



# Athenian Academy

## Of Technology And The Arts

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### TEAM SPOTLIGHT



Ms. Farrell loves being a part of our Athenian Academy family. She has a very bubbly personality and is very passionate when it comes to educating young minds. Ms. Farrell has her Bachelors of Science Degree in Prekindergarten-Primary Education with Reading and ESOL endorsements from St. Petersburg College. She remained on the Dean's List all throughout her program. Ms. Farrell has taught second grade and kindergarten at Athenian Academy and is excited about going back to second grade this year.

Being a resident of sunny Florida, Ms. Farrell loves spending her free time at the beach. She also enjoys keeping up with the latest fashions, trying out new recipes, traveling, spending time with her friends and family and building relationships with people in her community. She also enjoys concerts, sporting events, and a good movie.

### AUGUST 2019 ATHENIAN NEWS

The Florida Department of Education released school grades for the 2018 – 2019 school year. Athenian Academy is proud to announce we are an “A” rated school! Athenian Academy students continue to show tremendous growth each year, with many of our grade levels and subject areas outscoring the District and Florida averages.

Nearly every grade level and subject area showed improvement this year! Below are just a few highlights to share with you; however, overall there were many, many gains at every level, phenomenal work! We are so proud of our kiddos, our team, and the entire Athenian family! Congratulations on an incredible 2018 – 2019 school year!

- Civics EOC: 100% of our 8th grade students passed the Civics End of Course Exam.
- For the first time in ten years, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade math achieved above 50% proficiency. In addition, our 8th graders achieved 75% proficiency this year.
- Our 8th graders achieved 67% proficiency in Science.
- Our 3rd graders achieved 70% proficiency on both the ELA and Math Tests this year.
- Our 4th graders showed tremendous growth this year, achieving 65% proficiency in ELA.

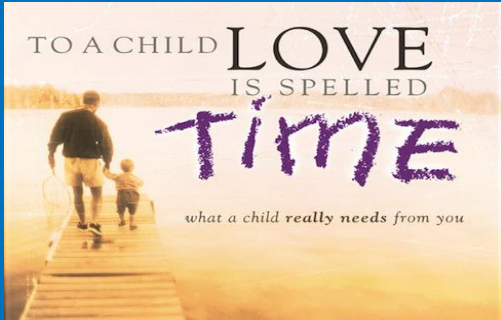




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## FEATURED ARTICLE



### How do children spell LOVE?

To a child, LOVE is spelled TIME. *“The goal of every parent is to raise a happy and well-adjusted child. There are thousands of books which provide information and advice on raising children successfully. Experts in their respective fields strive to give parents the most up to date information whether it is about health, nutrition, child development, education, or parenting. However, one simple truth is often overlooked: Children from birth to adulthood need time and attention from their parents.”* Below are some ideas to build a strong, family foundation of trust, respect, and love:

- Set aside time for family meal time
- Spend time helping your child with homework
- Participate in hobbies with your child
- Play board, card, and other games with your child
- Get in the habit of reading to your younger children.
- Go shopping together or participate in outdoor activities together.

Source: <https://childdevelopmentinfo.com>

## ADMIN CORNER

*“Ohana means family. Family means nobody gets left behind or forgotten.”* Four years ago, the school earned a “D” rating and was in need of change. New administration was put in place by the school’s Governing Board to improve student learning and the school’s culture.

We set out on a mission 3 years ago to engage each and every student at our school. Since launching our student engagement initiative through cooperative learning, the results of the hard work by the team have been incredible. Athenian Academy earned a “B” rating during the 2016 – 2017 school year, another “B” rating during the 2017 – 2018 school year and now an “A” rating for the 2018 – 2019 school year! We are so proud of our team and kiddos on achieving an “A” school grade for the 2018 – 2019 school year, congratulations to all of our Athenian Family on this incredible achievement! This is an impressive accomplishment for any school, but especially a Title I school.

It’s been an amazing journey that we look forward to continuing as we develop our kiddos to be creative and innovative leaders by inspiring a love for learning through student engagement every day, all day. We just want to thank you for trusting us with your babies. It is such a joy to interact with our kiddos and families each and every day, we truly have the best jobs in the world! Thank you for being part of our Athenian Family, our ‘Ohana!





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### UPCOMING EVENTS



July 29<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup>: Kindergarten Camp from 8:00 - 11:30 am

August 5<sup>th</sup> – Teachers Return

August 9<sup>th</sup> – Meet The Teacher from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

August 12<sup>th</sup> – First Day of School - Drop off begins at 7:40 a.m. with classes beginning at 8:00 a.m.

August 28<sup>th</sup> – Early Release Day at 1:05 p.m.

September 2<sup>nd</sup> – No School – Labor Day

September 10<sup>th</sup> – Kinder and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Open House

September 11<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Open House

September 12<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and MS Open House

September 13<sup>th</sup> – Progress Reports Go Home

September 13<sup>th</sup> – Dippin' Dots On Campus

September 25<sup>th</sup> – Early Release Day at 1:05 p.m.

September 27<sup>th</sup> – Kona Ice On Campus

September 27<sup>th</sup> – First Owl Buck Store

### MEET THE TEACHER

Meet the Teacher is scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup> and will provide families with the opportunity to meet their child's teacher and drop off school supplies. Please make note of the schedule below:

- Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade from 8:00 – 9:00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade from 9:00 – 10:00
- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:00 – 11:00
- Middle School from 11:00 – 12:00

# MEET THE TEACHER

### OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION

Open House for the 2019 – 2020 school year will take place over 3 nights in September. With the exception of middle school, the first 30 minutes of Open House will take place in our cafeteria with the whole grade level team meeting with families and the final 30 minutes will take place in the teacher's classroom. For Middle School's Open House, families will have the full hour to rotate through the 4 middle school classrooms. Please make note of the schedule below for Open House:

- Kindergarten on September 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade on September 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade on September 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade on September 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade on September 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade on September 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Middle School on September 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.