



**BOOKER MIDDLE
SCHOOL**

THE TORNADO WATCH



What kind of people are in your life? Are they positive and upbeat or are they negative? We all have heard the saying, if you want to succeed, you need to surround yourself with positive people. Positive people help you realize your abilities and dreams. Negativity can often keep you from dreaming. Positivity can be contagious. Knowing that, what energy are you releasing to your scholars? As we get closer to the 2021 testing window, it is critical to empower our scholars to understand who they are and what they would like to become. Feed them with positivity and they will become positive and self-confident. How can we all create this kind of learning culture?

You too must surround yourself with positive people. Walk away from negative people you encounter. End your toxic friendships. This may be challenging at first, but as you move away from negative people, you will become more positive and will attract positive people into your life. This is what is important-attracting positive people. Think and speak positively and you will attract positive people. Teach this strategy to our scholars and they will not only attract positive people, but they themselves will respond positively in the learning environment. What words will assist you in developing a positive attitude? Put it into practice:

You can do it.

I believe in you.

Keep trying.

I appreciate you.

I trust you.

I value you.

You are brilliant.

I need you.

These are just a few words that you can use to add positivity to someone's life.

Dr. Hashawn Frost

HAPPENING IN JAN/FEB/MAR

BMS EVENTS

4th Annual VPA FUNraiser

Saturday, March 6th

4:00pm-8:00pm

Spring Break

NO SCHOOL

Monday, March 15th- Friday, March 19th

Your Advertisement



Email: BookerMiddleVPA@gmail.com to find out how you could get your business in front of our newsletter readers!

Welcome to Our Newest Sponsor



Red Wing Shoe Stores
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Huge shout out to our partners at 3 Pepper Burrito Co. for providing BMS staff with lunch several times in both the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school year!



STAY INFORMED!

Website:

www.sarasotacountyschools.net/schools/bookermiddle

Remind VPA:

Text @bookerm to 81010

VPA Website:

www.BookerMiddleSchoolVPA.weebly.com

VPA Facebook:

@BookerMiddleSRQ

VPA Instagram:

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VPA Twitter:

@BookerMiddle

YEARBOOK

PURCHASE A YEARBOOK

Yearbook order forms have been sent home with students. Cash or check payable to Leonard's can be turned in to your CCR teacher. The cost is \$20 after 2/14 until sold out. You can also pay online through the Booker Middle website online payments. The yearbook is the last option on the page.

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

VPA FUNraiser

4TH ANNUAL **MASTERCLASS**

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VPA FUNRAISER

SATURDAY MARCH 6, 2021
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

TICKETING INFORMATION
\$25.00
(per person)
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Questions? Contact: **Christine Hopkins** | VPA Coordinator
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To RSVP and to purchase tickets, please go to <http://bookermiddleschoolvpa.weebly.com/fundraiser.html>

Questions? Contact Christine Hopkins, VPA Coordinator, at Christine.Hopkins@sarasotacountysschools.net.

Asian Art Show

The VPA Digital Design students of Booker Middle have just finished studying the Asian Arts and have created artwork aligned with the Chinese New Year.

It is a sight to behold - from the beautiful geisha to the fierce samurai, from tranquil animal scenes to turbulent dragons and infographics on the Chinese zodiac animals.

As a bonus, Ms. Fox taught a lesson on Chinese poetry for the students. They have added poetry to their artworks as was the custom with Asian prints highlighting nature and life's meanings.

Come be enchanted with the Orient; it's a show the whole family will enjoy.

BOOKER MIDDLE SCHOOL

ASIAN EXPERIENCE

WHERE: DOWNTOWN SELBY LIBRARY

WHEN: FEBRUARY 12 - MARCH 20

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VPA DIGITAL DESIGN

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

VPA Drama Dives into Inter-Generational Project

VPA Drama celebrated intergenerational collaborations with its recent presentation of “The Bridge.”


This was a performance of SaraSolo’s “SoloSynergy,” an inter-generational monologue workshop with student participants from Mrs. Mills’ BMS VPA class and their adult counterparts, also known as “Elders.”

