

# The Phoenix News

## Speedway Academies

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## TWO MONTHS IN: WHAT'S NEXT?

Dear Speedway Academies' Families,

With two months into the school year, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for all that you have done. We are off to a good start our after-school programs meet Monday thru Friday, depending on the student (ELA or Math focus). The robotics team is tinkering away with Mr. Quales. The Debate Team has claimed 18 trophies at their last tournament.

So, in no other fashion, Speedway Academies students came out of the blocks with tenacity, energy, and grit. Let's keep it up. This month, we celebrate our students' writing at our first Publishing Party for the school year.

As we enter into the Second Quarter, it is so important that our children continue to come to school every day (see attendance incentives on page 2) so that they can learn on each day (even in short weeks like this one). Our teachers are working with new curriculum that will ensure that you children have all that they need to be successful.

I would like to thank you for entrusting us to help your child prepare for the culmination of education. Let's continue to stand together as a team and stay connected. #SoaringToSuccess

In Service with Kids,  
Principal Atiba Buckman



### BREAKFAST WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Principal Atiba Buckman extended an invitation for our parents to enjoy a hot breakfast and conversation on September 6, 2018. Mrs. Buckman spoke about how parent involvement is especially necessary as our school continues to grow, change, and evolve. Parents had the opportunity to ask questions and meet several members of the School Leadership team.

To see when our next PTO meeting is, please check out "Upcoming Events" to the right or our Facebook page for the most up to date information.



### SPEEDWAY ACADEMIES CELEBRATES THE HARVEST

In October 2018, our students had two Harvest celebrations. Kindergarten to 2nd Grade visited the Wightman Farms' Pumpkin Patch, enjoying a hay ride and coming home with a pumpkin. Grade 3-8 danced the day away at our Harvest Dance.

In order for students to attend, they had to earn at least 30 Dojo points. To stay connected with Speedway Academies and your student's behavior, check in with your child's homeroom teacher to make sure you are on ClassDojo.



### Upcoming Events

11/8 - 12	No School Staff Development Day Puerto Rico Day Veterans Day
11/15	Parent Teacher Conference 1 PM
11/19	Picture Day
11/20	Publishing Party
11/21	Early Dismissal 1 PM
11/22-23	No School Thanksgiving
11/26	Q1 Awards Ceremony
11/30	PTO Meeting 1:40 PM
11/30	Grade 6 presents "Greek Gods" 2 PM
12/10	Math Bowl
12/12	My Very Own Library Kick-Off Event
12/21	1 PM Dismissal
12/22 - 1/1	No School Winter Recess

## ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



**Dr. Adam Kar**

Vice Principal

#31YearsAndCounting



**Tracey Kuhn**

Vice Principal

#16YearsAndCounting



**Dr. Julio Olivo**

Vice Principal

#11YearsAndCounting



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## FALL SPELLING BEE

On November 1 and 2, 2018, student representatives from Grades 3-8 competed in our 2nd Annual Fall Spelling Bee! Below are our winners. Hope you can join us for November's Vocabulary Bee and December's Math Bowl!



**Grade 3**  
Toluwanimi Christiana Abu (1<sup>st</sup> Place)  
Aiden Smith (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)



**Grade 4**  
Samyia Brown (1<sup>st</sup> Place)  
Ericka Johnson (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)



**Grade 5**  
Tiyana Williams (1<sup>st</sup> Place)  
Qamar Bey (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)



**Grade 6**  
Sienna Clark (1<sup>st</sup> Place)  
Latoria Blakeney (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)



**Grade 7**  
Abdullah Bey (1<sup>st</sup> Place) || Synsir Shells (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)  
**Grade 8**  
Mercedes Eaves (1<sup>st</sup> Place) || Marcel Clark (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

School begins at **8:10 AM**. Students who arrive after **8:15** will be marked tardy. Students who are excessively tardy or absent are more likely to struggle in school than students who are in school daily. We need our students present in order for them to learn.

Students cannot be picked up early after **2 PM**.

Students must be picked up by **2:55 PM**.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

As a reminder, our school uniform is grey bottom for all, burgundy top for K-5, and yellow top for 6-8.

As cooler temperatures approach, students may wear solid-colored shirts under their uniform shirts. No hoodies are allowed. Thank you for making sure that Speedway Academies is a uniform and safe school!

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE SEPT/OCT

Congratulations to our Homerooms with the Top Attendance and Students with Perfect Attendance for September/October 2018! As a reward, homerooms received a pizza party and all students received a weekly homework pass.

**Homeroom K-2:** Ms. Heyward (Grade 2) || **Homeroom 3-5:** Ms. Bass (Grade 5)  
**Homeroom 6-8:** Ms. Richardson (Grade 8)

