Together each of us are difference makers in the lives of McKinley students. May parents and our staff continue to invest in our students, the time, commitment, knowledge, wisdom, and love they need during elementary and junior high school. These attributes help to prepare them for high school and beyond. McKinley is a school prepared to lead our students into a bright future.

During the 2017-18 school year, McKinley will be offering many opportunities for parents and guardians to volunteer, participate and engage in activities with their son and/or daughter. At McKinley, parents can experience firsthand what an exceptional and thriving educational environment McKinley is.

The girls' basketball season begins this month. Be sure to watch a game and cheer our lady monarchs on. Ms. Staley will begin teaching a robot class after school from the time this newsletter is published until the end of the school year. Family reading night is on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

If any parent is interested in volunteering, visiting, or just telling a teacher how wonderful he or she is, our staff would embrace the opportunity to collaborate with them. May we have a great 2017-2018 school year.

~Dr. Jerome Ferrell, Jr., Principal



Looking for Parent  
Volunteers!

# Assistant Principal Perkins



Welcome McKinley Family!

There is ALWAYS homework!!! Throughout my teaching tenure, there is one statement that I am always certain to hear; “We don’t have any homework.” Parents, there is **always** homework. I am certain that you understand the importance of practice, in the field of academics, sports, or any other arena. Our students will only improve in math and reading, if we enforce that they practice it on a daily basis. Reading for 20 minutes a day, is a practice that we would like to occur at home, **every** evening. Math practice is equally important. Students can either log into a math account used at school or you can assist your child with simple math facts each evening. Every little bit counts. So, the next time your child says, “We don’t have any homework,” please remind them that reading and math practice every night is their homework!

## Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

**Student “A”**  
reads **20 minutes**  
each day

3600 minutes in  
a school year

**1,800,000 words**



**90<sup>th</sup> percentile**

**Student “B”**  
reads **5 minutes**  
each day

900 minutes in  
a school year

**282,000 words**



**50<sup>th</sup> percentile**

**Student “C”**  
reads **1 minute**  
each day

180 minutes in  
a school year

**8,000 words**



**10<sup>th</sup> percentile**

By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Student “A” will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student “B” will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)



McKinley

Journey  
to Success

INTRODUCING...

## DWAYNE BRYANT!

On Monday, August 28, 2017, all McKinley students attended a back to school assembly. The honored guest was International Motivational Speaker, Dwayne Bryant!

Dwayne Bryant is an internationally renowned author, motivational speaker and TV personality, known for his high energy, intellect and wit. Bryant fuels audiences by sharing his credo of hard work, perseverance, integrity, and applied faith, which are the keys to his success.

Mr. Bryant shared personal experiences of loss and pain and his ability to overcome it with hard work and the support of a teacher and parent who believed in his ability to become successful! For over an hour, Mr. Bryant captivated our McKinley students with staggering statistics that left them speechless, to amazing success stories that had them roaring with laughter and applause! Mr. Bryant reminded our students that they were royalty and needed to act accordingly.

Mr. Bryant was well received by the McKinley family, and we thank him for helping us to start this year off on the right path, the road to success!



McKinley School

# MCKINLEY HONORS VIP'S

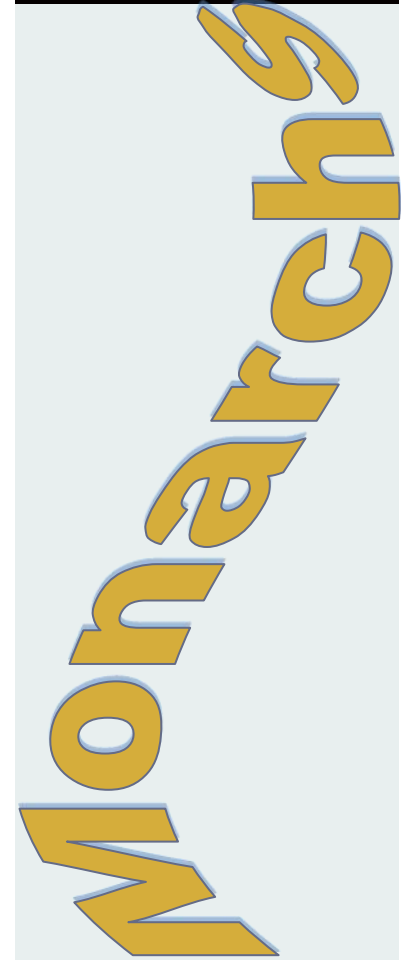
## VIP Program

The VIP Program is incentive based and rewards positive behavior.

- ◇ All staff members can participate by selecting one student per week to be their VIP. The only VIP restriction is that teachers are not allowed to select the same student every week or every other week.
- ◇ Teachers will determine their own unique classroom privileges/ incentives for VIP Friday. All VIP students will be allowed to come out of uniform. (Please refer to out of uniform expectations in the student handbook. Remember sweat/ jogging pants, athletic short, and jeans with slits/holes are prohibited.)
- ◇ The names of all VIP students will also be read over the intercom at the end of 8th period on Thursday afternoons.

### SEPTEMBER 1, 2017

Leila Galloway	Amiriah Harrington	Brianna Solomon
Tamia Amos	Kenneth James	Arik Latham
Joshua Johnson	Gabrielle Galloway	Marlon Burkes
Harlem Adams	Kiara Belcher	Kahairi Mangun
Nnenna Iheme	Dallas Miles	Melanie Peinado
Larry Holmes	Taylor Thrasher	Miriam Onyenso
Nia James	Damante Johnson	Johnnie Miller
Amani Harrington	Ariana Whitaker	Edward Brown
Shaleah Turner-Rush	Devin Melvin	Kobe Dixon
Ariyahna Ware	Monte Metcalfe	Brooklyn Lavizzo
	Benjamen Bradley	





## Assistant Principal Ingram

### *Lady Monarchs Mania*

*The Lady Monarchs basketball season will officially begin on September 19, 2017. The following is a list of scheduled home games for the months of September and October. Come out and show your support for the Lady Monarchs as we make another run for an IESA state title.*

Thursday September 21, 2017

Tuesday October 3, 2017

Thursday October 5, 2017

Thursday October 12, 2017

Tuesday October 17, 2017

Tuesday October 24, 2017

### Congratulations to the 2017 Lady Monarchs!

#### 7th Grade Team

*Kayla Bailey*

*Alaina Barnett*

*Mikai Bowens*

*Kaylen Hines*

*Nadia Johnson*

*Faith Jones*

*Kelina Jones*

*Kennedy Jones*

*MarcyAnna Murphy*

*Breahna Sheron*

*Briyanna Solomon*

*Amaya Stallworth*

#### 8th Grade Team

*Markiema Dixon*

*Kaylah Fulgham*

*Arielle Ivory*

*Nayo Lear*

*Mikayla McGee*

*Emily Neetz*

*Destiny Norris*

*Trinity Shelton*

*Nakiya Smith*

*Cameryn Stokes*

*Amarie Watkins*

*Kayla Williams*