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A Newsletter for Miami-Dade County Public Schools Parents

DON'T MISS OUT! ENROLLMENT FOR OVER 380 MAGNET PROGRAMS NOW OPEN



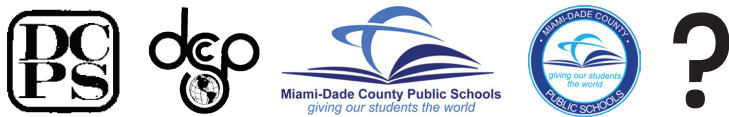
Miami-Dade County Public Schools opened its enrollment period for magnet programs across the school district on October 1, 2016. Applications will be accepted through Sunday, January 15, 2017.

In addition to the many exciting programs that were offered last year, parents and students will be able to choose from new and innovative magnet programs that were created for the 2016-2017 school year. Magnet programs offer unique thematic strands of study that focus on students' special interests, talents, and abilities for all grade levels. The offerings this year include new magnet programs in the areas of Robotics; Biomedical, Forensic Science; Coding; Cybersecurity; Visual Arts; and Medical Health Sciences.

The magnet application system can be accessed at www.miamimagnets.org, which will be available in multiple languages. This tool simplifies the application process, increases parental access to information and enhances communication throughout the process, as well as includes how-to video guides.

For additional information, please call 305-995-1922 or visit our website: www.miamimagnets.org.

M-DCPS REFRESH: A NEW LOOK FOR 21st CENTURY LEARNING



We are moving forward with the #MDCPSRefresh logo redesign. Last month, surveys were distributed via phone, email, and through social media. Thank you for providing your valuable input. The next step in the process is a community-wide contest to redesign the logo.

The time has come for our logo to reflect our cutting-edge innovation and world-class brand. Stay tuned for more details on how you can be a part of #MDCPSRefresh.

JOIN M-DCPS FOR 'ON THE MARCH' TO RAISE FUNDS FOR BAND PROGRAMS

The Foundation for New Education Initiatives, Inc. will host the inaugural "On the March – M-DCPS Marching Band Classic" to showcase the District's marching bands and raise funds for those bands participating. Join us for this exciting event on Saturday, October 15, 2016 beginning at 9 a.m. at Tropical Park, 7900 S.W. 40 Street, Miami, FL 33155.

Participating bands include Miami Southridge, South Dade, Hialeah Gardens, Miami Springs, Booker T. Washington, Hialeah-Miami Lakes, Miami Jackson, Hialeah, South Miami, American, Miami Central, Miami Northwestern, and Miami Norland senior high schools. To purchase tickets, visit <http://alturl.com/ftsqx>.

On The March
Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Marching Band Classic
Saturday, October 15, 2016 • 9:00 a.m.
Tropical Park • 7900 S.W. 40th Street • Miami, FL 33155
Hosted by Foundation for New Education Initiatives
Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Tickets On Sale!
Individual tickets \$10 (+\$1.54 registration fee)
Purchase in advance @ <http://alturl.com/ftsqx>
Proceeds benefit participating public school bands
#OnTheMarch
FOUNDATION for NEW EDUCATION INITIATIVES, Inc.

UPCOMING SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

November 22	10:00 a.m.	Organization Meeting
November 23	11:00 a.m.	Regular Meeting
December 14	11:00 a.m.	Regular Meeting

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 12 -	Teacher Planning Day
November 8 -	Teacher Planning Day
November 11 -	Observation of Veterans Day

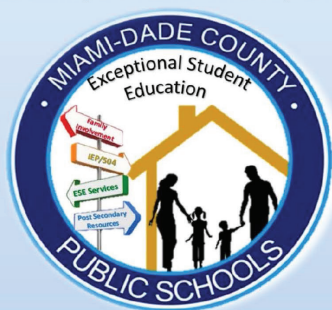
M-DCPS TO HOLD TWO ESE FAMILY FORUMS

The "ESE Family Forum and Exposition: Navigating Pathways to Success" is a multilingual forum to provide parents, guardians, and care givers valuable information and resources to help students with disabilities access programs and services available in their schools and community. The event will focus on the transition between home, community, and school. Sessions will be offered in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole. Child care is available with online pre-registration. Registration is available at: <https://mdcpsesefamilyforum.eventbrite.com>

Miami-Dade County Public Schools

is pleased to invite you to the

ESE Family Forum and Exposition



Navigating Pathways to Success

South Area

Saturday, October 29, 2016
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Robert Morgan Educational Center
18180 SW 122nd Ave
Miami, FL 33177

North Area

Saturday, November 19, 2016
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

North Miami Beach Senior High
1247 NE 167th Street
North Miami Beach, Florida 33162

Please register via:

<https://mdcpsesefamilyforum.eventbrite.com>

This multi-lingual conference will focus on providing parents, guardians, and care givers valuable information and resources that will help prepare students with disabilities to access services at school, home, and throughout the community. The forum will include sessions with valuable information and an exhibitors' area for participants and community partners.

Sign-in/Registration will open at 8:30 a.m.

FREE Childcare available with pre-registration.

Door prizes will be given!!!

If you require special accommodations including the services of a Sign Language Interpreter, you must contact the ADA Office (305-995-4650) at least two weeks prior to the scheduled event.

M-DCPS' SENIORS SHINE IN 2016 COLLEGE BOARD SAT

The College Board recently released the results for the SAT for the graduating class of 2016. M-DCPS seniors outshined their counterparts in Florida and reported increased scores in Reading, Mathematics and Writing. These results summarize the performance of the students in the class of 2016, who may have taken the assessments at any point in high school prior to March 2016.

Highlights of the results include the following:

- M-DCPS graduating seniors' mean scores increased significantly in all three subjects tested, Reading, Mathematics, and Writing; while the mean scores for the nation and Florida declined.
- M-DCPS seniors' mean SAT subject area scores increased by 16 points in Critical Reading by 12 points in Mathematics, and by 13 points in Writing.
- M-DCPS seniors outscored Florida on the SAT in Critical Reading, with a mean scale score of 483, as compared to 481 statewide.
- M-DCPS students' mean Critical Reading scores were as high or higher than statewide averages in 34 senior high schools, Mathematics scores were higher in 28 schools, and Writing scores were higher in 29 schools.
- In comparison to the nation, M-DCPS' students' mean scores at 25 senior high schools were as high as or higher than the national average in Reading, 16 schools in Mathematics, and 21 schools in Writing.
- M-DCPS students and teachers were provided with a variety of SAT prep materials, online resources, and advanced level professional development in content-area instruction to strengthen the teaching strategies and content area skills assessed by the SAT.
- The increase in SAT scores is consistent with the increase in Advanced Placement scores in subjects such as AP English, AP Calculus, and AP Statistics. The 2016 AP data indicates that increased numbers of students participated in these AP courses, along with increased passing rates on these cumulative AP exams. This data speaks to the increased rigor of instruction, and depth and complexity of the content area teaching; all skills that are transferable to student performance on the SAT college entrance exam.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP AND SOCIAL MEDIA RESPONSIBILITY



October is Digital Citizenship Month in M-DCPS. We encourage you to remind your child to exercise good judgment when using social media and to never post confidential or harmful information about themselves or disparaging remarks about others. Please visit <http://digital.dadeschools.net/pdfs/Social.pdf> to view our Top Ten Tips for Responsible Social Media Use. #MDCPSConnects

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