School Wide Assessments:
- Fountas and Pinnell testing for 1st grade is underway
- I Ready midyear diagnostic for reading and math 1st – 5th grade

Supplemental Academic Programs:
- Saturday School is underway
- Before school Math tutoring
- Before school writing support for 6th - 8th grade

Professional Development:
- Literacy team member attended Wilson Reading training
- MDCPS Education Expo
- Ms. Mogull was chosen to present
- FETC will be attended this month by four staff member
- National Art Education Association conference
- Near Pod conference

Recent Events:
- 7th grade students traveled to Safari Spring in Apopka where they tubed and also canoed. Students learned about Florida ecosystems and hydrology.
- Fourth grade students traveled to Saint Augustine to experience Florida’s history first hand.
- Fifth grade students canoed and visited a marine animal rehabilitation facility at Johnathan Dickinson Park. At blowing rock students learned about the effect of erosion on beaches.
- Students participated in the Annual Veteran’s Day ceremony. Several Veterans came to ACES to share their experience with students.
- A parenting workshop was conducted in conjunction with Chrysalis to educate parents about social media that children have access to. They provided valuable information for parents to support their monitoring of their child’s exposure and usage of social media.
- Famous street artist Tom Bob painted special piece on the playground. The piece was inspired by a 9 year old girl who lost her leg. The piece reminds us that life has challenges but, it how we choose to face through challenges that matter. Teachers are incorporating lessons centered on this piece and focused on resilience.
- The annual Winter Showcase included students in grades first through eighth performing in over twenty acts during three sold out shows
- Clubs started January 11, 2019 for grades 2nd – 5th. This year’s offerings include some new clubs including Card players, Harry Potter Club, Drama improve club, lego builders and Puppet Theater.

Charitable Projects:
The Lead 2 Feed class created 20 Thanksgiving food baskets along with personal handwritten notes for homeless families in our area.

Girls on the Run/Heart & Sole Teams helped spread Holiday Cheer by making over 35 handmade Holiday cards and donating over 35 toys to Lotus House! They also helped the children at the shelter create handmade crafts.

Over 20 ACES staff & students attended Operation Homecoming honoring veterans.

**Fundraising:**
- The annual holiday bazaar was a great success. A record number of vendors participated and profits exceeded previous years.
- 40 middle school students attended a behind the scenes tour of the America Airlines Arena where they were greeted by Burnie and had an opportunity to shoot hoops on the court.
- Over 500 toys were collected and donated through Big Momma’s Team of Life Charity.
- Students learned about the importance of maintaining a healthy heart as they “Jumped Rope for Heart” and collected $10,000.00 to be donated to the American Heart Association.
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**Athletics:**
- The Girls Basketball team finished their season with a 3-3 record and just missed the playoffs as they finished in 4th place in the South division.
- The Boys Soccer team finished with a 3-3 record and made it to the quarterfinals of the IAL playoffs before losing to Hillel Boca.
- Boys JV & Varsity Basketball and Girls Soccer have begun their practices and will start games at the end of January!

**Upcoming Events:**
- January 14, 2019 MS girls will participate in the IBM for girls at FIU
- January 16, 2019 the spelling bee for 4th and 5th grade students will be conducted.
- January 17, 2019 1st grade students will travel to Jungle Island
- January 17, 2019 Coffee Connection will provide an opportunity for parents to connect with each other and learn about all their children are experiencing at ACES
- January 18, 2019 NO SCHOOL for students 2nd Annual SPARK conference
- January 22, 2019 6:00PM Krop Parent meeting
- January 24, 2019 class pictures
- January 25, 2019 7th grade Black History Presentations
- January 29, 2019 Student of Month