The performance was recorded and is available for “Pay What You Can” tickets. Please email carrie.mills@sarasotacountychools.net to see the performance!

The Bridge
Next Tuesday, 1/26 @7pm

A performance of SaraSolo’s “SoloSynergy” an intergenerational monologue workshop with student participants from Ms. Mills’ BMS VPA class and their adult counterparts

A virtual streamed recorded performance on YouTube (private with a link). Watchable for a full week after.



(participants from the 2018 SoloSynergy)

“Pay What You Can” tickets with all proceeds going to the VPA Theatre Department
go to: <https://www.sarasolo.org/tickets>
or type “SaraSolo” in your browser

Dragonfly Café poets join Inaugural Poet on Zoom



The dragonfly café poets will be joining former inaugural poet Richard Blanco, creative writing MFA at Vanderbilt University professor and noted author, Rick Hillis, and Jim Daniels, professor from Carnegie Mellon in channeling the spirit of recent inaugural poet, Amanda Gorman.

Poetry is enjoying a renaissance showing up in unexpected places, like the Superbowl. Amanda Gorman has brought a young face and youthful enthusiasm. Celebrate with us on 3/11/21 at 6:00 on ZOOM for this free event.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/channeling-amanda-gorman-a-poetry-celebration-tickets-140402777487>

NEWS

College and Career Readiness Spotlight



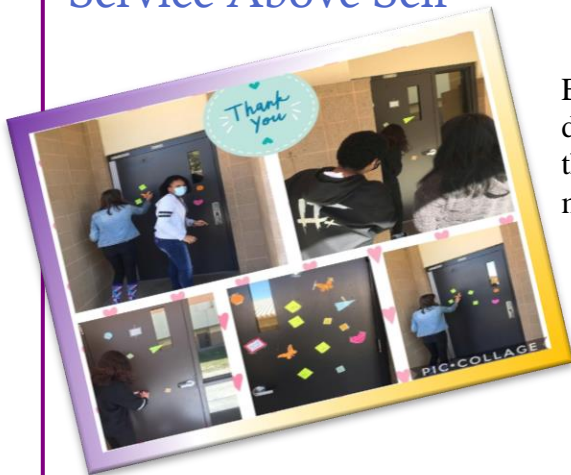
Hello, Tornados! As Booker Nation proudly celebrates Black History Month, we invite you to explore the opportunities available to you at Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Florida is home to Florida A&M University, Bethune-Cookman University, Edward Waters College, Florida Memorial University and eleven historic junior colleges. For more information about HBCUs or Sarasota's educational history, visit our displays in our Media Center or stop by the College and Career Center.

Literacy Week

In January, Booker Middle School celebrated Literacy Week and it was a hit! Students and staff enjoyed all the fun activities going on around campus! Check out this picture from "Read My Shirt" day (wearing our favorite shirts with text)!



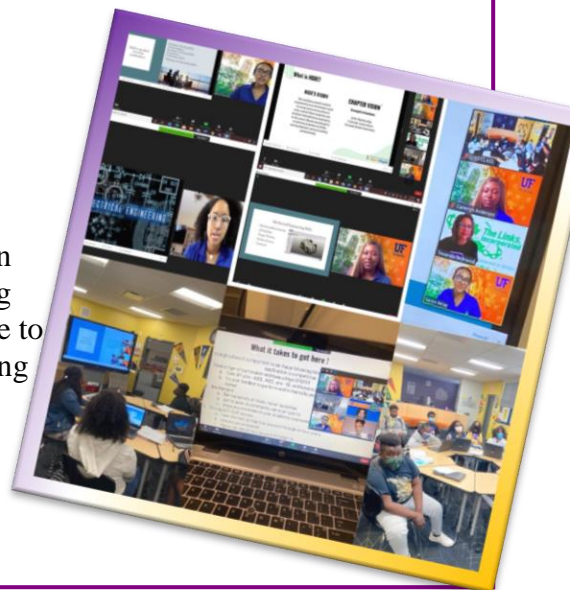
Service Above Self



Each month this year, our Interact students will be "heart attacking" the doors to the teachers classrooms and staff members officesso be on the lookout ! We are so grateful to have such amazing teachers and staff members at Booker Middle 💜

