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A Newsletter for Miami-Dade County Public Schools Parents

SAVE THE DATE! NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR COMES TO MIAMI, FEB. 26, 2017 - PRE-REGISTER ONLINE NOW!



Representatives from nearly 200 colleges and universities will be at the 2017 Miami National College Fair – on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017, to meet with students and parents on subjects such as financial aid, college planning, admission, and testing requirements.

The Fair, which has free admission, will be held from 12 - 4 p.m., at the DoubleTree Miami Mart Airport Hotel & Convention Center, 777 N.W. 72nd Ave., Miami, FL 33126. Parking is \$5, cash only.

Informational sessions will be presented in Spanish and Haitian Creole. A Counseling Center also will be available to allow students and their parents the opportunity to talk with trained professionals regarding college preparation, admissions and scholarships.

Requesting information from multiple colleges/universities at the College Fair just got easier. By pre-registering, students can print a bar-coded confirmation to be used at the Fair as an electronic ID. Students can pre-register at www.gotomyncf.com

For more information, contact the College Fair hotline at 305-995-1739 or visit www.nacacnet.org. Follow the event at #collegefairmiami.

MORE THAN 350 COMMUNITY MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN #PRINCIPALTODAY

More than 350 partners joined their principal counterparts on December 8 for a day of service as Principal TODAY. Principal TODAY continues Miami-Dade County Public Schools' annual tradition of engaging business/community leaders to serve as school principals. To view additional photos, search the hashtag #PrincipalToday on social media.



Superintendent of Schools Alberto M. Carvalho, who also serves as principal at iPrep Academy, and news anchor Eliott Rodriguez visit a classroom to view learning in action.



The Honorable Judge Sarah Zabel of 11th Judicial Circuit Court spends the day with aspiring judges and lawyers as PRINCIPAL Today at Law Enforcement Officers Memorial High School.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 26 - Jan. 6 - Winter Recess

January 15 - Last day for magnet school applications

January 16 - Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s

Birthday

January 23 - Teacher Planning Day

Save the date! April 1, 2017 - Superintendent's 5K Challenge

M-DCPS REINVENTS ITS LOOK, BE A PART OF THE TRANSFORMATION!

M-DCPS REFRESH

A NEW LOOK FOR 21ST CENTURY LEARNING









You could be the designer of the next Miami-Dade County Public Schools logo thanks to #MDCPSRefresh logo redesign, a community-wide contest. The best part - a \$2,500 cash prize. Details of contest rules, submission requirements, and information on how to enter can be found at https://mdcpsrefresh.dadeschools.net/.

THOUSANDS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND LET'S MOVE! FIELD TRIP GAME #MDCPSWELLNESS

In an effort to promote physical activity in our schools, M-DCPS has partnered with Let's Move! and the University of Miami to keep our students engaged and aware of the importance of staying active. More than 4,000 elementary school students attended the third annual field trip to watch the University of Miami's women's basketball team face-off against Loyola Chicago.





M-DCPS students support their favorite University of Miami women's basketball players.

FELDMAN, PÉREZ CHOSEN TO LEAD MIAMI-DADE SCHOOL BOARD



Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman has been elected as Chair of the Miami-Dade County School Board for the 2016-2017 school year. Dr. Feldman, who represents District 9, originally was elected to the School Board in 2008. He has previously served as Vice Chair in 2010, 2011, 2013 and 2014.

Dr. Marta Pérez was elected as Vice Chair. Dr. Pérez, who represents District 8, was first elected to the School Board in 1998. She previously served as Vice Chair in 2008.

Board Members Susie Castillo, Dr. Feldman, Lubby Navarro and Dr. Martin Karp were sworn in to represent District 5, 9, 7 and 3, respectively. Dr. Steve Gallon III and Mari Tere Rojas were newly sworn in as Board Members for Districts 1 and 6 respectively.

UPCOMING SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

January 2511:00 a.m.Regular MeetingFebruary 1511:00 a.m.Regular MeetingMarch 1511:00 a.m.Regular Meeting

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida

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