

# CONNECTION

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## WHAT ARE YOU GRATEFUL FOR THIS YEAR? #MDCPSGIVESTHANKS



## SUPERINTENDENT CARVALHO RECEIVES HUMANITARIAN AWARD

On Saturday, October 28th, at its 2017 Illuminations Gala, the Chapman Partnership presented Superintendent of Schools Alberto M. Carvalho with the prestigious Alvah H. Chapman Jr. Humanitarian Award. The award is given to an individual or organization that follows the moral and civic examples of Alvah H. Chapman, Jr. in serving the homeless.

Superintendent Carvalho was given the award for his commitment and passion



to help the homeless regain their dignity. The District serves the food, shelter, and educational needs of

thousands of homeless students and their families.

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

**DEC. 6**  
11 a.m.  
Regular Meeting

**JAN. 17**  
11 a.m.  
Regular Meeting

**FEB. 21**  
11 a.m.  
Regular Meeting

## IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

- November 22 - Teacher Planning Day
- November 23 - Thanksgiving
- November 24 - Recess Day

## '1MILLION PROJECT'



## M-DCPS and Sprint are committed to closing the homework gap.

Sprint's "1Million Project" was designed to help one million high school students in the U.S. who do not have Internet access at home reach their full potential by giving them devices and free high-speed Internet access. Sprint will distribute 14,000 free wireless devices and service to eligible M-DCPS students for up to four years while they attend high school.

This partnership will help eliminate digital deserts in our communities, providing learning opportunities anytime, anywhere.

## M-DCPS PARTNERS WITH FACEBOOK TO DEVELOP ANTI-BULLYING INITIATIVE



In today's hyper-connected society, instilling the importance of digital citizenship in our students is a priority. As technology becomes part of our classrooms and home life, we must ensure that our students are using social media in a safe, legal, and responsible manner.

Last month, students from 40 Miami-Dade County public schools gathered at Southwest Miami Senior High School for an Anti-Bullying Ambassador training, gaining practical ideas and receiving top tips on how to prevent and report inappropriate

**Spreading the message of what it means to be kind and respectful, both personally and through devices.**

behavior. This training was developed and carried out by The Diana Award, a not-for-profit organization named after Princess Diana with the belief that young people have the power to change the world for the better. After a full day of activities, teens now have a greater understanding of the issue of bullying; how to celebrate diversity; and support others.

Following a tragic incident involving one of our students, which was streamed live on Facebook, Superintendent Carvalho advocated for social media entities to step in to help prevent these types of incidents. Through this partnership with Facebook, students now have the tools to be able to spread awareness about this important issue, ensuring everyone feels safe in school, both on and offline.

## ARTS IN OUR SCHOOLS



With Art Basel around corner and right in our own backyard, M-DCPS students have the opportunity to experience the arts in and out of the classroom. Select schools will visit Wynwood Walls and the Art Basel Artistic Showcase to be held at Jose de Diego Middle School. During the field experience, students will be exposed to contemporary art, Wynwood Wall murals, live painting of murals by international artists, and an artistic showcase by M-DCPS high school visual and performing arts students.

In addition, several schools will enjoy a visit to the Art Basel exhibition, stimulating the creative spirit in students. This experience will allow students to view all forms of 2-D, 3-D, video and performance art created by emerging and established artists, as well as the great masters.

## MEET THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS @MDCPS

How does the community stay informed and educated? Meet the Office of Communications team, dedicated professionals who ensure that Miami-Dade residents receive the most up-to-date information about our schools, programs, and initiatives, as well as situations that impact schools or the entire county. Their longstanding work with local radio, television, and print media allows for quick dissemination of information. Spanish and Haitian-Creole outreach also includes the translation of hundreds of documents.

The Strategic Educational Marketing division oversees numerous tools



for outreach including multi-media campaigns and has broadened social media efforts. The Internal Communications division utilizes automated telephone calls, emails, and emergency text messages to keep students, families, and employees informed.

Staff in the Citizen

Information Center provides responses to telephone, email, TDD, and in-person public inquiries and concerns regarding various M-DCPS policies, procedures, regulations, ongoing events, operations and public records requests. For more information, visit [news.dadeschools.net](http://news.dadeschools.net).

## SAFETY FIRST @MDCPS



M-DCPS is a training center aligned with the American Heart Association to conduct annual Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training sessions and certification classes to teachers and personnel. In addition, senior high school physical education teachers train all students enrolled in Personal Fitness classes. Two staff members at all schools are CPR certified.

## GROUNDBREAKING AT KROP SENIOR HIGH

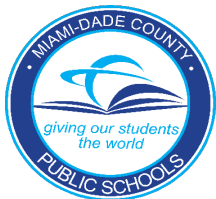


A \$9.8M General Obligation Bond investment brings an innovative approach to teaching and learning, the second stand-alone iPrep Academy, to Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School. Expected to open for the 2018-2019 school year, this iPrep will feature 600 new student stations and several large collaboration spaces. #GOBprogress

### PARENT E-TIPS:

Primary: Volunteering is important  
Secondary: Study plans help students study smarter, not longer

For more resources, visit <https://www.engagemiamidade.net/>



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