NSBE Planning for the Future

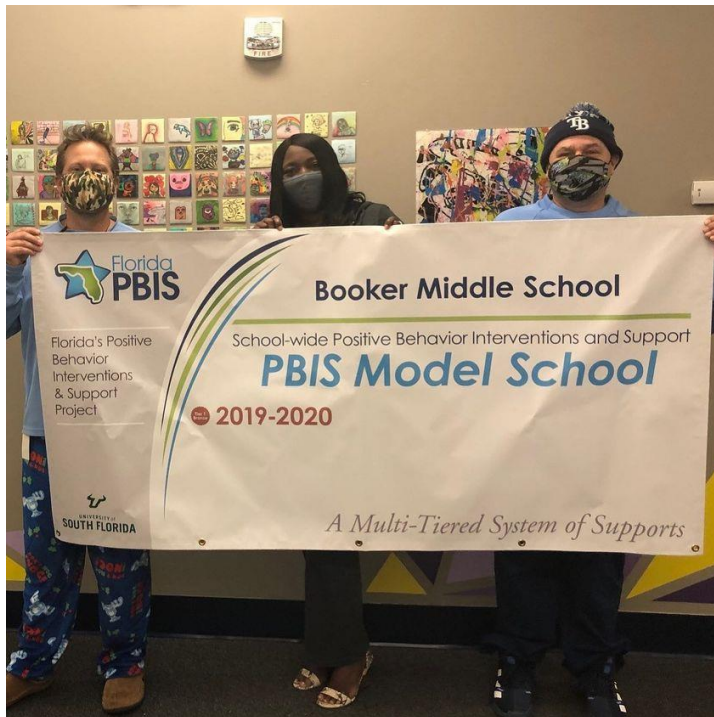
BMS NSBE Jr. chapter had the privilege of participating in a zoom session with the UF NSBE chapter. This was an amazing experience for our young students. They were learning all about the engineering fields and were able to see themselves as future college students just like the ones they were talking with.



JUST PICTURE IT!

(PICTURES OF MORE EVENTS AT BMS)

BMS Recognized for Positive Behavior Interventions and Support



Ms. Fox decorated her door for Literacy Week. It celebrates Amanda Gorman, the youngest inaugural poet.



Leaders are readers! Students who attended the zoom for Literacy Week in January received Hot Chocolate & a reading reward in the Media Center.

Literacy Door Decorations were spread across campus in January!



CONGRATULATIONS

Staff Spotlight MS. MERALUS

Tornado Spotlight

Welcome to our weekly
Tornado Spotlight!

Today we are spotlighting Ms. Meralus who is making a big impact with our Turnaround Program. She's working with our scholars to develop positive behaviors in order to help them be successful in and out of the classroom.

Thank you Ms. Meralus for your hard work and dedication to Booker Middle School and our scholars!



Staff Spotlight MS. COLLINS

Tornado Spotlight

Welcome to our weekly
Tornado Spotlight!

Today we are spotlighting Ms. Collins. She is always ready to greet you with a smile in the Media Center. She gets to know students and keeps our media center running smoothly. Ms. Collins is always ready to lend a hand and has even subbed in a few classrooms this year.

Thank you Ms. Collins for your hard work and dedication to Booker Middle School and our scholars!



Staff Spotlight MS. CLAY

Tornado Spotlight

Welcome to our weekly
Tornado Spotlight!

Today we are spotlighting Ms. Clay. She has been monitoring i-Ready data and putting together cards and treats for students across eighth grade who passed lessons in reading and math.

After Diagnostic testing she contacted Remote students who hadn't completed or started the diagnostic via email and phone to encourage them to take it. Ms. Clay even worked with other teachers to help them work to get their students finished.



