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A NEWSLETTER FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARENTS

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#ItsNoJokeMDCPS

For parent and student resources regarding this campaign, please visit itsnojoke.dadeschools.net.

PRINCIPAL TODAY CELEBRATES MORE THAN TWO DECADES OF SUCCESS



Arshat Center Pres. & CEO Johann Zietsman spends the day with students at iPrep Academy

On Thursday, October 24, more than 600 community leaders, business partners and principals gathered at Jungle Island for the annual Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Principal TODAY Kick-off Breakfast. For more than 20

years, this program has focused on developing meaningful partnerships that support our schools, challenging the community to take a leadership role in public education by building long-term business and school partnerships that benefit students and support academic achievement.

On Wednesday October 30, 2019, we had CEOs, small business owners, faith-based, non-profit community leaders, elected officials, and members of the local and national media in our schools. These community leaders seized the opportunity to serve as “Principal” for the day and be part of this unique event. Across the district,

community partners participated in a variety of activities that included morning announcements, greeting students at drop-off, STEAM observations and providing support to our students. The day launched the beginning of many partnerships and so many possibilities.

The M-DCPS Office of Community Engagement is grateful to our partners Bank of America, Publix, LEGO Education and Office Depot, who generously sponsored the breakfast and helped make this annual event possible.



Fall has arrived, and students have the opportunity to spend part of it at the Perez Art Museum Miami (PAMM) for free! The PAMM Student Pass is a program that grants free admission to the museum for all students currently attending Miami-Dade County Public Schools, from Pre-K through 12th grade. Not only is the student granted free access, an accompanying adult also enters the museum at no cost. The adult guest can be a parent or guardian, or another adult including a babysitter, grandparent or scout leader. The Student Pass empowers students to visit as often as they would like. To enroll in the PAMM Student Pass program, simply visit

PAMM.org/studentpass or fill out the application at the front desk of the museum during regular museum hours.

This Fall, the PAMM will have an exhibition that showcases the work of Teresita Fernández, an internationally-acclaimed artist who is a hometown girl (graduating from Hialeah Senior High). Learn more about the exhibit at <https://pamm.org/exhibitions/teresita-fernandez-elemental>.

The M-DCPS partnership with PAMM to implement the PAMM Student Pass offers unprecedented free arts access to students. Take advantage of it!

PARENT E-TIPS

Primary:

You Can Help

<http://bit.ly/33xo217>

Secondary:

Help Your Teen Make “Classic” Books Come Alive

<http://bit.ly/2qzRM8V>

IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

November 27
Teacher Planning Day

November 28
Thanksgiving

November 29
Recess Day

PARENT RESOURCES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS



The Parent Academy (TPA) has created a new mobile application for families to access resources and high-quality parent workshops using their smart phones. The application

is embedded inside the Dadeschools Mobile Application. Parents will need to have active Parent Portal accounts to access. In addition to the newly enhanced webpage, the application offers six additional features. “Workshops” lists the 30 plus topics that have been developed in English, Spanish, and Haitian-Creole. The “Virtual Campus” hosts pre-recorded workshops for parents on important topics such as iReady, Vaping, and Mental Health, also offered in three languages. “Family Matters” offers links to resources on specific topics families can discuss at home. The “Bilingual Parent Outreach Program (BPOP)” feature directs parents of ESOL (English as a Second or Other

Language) students to the five resource centers across the district. Classes in Spanish and Haitian-Creole are held at the BPOP resource centers on Tuesday evenings. The “Near Me” feature helps parents locate day and night workshops delivered by the TPA staff at sites near them. One can search for workshops by title, date, language, zip code, or school name. Lastly, the “Family Fun” link provides information regarding low-cost events and activities taking place throughout Miami-Dade. We encourage families to access the TPA application frequently. Stay connected. Be the link to your child’s success!

The  **Nation's Report Card** **NAEP TUDA**



SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Dec. 11
11 a.m.
Regular Meeting

M-DCPS students once again turned in remarkable achievements, as revealed by National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) results. More than 6,800 students in 183 Miami-Dade County schools participated in the 2019 grades 4 and 8 NAEP administration. NAEP is the gold standard and compares M-DCPS students' performance to the Nation and other large urban districts.

Following are highlights from the results:

- M-DCPS fourth graders' NAEP scale scores ranked #1 in both Reading and Mathematics among all TUDA districts.
- M-DCPS' NAEP scores were significantly higher than public schools nationwide in Grade 4 Reading and Mathematics.
- M-DCPS eighth graders' NAEP scale scores ranked #2 in Reading and #6 in Mathematics

on the 2019 NAEP assessments, up from rankings of 5th and 10th respectively on the 2017 administration.

- Subgroup analyses also revealed that M-DCPS students fared well in comparison to their counterparts nationwide.
 - o Hispanic students in M-DCPS continued their outstanding performance on NAEP, again achieving higher Reading and Mathematics scores in all tested grade levels than both the National Public school and Large City samples.
 - o Black students in M-DCPS achieved higher mean scores than the National Public schools and Large City samples in Grade 4 Reading and Mathematics and higher than the Large City sample in Grade 8 Reading.
 - o M-DCPS Students with Disabilities also achieved higher mean scale scores than their

counterparts in the National Public school sample in Grade 4 Reading and Mathematics, and Grade 8 Reading. These students also scored higher than the Large City sample in all grades and content areas tested.

- o In addition, where nearly 70 percent of our students are eligible for the free/reduced price lunch program, those eligible students outscored their counterparts in both the National Public and Large City school samples in both grade levels and content areas tested.
- While the three Florida districts that participate in the TUDA program scored among the top districts nationwide, M-DCPS met or exceeded the mean scale scores received in both Hillsborough and Duval Counties across all four grade-level/content areas.



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