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MAGNET SCHOOLS

APPLICATION PERIOD
NOW OPEN!

October 1st - January 15th

Apply today! Visit <http://miamimagnets.org> for more information or call 305-995-1922.



R.E.S.P.E.C.T. TEACHERS CAMPAIGN

During the 2018-19 school year, M-DCPS will be highlighting the transformational impact that teachers have in molding and shaping the lives of our students. Each month, we will showcase the importance of the teaching profession through monthly activities. We invite you to join us in reaffirming the undeniable fact that teachers matter.

We have created social media sign templates for students, parents, teachers, and community members to



use to show their support for teachers. When posting your messages on social media, please tag @MDCPS (Twitter) or @MiamiSchools (Facebook

& Instagram) and use #RESPECT4TeachersMDCPS Visit <http://respect4teachers.dadeschools.net> to download templates.

IMPORTANT DATES

OCT. 26
Teacher Planning Day

NOV. 6
Teacher Planning Day

NOV. 12
Observation of
Veteran's Day

NOV. 21
Teacher Planning Day

NOV. 22
Thanksgiving

NOV. 23
Recess Day

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Nov. 20: 10 a.m. Organization Meeting; 11 a.m. Regular Meeting
Dec. 19: 11 a.m. Regular Meeting

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN



For over 40 years, M-DCPS has partnered with United Way to help expand possibilities for our schools and community as a whole. Last year, employees and students raised over \$1.5 million! In turn, United Way invested over \$2 million back into programs that provide valuable services to our students such as health screenings, homework assistance, recreational activities, leadership development, counseling, and drop-out prevention.

The generosity, caring spirit and success of this partnership are a testament to what we can accomplish together when we work towards a common goal.

Our goal is to create lasting changes that prevent problems from happening in the first place. We invite you to continue to be a part of the change. Together, we stand for a STRONGER MIAMI.

M-DCPS TEAMS UP WITH WLRN TO BRING SEA-LEVEL RISE EDUCATION TO YOU!



South Florida could see two feet of sea-level rise by 2060, according to a projection developed by local governments using data from NOAA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

It's a game-changer for the region. Rising seas mean more flooding and stronger storm surge during hurricanes. And even if your house or business isn't directly impacted, your neighborhood, your insurance prices and the roads leading to your school, grocery store or nearest hospital might be.

But we have time to prepare

and reduce the risk. That's why M-DCPS has teamed up with WLRN, South Florida's NPR station (91.3 FM), to learn more about sea-level rise, what it means for our community and what we can do about the impacts. Once a month, this newsletter will feature an article from WLRN about sea-level rise.

First up: [How bad is the risk that we face from rising seas?](#)

The "two feet of sea-level rise by 2060" projection is grim, but it's not certain. It doesn't take into account the steps people can take to protect South Florida. Local governments are working on projects like pumps and seawalls, and even thinking about redesigning

neighborhoods so they have space to store excess water. Neighborhoods, families and business owners can make their homes and businesses more flood-proof with flood panels and other adaptations, and by making sure they have flood insurance. Local universities have "citizen science" projects where you can help researchers monitor flooding and track the rate of sea-level rise. And, during this midterm election season, everyone can let their elected officials know they want more attention on adapting to rising seas.

Find more WLRN sea-level rise coverage here: <http://www.wlrn.org/term/sea-level-rise>

JOIN US AT THE ANNUAL ESE FAMILY FORUM



On Saturday, October 27, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., the Department of Exceptional Student Education (ESE) will present a multilingual forum to provide valuable information and resources to help students with disabilities and their families access programs and services available in their schools and in the community. The ESE Family Forum and Exposition: Connecting Families to Community Resources, will be held at Ponce de Leon Middle School, located at 5801 Augusto Street, Coral Gables, FL, 33146.

For more information, please contact Kelli Hunter-Sheppard at khunter@dadeschools.net or at 305-995-1531.

E(LIMINATE) - CIGS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), e-cigarettes are the most commonly used tobacco product among youth. In 2016, more than 2 MILLION U.S. middle and senior high school students used e-cigarettes. Youth and young adults use e-cigarettes due to curiosity, taste, including the flavors available in e-cigarettes, and the belief that e-cigarettes are less harmful. According to federal health officials, nicotine is highly addictive, and vaping is leading more adolescents to try cigarettes.

M-DCPS has developed an outreach campaign to educate all stakeholders, including students, parents/



guardians, employees, and community members on the dangers of vaping and e-cigarettes. On October 16, M-DCPS, in conjunction with Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County, launched the E(liminate)-Cigs Anti-Vaping campaign. Middle and senior high schools across M-DCPS will be organizing

events to reaffirm students' commitment to not use vaping and e-cigarette products.

For more information about speaking to your teen about the dangers of e-cigarettes, visit https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/documents/SGR_ECig_ParentTipSheet_508.pdf

PAMM STUDENT PASS



Did you know that ALL M-DCPS Pre-K -12th grade students are eligible for the FREE PAMM Student Pass?

The PAMM Student Pass provides free, unlimited entry to the Perez Art Museum Miami, located in Downtown Miami at Museum Park. The pass entitles the student and an accompanying adult free admission to the museum anytime.

To obtain the PAMM Student Pass simply visit the museum's front desk and request the application or visit www.pamm.org/studentpass to download the application. This program is the result of a strong partnership between Miami-Dade County Public Schools and PAMM, exposing our students to the arts in an unprecedented way.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Whether you're trick-or-treating in a hurry, or just plain impatient, "flying" through the crosswalk against the signal never ends well!

- Stay alert, obey the signal.
- Never rush or run across the street.
- Don't enter the crosswalk when the hand symbol or "DON'T WALK" appears.

Safety Doesn't Happen by Accident!

www.AlertTodayFlorida.com

Halloween is right around the corner and many children will be out at night to trick-or-treat. Make sure to take precautions to ensure that children enjoy a safe, happy, and healthy Halloween.

For tips and resources, visit <https://www.safekids.org/halloween>.

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