#### Students with Perfect Attendance

<b>Kindergarten</b> Acosta, Jails Blanding, T'nyah Ford, Ariel Reid, Brad Tucker, Cassidy Agent, Na'Ziyah Barrington, Vanessa Crepasac, Esperantha Edwards, Alana Espirit, Oznola Hines, Jayla Williamson, Corelle Bamidele, Hanif Barber, Sa'vyir Batts, Dominick Bordis, Jasim Case, Davaine Caviness, Eiyuan Gordon, Tejuan Pellet, Maya Severe, Evangeline Smith, Daniel	Edwards, Josiah Fowowe, Ebuloluwa Gassama, Abubakar Gassama, Maimuna Natto, Stephanie Perry, Za'kyra Talley, Christiana Blue-Owens, Tatiyana Brinson, Wykille Brooks, Lamont Cobb, Tashawn Mike, Naheem Murphy, Madison Perry, King Prince, Jayla Solomon, Jayden Tyson, Mi'Kayla Joseph, Ashton	Oluwafikunayomi Bobb, Sadie Bordis, Unique Boston, Ashanti Davis, Quayon Lockett, Amyah McCoy, Sa'Yion Smith, Genesis Thomas, Shakayah Walker, Amari Wigfall, Kasir Taylor, Al-Jamar	Andrews, Masr Baker, Karell Brinson, Quinzellah Crishom, Ausetemes Holmes, Kevin Jackson, Janiyah Khweye, Jason McCloud, Gillyanne Nesbit, Makhai Serrano, Jenissa Smith, Aiden Smith, Shayla Williams, Zah'mir Bruton, Omar Garrett, Nehemiah Jackson, Cailee Williams, Ky'Mirah	Bensmat, Aida Currie, William Irabor, Ejehiwease Jones, Tylor McMillan, Kaliya Morgan, Jamiyah Sherrod, Jaylen Blakeney, Kendra Boston, Aima Hunter, Kalani McDaniel, Sajid Nwaubani, Macdavid Royster, Kiera Shells, Najeeb Williams, Kaizya Zeigler, Amiyah Caballero, Nayeli Henderson, Jahmir Holloway, Andrew Piloze, Rickie Simmons, Ta-shae	Awokoya, Eniola Campbell, Janae Canales, Gabriella Edwards, Jaden Green, Justice Hughes-McLeod, Kiarrah Hughes-McLeod, Kirah Kirk, Saniah McCloud-Martinez, Juliana Mendez, Alexandra Spence, Nakhia Toure, Ousmane Wangboje, Israel Williams, Tiyana Akeeb, Ibrahim Enahoro, Saint Fadayomi, Oluwabojuwomi Gordon, Marquasha Gunn, I-Zionna Harris, Za'mirah Jackson, Cheizhyah Jackson, Ja'kalyf Long, Shareef Madden, Jariyah McClinton, Devin Porter, Za'Had Sirman, Jaleel	Hunter, Dason Fisher, Paradise Gamble, Crishawn Hall, Ni'reeq Heyward, Micah Igwilloh, Chijioke Mentor, Marvin Napoleon, David Richardson, Diondre Rodriguez, Daniel Thomas, Quashawn Toure, Vakantier Williams, Ih'Jamir Brown, Isabel Holloway-Lewis, Patryce Lala, Jaron Morris-Ellison, Al-Qadr Banks, Eric Barr, Nadir Oluwasanmi, Christiana Russell, Zeshawn Turner, Sakiyah	Williams, Sa'maiyah Braime, Charisma Caballero, Shawnice Dupye, Aariona Elumelu, Emmanuel Everson, Jahzir Lawal, Abdulgafar Russell, Ziyonah Serrano, William Shoulars, Emani
<b>Grade 1</b> Andrews, Madysn Boston, Anilah Clark, Ty'Quan Spann, Shyana Townes, Kayla Arias, Sophie Baines, McKenzie Briller, Al'Jaquan Connett, Ziyonah	Amadi, Princewill Daniel, David Elam, Shawn Nwaubani, Marvelous Thompson, Z'Niyah Adesetan, Temilayo Elutilo, Tolani Holmes, Tevon Igwilloh, Chibuikwe Johnson, Terrell Phillips, La'la Rodriguez, Ah'maya Awokoya,	<b>Grade 3</b> Barroso, Oscar Battle, Tymir Duncan, Walter Elumelu, Alexander Haynes, Voneava Major, A'Bria Muhammad, Saniyah Reaves, Tori Robinson, Jasmine Blanding, Imani Chery, Terence Clark, Rain Cortes, Freddy Granville, Millaun McDowell, Xavier Townes, Karon Vassell, Taylor Fadayomi, Oluwabukunmi Pellet, Miguel	<b>Grade 4</b> Anglin, Johnathan Baker, Jarrel Caballero, Shamar Gilmer, Sincere Guinyard-Williams, Bria Payamps, Joquelli Simpson, Cindy Walker, Ameen Whittington, Rodney Barr, Azzani Bowles, Jersey Brown, Samyia Bussey, Ibn Walker, Mikiyale	<b>Grade 5</b> Barnhill, Aniz'jah Broderick, Sameika Chery, Devon Gunn, A-zionna Harris, Donavone Holloway, Samantha Johnson, Jacob Khan, Sahib Prince, Jazlyn Cabello-Lora, Jayden Wynn, Elyjah	<b>Grade 6</b> Adesetan, Temitola Huggins, Kaylah	Douglas, Zaire Smith, Kanye Fedd-Robinson, Faith Glendy, Alysa Morton, Ciara Bobb, Estrick Bowman, Treoir Ogunjimi, Divine Shells, Synsir Thomas, Zhyair	<b>Grade 7</b> Gamble, Breana Joshua-Makun, Oluwafenanmi McClinton, Shakiyah Swinton, Qua-Dry Williams, Daisean Wilson, Tamia Naranjo-Flores, Ashley Batts, Laila Copeland, Zakiya Fadayomi, Oluwafenanmi Floyd, Jakeem Hernandez, Marlon Igwilloh, Chinele Matthews, Andre Nesbit, Zamir Sewell, Alyssa Vassell, Camron

**Top Attendance Homerooms and Students with perfect attendance for November/December will get to go Skating on January 4th! Hope to see you and your class there!**

## WEST SIDE HIGH SCHOOL'S HOMECOMING



Speedway Academies' teachers and students were honored at West Side High School's (WSHS) Homecoming for being innovative and relationship-building. WSHS Vice Principal Kyle Brown, Newark Board of Education Member Asia J. Norton, and Mayor Raz Baraka were there to congratulate award recipients. Student Shaheedah Sabir was given laundry supplies, courtesy of the WSHS Laundromat.

