

CONNECTION

A Newsletter for Miami-Dade County Public Schools Parents

DECEMBER 2018

VOLUME 11, ISSUE 48

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

- Sea Level Rise Education
- School Board Leadership
- Code of Student Conduct

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE M-DCPS FAMILY!



ALL M-DCPS SCHOOLS, FACILITIES TO CLOSE FOR WINTER RECESS

All Miami-Dade public schools and most administrative offices will be closed for Winter Recess from Monday, December 24, 2018 through Friday, January 4, 2019. Students and employees, with the exception of Miami-Dade Schools Police, will be on recess for two weeks.

The offices of Economic Opportunity, Human Capital and Risk and Benefits Management will have staff available to the public at the School Board Administration

| DECEMBER | | | | | | | SA |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| SU | MO | TU | WE | TH | FR | SA | |
| | | | | | | 1 | |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | | |

Building from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on December 27-28, 2018, and January 2 - 4, 2019.

Schools and offices will reopen on Monday, January 7, 2019.

IMPORTANT DATES

DEC. 24 -
JAN. 4
Winter Recess

JAN. 15
Magnet Application
Deadline

JAN. 18
Teacher Planning Day

JAN. 21
Observance of Dr. Martin
Luther King Jr's Birthday

FEB. 18
Presidents Day

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

December 19 11 a.m.
January 16 11 a.m.

Regular Meeting
Regular Meeting

SAVE THE DATE! COLLEGE FAIR MIAMI



Representatives from nearly 200 colleges and universities will be at the 2019 Miami National College Fair on Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019, 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 by Hilton Hotel Miami Airport & Convention Center, 777 N.W. 72nd Ave., Miami, FL 33126. Parking is \$5, cash only.

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

For more information, call 305-995-1739 or visit www.nacacnet.org.

A WAY TO SEE HOW RISING SEAS COULD AFFECT YOUR HOME



It can be hard to imagine exactly how sea-level rise might reshape South Florida. The water will be higher on the beach. There will be more sunny day flooding at high tide. And, as underground water levels are pushed up by the rising seas, we'll also see more flooding after rainstorms because there's less space for water to drain.

But will sea-level rise impact you and your neighborhood?

There are apps to help you find out.

Susan Jacobson is a journalism professor at Florida International University. She worked on two apps that help people in

South Florida see how sea-level rise might affect their homes or businesses. The "[Eyes On the Rise](#)" app lets you enter your address and see how one, two or even six feet of sea-level rise would affect your property. The "[Will It Flood?](#)" app shows which days of the month high tide flooding might come close to your home, and it also helps citizen scientists report flooding to researchers.

Sea-level rise doesn't just impact areas on the coast, Jacobson told WLRN.

"You might live in an island of dryness, but it might be difficult for you to get to work or to get to I-95," she said. "The sea level rise story

is -- really -- it's the biggest story in South Florida."

To hear the full interview with Susan Jacobson about "Eyes on the Rise" and "Will It Flood?" visit <http://www.wlrn.org/post/will-flooding-sea-level-rise-impact-your-house-app-lets-you-find-out>.

This article is a result of a collaboration with WLRN. You can find more WLRN sea-level rise coverage at <http://www.wlrn.org/term/sea-level-rise> and in the "[Invading Sea](#)" collaboration with the Miami Herald, the South Florida Sun-Sentinel and the Palm Beach Post.

HANTMAN, KARP TO CONTINUE LEADING BOARD



Perla Tabares Hantman has been re-elected as Chair of the Miami-Dade County School Board for the 2018-2019 school year. Hantman, who represents District 4, was originally elected to the School Board in 1996. Hantman will serve for an unprecedented 11th time as Chair. She was the first Hispanic woman to serve as Chair, and has previously served from 1999-2001, then each consecutive year from 2010-2015 and again in 2017.

Dr. Martin Karp was re-elected as Vice Chair. Dr. Karp, who represents District 3, was first elected to the School Board in 2004. This is his fourth time as Vice Chair. He served last year and previously in 2006 and 2012.

NAVIGATING THE CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

The Code of Student Conduct (COSC) sets the standards of conduct expected of students in a purposeful safe learning environment in which the principles of care, courtesy and respect for the rights of others is valued. At its November 20, 2018 meeting, the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida adopted the newly revised COSC which is aligned to recent local, state, and federal mandates with an emphasis on promoting a safe learning environment to ensure academic success.

It is important that parents/guardians, along with their child, take the time to review the COSC. Some of the substantive revisions include: Scope of Authority; Values Matters Recognition; Behaviors and Range of Corrective Strategies; Bullying & Harassment; Off-Campus Conduct; Threat of Violence; Under the Influence; Use of Technology



and Computer-Related Offenses; Zero Tolerance Policy; Assignment to an Alternative Education Setting; Denial of Bus Privileges; Denial of Participating in Social and/or Extracurricular Activities; Manifestation Determination Procedures; Mental Health Services; New Glossary Terms. As a reminder, please discuss with your child how some behaviors committed on or off the school campus may be violations of the COSC and may also be violations of Florida law. These violations may result in disciplinary

actions imposed by local law enforcement authorities, in addition to those of the school/district. Beginning January 7, 2019, parents/guardians can access the COSC for downloading by visiting <http://ehandbooks.dadeschools.net/policies/90/index.htm>. In addition, your child's school will be sending all parents/guardians a letter regarding the newly adopted COSC along with a copy of the Acknowledgement of Receipt and Review.

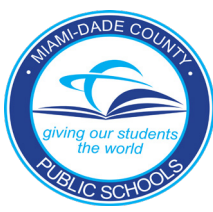
PRINCIPAL TODAY



More than 350 community partners took over each elementary, K-8, middle and senior high school in M-DCPS this month. Principal TODAY continues the tradition of forming new and meaningful school-community partnerships for the benefit of students. The types of individuals who serve as Principal TODAY partners range from CEOs of corporations, small businesses, and community-based organizations; celebrities; elected officials and members of local and national media. During the school visits, the Principal TODAY partners experienced everything from being greeted with their name on the school marquee, to giving morning announcements, to assisting in classes, parent meetings and a myriad of other duties principals are responsible for every single day.

REGISTER NOW! 2019 SUPERINTENDENT'S 5K RUN/WALK CHALLENGE


The Superintendent's Race for Education is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2019, at Museum Park. Participants are encouraged to select a school, and run on behalf of that school's team. A portion of event proceeds benefit schools with participating school teams. <https://www.athlinks.com/event/superintendents-5k-challenge-race-for-education-167578>





www.dadeschools.net

SOCIAL MEDIA

 @MDCPS
@MiamiSup

 @MiamiSchools
@AlbertoMCarvalho1

 @MiamiSchools
@MiamiSup

 @MiamiSchools

Stay connected with Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Make sure you follow us on social media for the latest news and updates regarding the school district. #MDCPSConnects

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida

Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair
Dr. Martin Karp, Vice Chair
Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall
Susie V. Castillo
Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman
Dr. Steve Gallon III
Lubby Navarro

Dr. Marta Pérez
Mari Tere Rojas
Alberto M. Carvalho
Superintendent of Schools
Josh Rios
Student Advisor to the School Board

Produced by the Office of Communications
Daisy Gonzalez-Diego
Chief Communications Officer