Staff Spotlight MR. MCKEE

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Today we are spotlighting Mr. McKee who had a colleague recently visit his classroom and shared the following, "I went in to see [Mr. McKee] and his students last week and was so excited to see what was going on in his classroom. I can tell from the short time I was there that the students really like him and he encourages them to constantly be their best. They are making beautiful sounds and you can tell that they want to continue getting better."

Thank you Mr. McKee for your hard work and dedication to Booker Middle School and our scholars!



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ANNUAL BASKET FUNDRAISER

OWN A BUSINESS? WANT TO
REACH A WIDER COMMUNITY?
DONATE TO BOOKER MIDDLE
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IMPORTANT HIGH SCHOOL DATES

SPIN means Student Parent Information Night



BOOKER HIGH SCHOOL

Go to school website and look for SPIN to find out about programs offered for incoming students such as those offered through AICE (Cambridge—advanced), Career and Technical Education, and the Law Academy. Visit <https://www.bookervpa.com/> for specific details on applying for Visual and Performing Arts Program and the audition process. Student Orientation, hosted by BHS counselors, will be Wednesday, March 3rd on Zoom. Students will need to register for classes by March 12.



SARASOTA HIGH SCHOOL

Student Orientation, hosted by SHS counselors, will be on Tuesday, March 2nd on Zoom. Students are encouraged to register online for classes by March 12th. Visit the Sarasota High School website to find out more information about AICE (Cambridge—advanced) and MaST (focus on Math, Science, Technology curriculum) You may apply online for both programs. Applications for AICE are due by March 5th. Applications for MaST are due on May 15th.



RIVERVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

Student Orientation, hosted by RHS counselors, will be on Thursday, March 4th on Zoom. More information to follow. All applications for the International Baccalaureate program (advanced/college prep classes) at Riverview High School should be completed online through an electronic format and can be accessed via the school's website, www.riverviewib.com. Visit the school website for SPIN activities.



NORTH PORT HIGH SCHOOL

Visit the NPHS website for more information on the North Port High School SPIN Night.



VENICE HIGH SCHOOL

Venice High School SPIN Night video and other information can be found on the school website under "Announcements."



SUNCOAST POLYTECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SPHS will provide an orientation and program overview on Monday, March 1st at 8:00 a.m. at BMS. Open Houses are from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on these dates: February 10, February 24 and March 3. Call the school to register. The application is available on the school website. Deadline: March 12.



SARASOTA VIRTUAL ACADEMY

Steve Posilovich, SVA project manager, will host a Zoom meeting on March 8th to discuss registration for SVA classes online. BMS counselors will be providing information to students on how to sign up for this orientation.



SARASOTA MILITARY ACADEMY

SMA is a charter school, which means you will need to apply for admission. The school has webinars available for incoming students and parents. You can sign up online for this orientation by visiting the SMA website and looking for information under "Admissions." Upcoming dates are Feb 23rd and March 2nd at 6 p.m.

GET INVOLVED

Parents



Parent University:

We know your child's education and development is important to you and that you would like to encourage them in any way you can. Our monthly Parent University will give you some tools and strategies to best support their Booker Middle School education. (see dates in the "Calendars" section)

Parent Involvement:

Our parents are the lifeblood of our school's support network. Each month our parents and faculty meet to discuss the activities associated with our school's fundraising efforts. (see dates in the "Calendars" section)

SAC (School Advisory Council):

A formal monthly meeting where parents and community members meet with our principal and other administrators to collaborate on school issues. (see dates in the "Calendars" section)

Magnet, Club, and Program Fundraising:

Our students participate in several events and activities both on and away from our campus. Our fundraising programs are designed to help our parents get involved and support performances, activities, and field trips. Ask how you can get involved.

Community Members



Donate:

Donations come in many forms and we appreciate all of them. Email our arts coordinator (BookerMiddleVPA@gmail.com) for information on BMS Arts Giving. For information regarding donations to our other programs email Rebecca Coleman at (Rebecca.Coleman@sarasotacountyschools.net).

Volunteer:

BMS can always use a helping hand. If you would like to donate your time to our wonderful school, come to the front office of our school and sign up or contact Rebecca Coleman.

