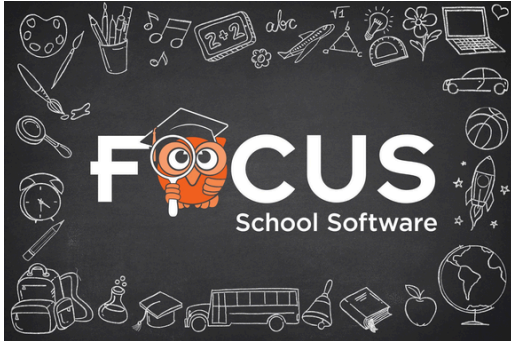


# MONTESSORI MONTHLY

The Official Newsletter of Atlantic Montessori Charter School



**The Focus Parent Portal** is your gateway to staying connected with your student's educational journey in Broward County Public Schools.

For the first time, parents/guardians with multiple students will be able to access all their students in one place.

The portal will allow you to monitor your student's academic progress, stay informed of upcoming school and district events, and allow you to communicate directly with your student's teachers.



## MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our new Morning Announcements format brings excitement to the start of each school day, now with the added upgrade of streaming on YouTube! This improvement allows both campuses to tune in and enjoy a shared experience, complete with engaging graphics in the announcement overlay.

Led by two 5th-grade volunteers, our daily broadcasts cover the weather, lunch menu, and important announcements, such as upcoming events, holidays, and spirit weeks. Special shout-outs for birthdays add a personal touch, making every broadcast memorable.

Each morning, our announcers also foster school spirit by leading the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance. This enhanced format not only keeps our community connected across campuses but also gives students a valuable opportunity to develop their public speaking skills and leadership qualities in a real-world setting.

# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

SHINING A LIGHT ON OUR OUTSTANDING STAFF!



**DAVIE CAMPUS**

***Ms. Veronikha Turner - Support Staff***

Ms. Veronikha Turner has been an integral part of Atlantic Montessori Charter School since its opening in 2013 in Pembroke Pines.

Over the years, she has served in various roles, demonstrating her versatility and dedication. She has provided invaluable classroom support, coordinated maintenance and facilities operations, and directed before-school activities. Known for her willingness to help, Ms. Turner is always ready to assist staff, parents, and students with any task, large or small.

Outside of her school responsibilities, Ms. Turner enjoys listening to Spanish workshop music and reading the Bible. She is also a proud mother of three adult sons, who she has raised with love and care.



**PINES CAMPUS**

***Ms. Vanderline Thorpe - 3rd Grade Teacher***

I'm Mrs. Thorpe-Garcia, the third-grade teacher at AMCS Pines.

This marks my seventh year here, and I am devoted to fostering a space where each child feels valued, respected, and excited to learn each day.

Outside of work, I love spending time with my husband and my dog, while going to Disney World.



## OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year began on November 1st. If you would like to apply, you can do so by visiting the following link:

<https://atlanticmontessoricharter.com/student-enrollment-application/>

Once your application is submitted, you will receive a call with further information about what documents are required to complete your enrollment. Be sure to apply soon to secure your spot!

### NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

NOVEMBER 5th - **TEACHER PLANNING DAY** AND **REPORT CARDS ISSUED**

NOVEMBER 11th - **VETERANS DAY**

NOVEMBER 22ND - **INTERIM REPORTS ISSUED**

NOVEMBER 25TH - 29TH - **NO SCHOOL**



**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GET INVOLVED AT ATLANTIC MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL?**

**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN OUR COMMUNITY OF VOLUNTEERS!**

CONTACT MS. OCEJO AT [JOCEJO@AMCHARTERSCHOOL.COM](mailto:JOCEJO@AMCHARTERSCHOOL.COM) TO LEARN ABOUT EXCITING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR SCHOOL.

**YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A BIG IMPACT! WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!**

**School Hours (Davie Campus):**

KG-2nd - 8:15 am - 2:45 pm

3rd-5th - 8:45 am - 3:00 pm

**School Hours (Pines Campus):**

8:30 am - 2:45 pm

**Office Hours: 7:30 am - 4:00 pm**

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