

# LATCA Staff Weekly Update

## From The Desk of The Principal

*Dr. Patricia Hayes*



*Week Of: January 16, 2023*

*Dear LATCA faculty & Staff,*

I hope everyone enjoyed a restful holiday. I have been visiting classrooms and have enjoyed meeting with you and seeing great instruction and board configurations designed to prepare your students for each day of lessons. Thanks to all of you for including: Learning Target/Objective, Daily Lesson Agenda, and Lesson Vocab.

Although we have many things on our plate, we cannot forget that our number one goal is for ALL students to grow academically and to become young business leaders. We appreciate all of you for your efforts in helping us make this happen.

Staff, thank you for the pride you show in LATCA! As our theme is Entrepreneurship and our students wear uniforms, we want to continue to stress professionalism in our own attire, as well as within our daily work. LATCA actions can speak business and professionalism into the lives our students as we prepare them academically,

To aid in academic growth, we must see **daily** reading time across every grade, as well as homework and classwork that is meaningful based on the daily objectives.

Finally, I want us to continue to encourage our students by celebrating their efforts. One way to do this is by posting student work both inside and outside of the classrooms. Thank you again for all that you do, and feel free to visit me anytime.

*Dr. Patricia Hayes, Principal*

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it."*

Marian Wright Edelman

### Reminders !!!

#### Staff Hours

As a reminder, report time for staff is 7:50 A.M. – 3:50 P.M.

#### Late Arrival/Calling Into Work

If you are going to be late or have to call in sick, it is the expectation that you text the following individuals before 7 a.m., so that adequate arrangements and coverage are put in place:

**Teachers/Staff:** Mrs. Starks & Dr. Hayes

**Educational Assistants:** Ms. Payton & Dr. Hayes

**District Office Staff:** Dr. Mitchell & Dr. Hayes

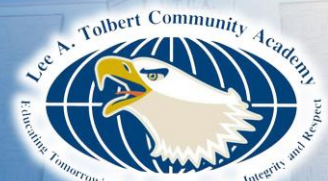
**Starks** 913-687-0659

**Dr. Hayes** 816-423-0696

**Payton** 816-309-9416

**Dr. Mitchell** 816-665-7269

NO calls/text after 10p.m. or before 6a.m. ALL calls/text must be made by 7a.m.



### SUPERINTENDENT CORNER

#### Our Vision:

LATCA Will become the highest performing and achieving School in KC!

#### Our Aim:

100% of LATCA students will demonstrate growth in all academic, social, and behavioral areas this school year!

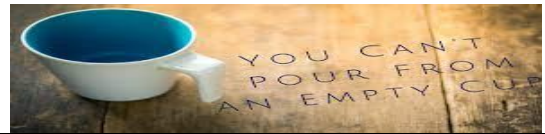
#### Our Future:

Within 5 years, 50% of LATCA students will demonstrate on grade level and above proficiency!

#### 2022-23 Target:

LATCA will reduce the number of all students scoring in the BELOW BASIC category on state assessment by 10%.

### COUNSELOR CORNER



"Have you ever heard the saying, "You can't pour from an empty cup"? Essentially, the saying means that in order for us as humans to effectively take care of others, we must first take care of ourselves. The notion is intuitive in nature, but can be more difficult to put into practice". -Lauren Carter

**With this in mind, I'd like to invite you to take a moment to check-in with yourself:**

**How full is your cup? Or, how full is your gas tank right now? Do you need to stop and fill up? What do you need in this moment? What activity or self-care behavior would help fill up your cup?**

**How can you regularly schedule checking in with yourself – and self-care practices– into your week?**

**To read the full article:** <https://modern-minds.com/you-cant-pour-from-an-empty-cup-why-self-care-isnt-selfish/>

# LATCA Staff Weekly Update

## Upcoming Events

### This Week:

- 1/18 – Grades Due (11:59 w/comments)
- 1/18 – 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> gr. PLC Day -Location TBA
- 1/18 – Schoolwide Spelling Bee 1:30 pm
- 1/18 – Staff Meeting/Eagle Team 3:35 pm
- 1/19 – LATCA Basketball – 5pm & 6 pm  
Tolbert vs Northeast @Paseo

### Looking Ahead:

- 1/30 Storytelling workshop (Dawiz)  
K-2 – 9:30--11 am
- 1/31 Writing workshop - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> (all day)
- 2/01 Writing workshop - MS (all day)



## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT CORNER

Staff, This a reminder that we do not provide the use of a microwave to scholars for their lunch.

Remember, parents and staff are invited to join us on Feb. 9th from 6pm-8pm for "Painting w/love"(Paint & Sip). It's a family event being held here at Tolbert Academy in the cafeteria. For further information, please go to our website to RSVP and pay.

Exciting News: The Lee A. Tolbert Community Academy Store is Open! We have teamed up with Show Me Spirit for all of our Tolbert apparel, and 25% of the proceeds are donated back to Tolbert!

Logon now <https://showmespirit.org/collections/tolbert-academy> or visit our website [www.tolbertacademy.org](http://www.tolbertacademy.org)

## INSTRUCTIONAL COACH CORNER

### From Ms. White

As I pop in and out of classrooms, it is evident the scholars are excited to be here and to learn. Keep up the amazing work.

### From Ms. Meeks

Special shout-out to Mrs. Spencer and the tremendous growth 5th Grade is making in ELA. Keep up the good work everyone!

### From Mr. Bryant

Fifty-six (56) middle school students increased their Mastery Level and/or achieved Proficient or Advanced in at least one of their January Evaluate tests and will receive ice cream!! -- 11 of them get the BONUS ice cream cone. On January Evaluate data, 8th grade ELA has already achieved the school-wide academic goal we have for Fiscal Year 2026!!

## SPECIAL EDUCATION CORNER

Second Quarter Special Education progress reports will be emailed/sent home January 31st.

## Technology Corner

All students, faculty and staff of LATCA must have ID badges on at all times. These badges allow us to travel in and out of the buildings and are very important for the continued safety of our school community!

## TITLE I CORNER

The school-wide spelling bee will be held on Wednesday, January 18th at 1:30 p.m. It will be streamed live on the LATCA Facebook page for all those interested in watching. ELL testing will begin in February...exact dates to be determined.

Please send information for the weekly update by Close of Business (COB) on Thursday of each week for the next week's update.

Lee A. Tolbert Community Academy  
3400 Paseo Blvd  
Kansas City, MO 64109  
Phone: 816-561-0114 Fax: 816-561-1015  
Website: [tolbertacademy.org](http://tolbertacademy.org)