Attend:

There are so many events for our students and it means the world to our students when the attendance and support goes beyond their friends and family. Attend an arts event, a sports event, or just come out to a Family Night with one of our business partners (see dates in the "Calendars" section).

For more information on Booker Middle School Visual and Performing Arts events or admissions contact our VPA coordinator at bookermiddlevpa@gmail.com

CALENDARS



2020-2021 DISTRICT CALENDAR

1960 Landings Boulevard • Sarasota, Florida 34231 • (941) 927-9000



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JULY 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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6th-10th - 240 Day Staff Non-Work Days
21st - 220 Day Staff Return

AUGUST 2020

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17th - 196+5 Day Staff Return
24th - 186+5 Day Staff Return
31st - First Day for Students

SEPTEMBER 2020

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7th - Labor Day - No School-Students, All Staff

OCTOBER 2020

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30th - End of 1st Grading Period

NOVEMBER 2020

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2nd - Professional Day-Students, 186/220* Clsfd Staff
25th-27th - Thanksgiving Break-Students, All Staff

DECEMBER 2020

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21st-31st - Winter Break-Students, All Staff

JANUARY 2021

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1st - Winter Break-Students, All Staff
18th - Martin Luther King Day-Students, All Staff
22nd - End of 2nd Grading Period
25th - Professional Day-Students, 186/220* Clsfd Staff

FEBRUARY 2021

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15th - Presidents Day-Students, All Staff

MARCH 2021

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15th - 19th Spring Break-Students, All Staff

APRIL 2021

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7th - End of 3rd Grading Period
9th - Professional Day-Students, 186/220* Clsfd Staff

MAY 2021

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31st - Memorial Day-Students, All Staff

JUNE 2021

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11th - Last Day for Students, 186 Day Staff
15th - Last Day for 196/220 Instructional Staff
18th - Last Day for 220 Classified Staff

*Note: 220 Day classified staff do not work Professional Days for 2020/21 only.

Thank
You



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DESIGNING WOMEN
BOUTIQUE & ESTATE SERVICES



The Ringling

MUSIC COMPOUND
Inspire Collaborate Educate

FEED THE PARTY



Ringling College
of Art + Design



Northwestern Mutual



Venice theatre

WESTCOAST
BLACK
THEATRE
TROUPE



- ▶ "N" and "A" numbers = Library Card Numbers
- ▶ Access to resources based on grade
- ▶ School Staff has full access to all resources
- ▶ Can access through mySCS portal or Sarasota County Libraries' website

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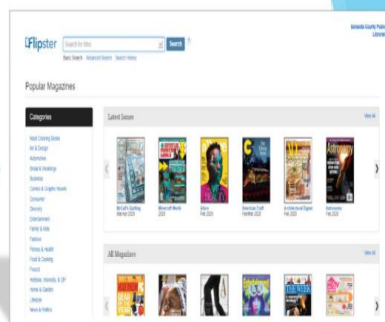
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Parental Notification Principal Attestation of Qualifications For Teachers and Paraprofessionals

Booker Middle School

Sarasota County School District

As required by P.L. 107-110, Section 1119(i) of Title I, Part A, I attest to the following for the school year 2019-2020:

- All teachers teaching in core academic subject areas and hired after the first day of 2001-2003 school year and teaching in a program and supported by Title I, Part A funds, are highly qualified.
- All instructional paraprofessionals, (except for translations and parental involvement activities) meet the requirements to be considered highly qualified.

Copies of this attestation are available online and at the school and district office and will be made available to the general public upon request.

Dr. LaShawn Frost

Title I Booklet Distribution

What is “Parent’s-Right-to-Know”

Federal law requires that the Sarasota County School District notify parents of all children in Title I schools of their rights to receive timely information on the professional qualifications of their child’s teacher. Parents may request information about the professional qualifications of the student’s classroom teacher including, at a minimum, the following:

- Whether the teacher has met the state qualifications and certification criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or certification criteria has been waived.
- The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certificate or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications

If you would like to receive a Title I booklet, please notify Rebecca Coleman (941)359-5824 or Rebecca.Coleman@sarasotacountyschools.net