



# TRITON TRIBUNE



## MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM:

From the Desk of Principal Martin

Our Performance Character Trait for the month of April is Energy/Zest. Energy/Zest is engaging in life with enthusiasm and excitement each day.

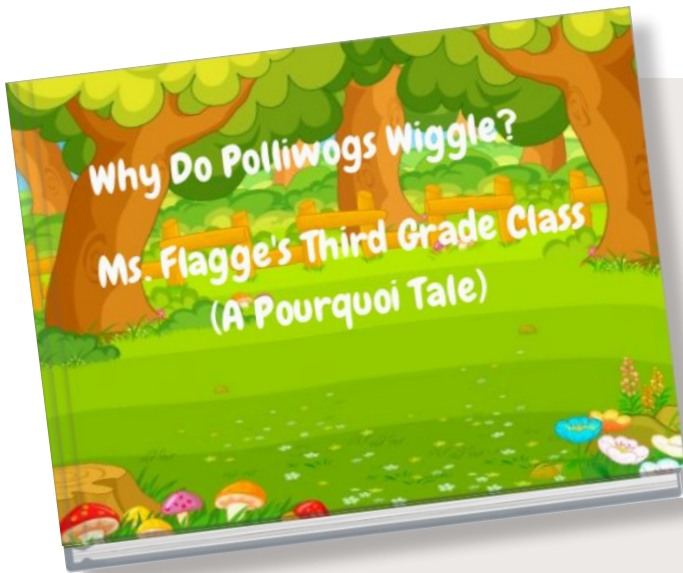


Last week was quite possibly the wettest week on record for many places in the metro area. There was a need for energy and zest. As we begin spring sports, the S.T.E.A.M. Academy, and LEAP 2025 testing, we will continue to encourage movement breaks every 40 minutes to get students' blood circulating and oxygen flowing to the brain.

Movement breaks are part of our classroom huddles and offer an opportunity to reengage both the body and the brain as our students finish the last month of school. Ask your scholar what they did for a movement break and encourage them to show it to you at home. Who knows? Your scholar might inspire the whole family to get moving with energy and zest.

## LOOKING AHEAD

<b>April 24</b> S.T.E.A.M Saturday 10:00 a.m.	<b>April 26–30</b> Testing Spirit Week	<b>May 1</b> LEAP Testing Begins for Distance Learners
<b>May 3</b> LEAP Testing Begins	<b>May 4</b> National Teacher Appreciation Day	<b>May 5</b> Governance Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. School Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
<b>May 14</b> PBIS 1st Annual Talent Show	<b>May 19</b> Kindergarten End of Year Celebration Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>May 20</b> End of Year Awards Ceremony Early Dismissal 1:30 p.m.
<b>May 21</b> Last day of School/Early Dismissal 1:30 p.m.		



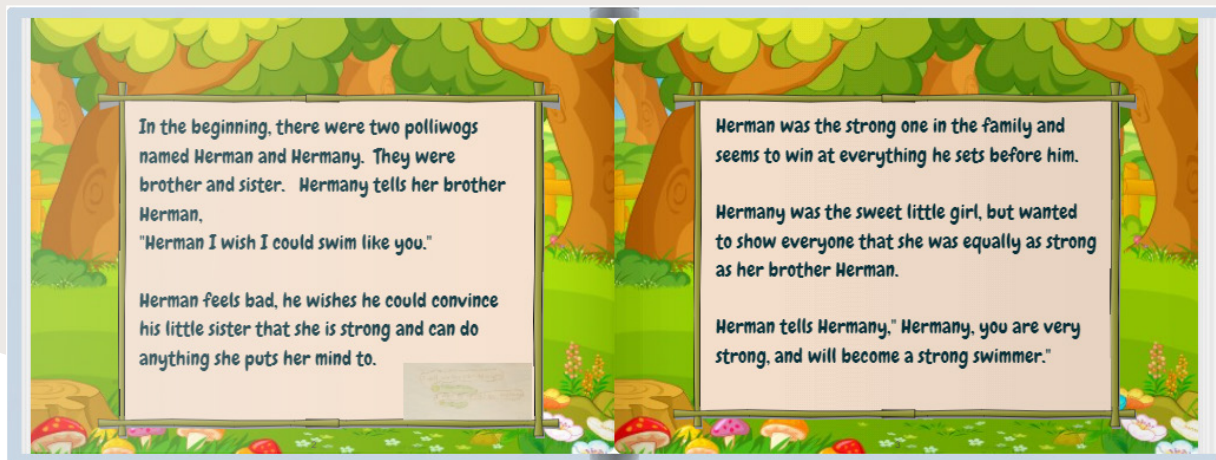
## STUDENTS BECOME PUBLISHED AUTHORS

**Ms. Flagge's distance learning third grade class wrote a Pourquoi tale and published the story online.**

The students wrote a story detailing the journey of brother and sister tadpoles Herman and Hermany titled: 'Why Do Polliwogs Wiggle.' With a combination of all the students written work a creation of the story was established. A few of the Louisiana Common Core State Standards (CCSS) covered in the students writing included, Writing Narrative and Informational texts.

