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A Newsletter for Miami-Dade County Public Schools Parents

STUDENTS EXPLORE THEIR EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS AT SUCCESSFUL 2017 NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR

Miami-Dade County Public Schools experienced another successful National College Fair last month. More than 10,000 students had the opportunity to meet with representatives from some 200 colleges and universities.



M-DCPS ANNOUNCES 2017 GRADUATION SCHEDULE

Miami-Dade County Public Schools released its 2017 graduation dates, locations and times. Graduation ceremonies this year run May 31st through June 8th. To download the schedule, visit http://pdfs.dadeschools.net/featured/grad_schd_17.pdf.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| March 23 - | Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition opens |
| March 24 - | Teacher Planning Day |
| April 10-14 - | Spring Recess |

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

M-DCPS REFRESH

A NEW LOOK FOR 21ST CENTURY LEARNING



The M-DCPS Refresh Logo Redesign contest is well underway. More than 500 submissions were received and a judging committee has narrowed down the entries. Public voting will take place in March. Stay tuned for details and visit <https://mdcpsrefresh.dadeschools.net/> for the latest updates.

M-DCPS STUDENTS, EMPLOYEES SUPPORT UNITED WAY

Miami-Dade County Public Schools celebrated another successful United Way Campaign with 388 locations meeting or exceeding their goal. Students collected \$521,534 and employees collected \$946,898 for a total of \$1,468,432 to help our neediest in the community. M-DCPS continues to be the #1 school system campaign in the nation, a testament to the kind and caring culture created by its leadership. Top student campaigns were at the following schools: William Lehman Elementary, W.R. Thomas Middle, North County K-8, Young Women's Preparatory Academy, Hialeah High Adult Education Center, and Miami MacArthur South.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT HOMEWORK

What is M-DCPS' approach to homework? There has been much local and national discussion regarding the effectiveness and appropriateness of homework. Three years ago, the school district diligently worked with educators, administrators, parents and the Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee to formulate an updated homework policy. It is both manageable and meaningful with an emphasis on quality over quantity and depth over length and repetition. The new policy addresses the whole child and provides students with ample time for their physical, cultural, social and emotional growth. For more FAQ's about homework, visit <http://www.dadeschools.net/parents.asp>.

DESERVING M-DCPS SENIORS GET THE PROM EXPERIENCE OF THEIR DREAMS

"Say Yes to the Prom" arrived in Miami for the third year in a row to provide prom dresses, shoes and accessories for nearly 200 underserved and academically high-achieving young women, and for the first time ever - young men. Students from Booker T. Washington Senior, Homestead Senior and Hialeah Senior were treated to a day of prom dresses, tuxedos, accessory "shopping" and glam sessions alongside TLC's fashion director Monte Durham.



M-DCPS SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM

M-DCPS is committed to providing access to school counseling services at all schools. School counselors are trained mental health practitioners who are ready to listen to students and provide interventions for social emotional stressors that may be impeding students' success in and out of the classroom. They are an integral part of the school community working to help children, teachers and parents, and other school personnel. For more information on our programs, please contact your child's school counselor or the Division of Student Services at 305-995-7338.



REGISTER NOW FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT'S 5K CHALLENGE



Register now for the 2nd Annual 5K Challenge/ Race for Education to benefit Miami-Dade's public schools. After the 5K, there will be a one-mile race for elementary school students. To register, visit <http://bit.ly/2hRx3ao>. The registration deadline is March 24.

UPCOMING SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

April 5	10:00 a.m.	Conference Sessions: Attendance Zones for 2017-2018
	11:00 a.m.	Regular Meeting; Initial Reading - Attendance Zones for 2017-2018
May 24	10:00 a.m.	Instructional Material Public Hearing
	11:00 a.m.	Regular Meeting (Final Reading - Attendance Zones for 2017-2018)

#INSIDELOOK AT M-DCPS

Interested in learning about early education, financial literacy, technology, TV production, business, and health sciences programs offered at M-DCPS? Get an #iSideLook by visiting <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL7rDs9maBOHZy4kKqc8KIF7FlbyK>.

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