



DOWNTOWN ACADEMY  
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**Proud to be 2007 National Charter School of the Year!**

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Dear Parents, Guardians, Students, Members of the DATA Board, Teachers, and Staff:

**Greetings from the Downtown Academy of Technology and Arts;** we hope you and yours are all happy and well.

**The students will complete their testing this week with the NRT taking place on Tuesday and Wednesday.** This is a regular part of your child's yearly testing. While the FCAT measures students on the Sunshine State Standards, the NRT (Norm Reference Test) allows you to look at students on a national level. **Once again, please make sure that you children are well rested and start the day with a good breakfast.**

**There will be no school on Friday, this week. All Broward County schools and offices will be closed on March 21, 2008. In addition, students do not have school on the following Friday. March 28, 2008 is a teacher in service day and students do not attend school.**

**The serving of hot lunch started today.** Parents, please make sure that your child has clear instructions on whether or not to order school food. If your child orders the meal they will be charged for it. The school will continue to take a food order during homeroom. **If a student does not order during homeroom or as they sign in late to school; it will be assumed that the child is not expecting to eat school lunch. Students may continue to bring a packed lunch if they wish.**

The **Executive Board** for the Downtown Academy of Technology and Arts will be having its **next meeting on Wednesday March 26, 2008.** The board meetings are always open to the public and parents are always welcome. Please consider attending and possibly offer your input as we continue to make this a great school.

Next week marks the end of the marking period. Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> is the last day of the third quarter. There is still time for students to complete any make up work or extra credit. Remember that each teacher may have their own policy for missing/late work. **The teachers are not required to accept late work nor offer extra credit.**

**Many students have taken it upon themselves to bring "personal hygiene" products to school. Although many of you may view this as harmless; it is highly inconsiderate of students that have medical conditions such as allergies. Please do not bring hair spray, combs, brushes, colognes, perfumes, lotions, body sprays or anything like that to school. Application or use of these items during class will result in (may not be limited to) a removal from class. Students should dress and groom themselves at home before school.**

Thank you for your continued assistance, input, and support.

David Jett, Principal