Congratulations to our talented students who not only demonstrated their knowledge but did it in a way that everyone can enjoy!

**CLICK TO READ THE BOOK!**





## S.T.E.A.M. ACADEMY BEGINS FOR GRADES 3–8

# STEAM

SCIENCE | TECHNOLOGY | ENGINEERING | ARTS | MATHEMATICS

We are excited to announce the launch of our Spring 2021 S.T.E.A.M. Academy at Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish!

S.T.E.A.M. stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. For 3 Saturdays in April our AAJP teachers will lead our students in innovative projects that will expand their capacities and natural ability.

Students will work on projects ranging from circuitry to building models of the heart and lungs that they can take home with them weekly.

The Spring 2021 S.T.E.A.M Academy is open to all students in third-eighth grade at no cost. Participants in seventh and eighth grade will be eligible for a field trip to visit the College of Engineering at Southern University in Baton Rouge in May.

The last S.T.E.A.M. Academy program will be held on April 24. We hope to offer the program again next year!

## SPRING INTRAMURAL SPORTS

We are excited to announce the Spring 2021 Intramural Sports Season for grades 5–8!

The season began April 12 and ends May 14.

Practice times are 3:15–4:20 p.m.

Sports offered:

- Co-ed Flag Football
- Co-ed Soccer
- NEW! Co-ed Cheerleading

Please stay tuned for photos and updates of our Athlos athletes!





# UNTIL LEAP TESTING

## RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

Testing Spirit Week: April 26–30.

Testing begins on Monday, May 3. Distance learners begin testing on Saturday, May 1.

[Watch the Town Hall Parent Meeting](#)

[Parent Guide to LEAP 2025 Practice Tests](#)



You are invited to write an encouraging note for your child before the LEAP 2025 assessment.

Please fill out a card and return it to school by April 9. Cards are being sent home in backpacks and during Driveline.

If you need extra copies, you can [download a printable PDF](#).

Performance Character Trait  
**BINGO**

Athlos Academy has put together a NEW Performance Character trait bingo card to prepare for LEAP testing with trait-related activities students can do at home.

Families can share photos or videos of students doing these activities on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram using the hashtag #athlostogether. Or send them to us at [social@athlosacademies.org](mailto:social@athlosacademies.org).



# LEAP TESTING SPIRIT WEEK!

Show your pride and wear crazy hats, dress like twins, wear crazy hair and more!

Monday - Crazy Hat Day!  
Tuesday - Twin Day!  
Wednesday - Crazy Hair Day!  
Thursday - Backwards Day!  
Friday - Nerd Day!

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**ALL NEXT WEEK!**  
**APRIL 26, 2021 - APRIL 30, 2021**



# STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

## MS. DEVAIN COTTON



### Meet Ms. Cotton

#### How long have you been teaching and what grades have you taught?

I have been an educator for six years. Three of those years has been with Athlos Teaching 1st grade. I have been here since December of the opening year.

#### What do you do in your spare time?

In my spare time I like to spend time with my family, enjoy the city, shopping, eating at different restaurants and enjoying the views. I always say any day is a good day for Crawfish and a snowball!!

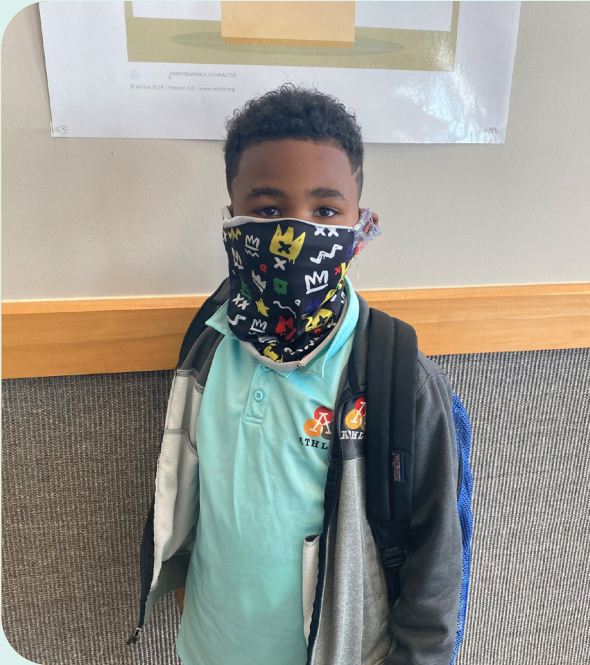
#### What do you love about Athlos?

What I love most about working at Athlos is the awesome first grade team I am on we are like family and of course the awesome students. I also love how Movement breaks are incorporated into the curriculum giving the scholars time to get up and move. Watching my scholars blossom from when they first entered my class always brings me joy!





# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



**CARTER**



**GRADE: 1ST**

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT ATHLOS?

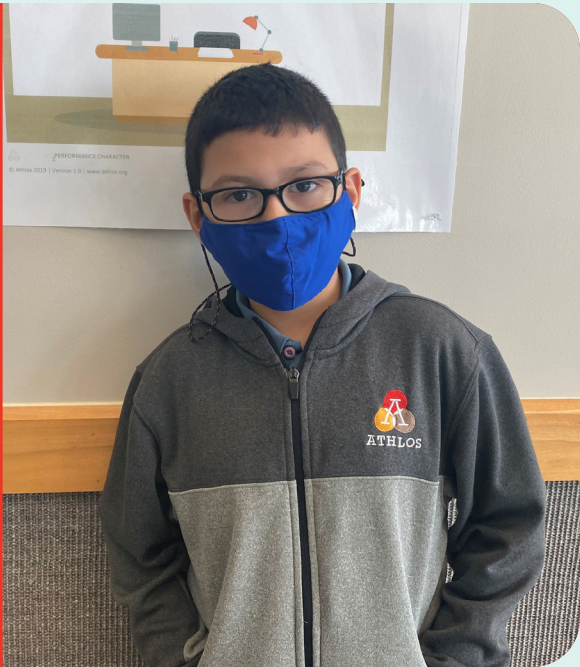
“I like that my teacher Ms. Galatas is very nice and my friends are also nice too!”

**ADRIEL**

**GRADE: 4TH**

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT ATHLOS?

“I like learning math. It’s my favorite subject. I always look forward to learning new things.”



# HOW DO FEDERAL DOLLARS SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL?



At Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish, Title I and Title IV federal funds are used to remove barriers to learning and help students succeed.

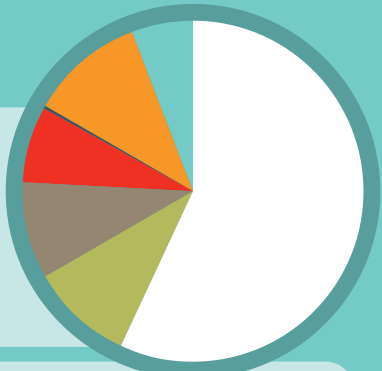
## TITLE I \$738,000

### INTERVENTION SUPPORT

- \$421K** Paraprofessionals
- \$73K** Math Interventionist
- \$67K** Literacy Interventionist

### CLOSING LEARNING GAPS

- \$80K** Hercules' Heroes Tutoring
- \$42K** LEAP 2025 Test Prep Books
- \$52K** Response to Intervention Coordinator
- \$3K** Homeless Support



## TITLE IV \$73,000



- \$8K** Safe and Healthy Schools
- \$6.5K** Cyber Bullying Prevention
- \$24K** Well Rounded Education
- \$29K** STEAM Academy
- \$5.5K** Effective Use of Technology



# SURVEY FOR DISTANCE LEARNERS

Distance learning was implemented last year to provide students with a safe method of learning during Covid-19. At this point in time, we do not know if we will be allowed to offer distance learning under the waiver from the State of Louisiana Department of Education. If we can offer families this option, we would like to know your plans and thoughts for next school year.

Please complete this survey before Friday, May 7.



**TAKE THE SURVEY**

**2021-22**  
official  
calendar



All dates for the 2021-22 School Year Calendar are available

[View a printable PDF calendar.](#)

## FACE COVERINGS AND HEALTH SAFETY REMINDER



Please remind students to wear their cloth face coverings on the bus and during school. Cloth face coverings must always be worn on the bus and at school. **Face coverings need to cover the nose and mouth completely.** To maintain on-campus learning, we need everyone to do their part.

Please remind your child of the importance of washing hands often and following instructions in classrooms, hallways and the playground to maintain social distance. We also suggest sending an extra face covering in case one becomes lost or soiled.

**Read these tips on our website** on how to help children wear face coverings. Thank you for your continued support as we keep students and staff healthy and learning.