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SUPERINTENDENT'S DANCE SHOWCASE



For more than 30 years, the Superintendent's Dance Showcase has been promoting the art of dance in our public schools. More than 350 students participate every year in this annual event. #ArtsinourSchools

GIVE YOUR CHILD A HEAD START

Head Start is a federally-funded, comprehensive, child development program serving children from low-income families who will be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2019. Children with disabilities are included in the program and receive a full range of developmental services.

Eligibility for Head Start is based on family income at or below the federal poverty level. The open enrollment period for the 2019-2020 school year runs through



May 10, 2019. Families can apply by visiting any of the 34 Miami-Dade Head Start sites across the county and completing an application. A

list of participating schools is available at <http://headstart.dadeschools.net>.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

APRIL 17

10 a.m.

Conference Session:
Attendance Zones for
2019-2020

11 a.m.

Regular Meeting; Initial
Reading - Attendance
Zones for 2019-2020

MAY 8

10 a.m.

Instructional Material
Public Hearing

11 a.m.

Regular Meeting; Final
Reading - Attendance
Zones for 2019-2020

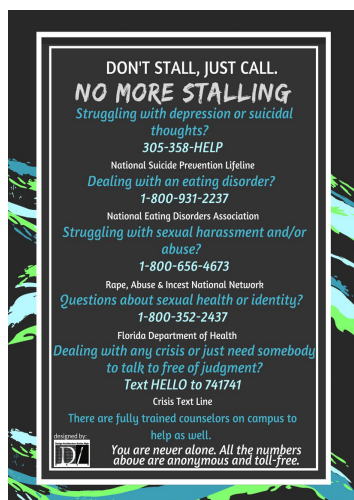
IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

March 25-29 - Spring Recess
April 11 - Secondary Early Release Day
April 19 - Teacher Planning Day
May 9 - Secondary Early Release Day

DON'T STALL, JUST CALL



The Don't Stall, Just Call Campaign was created to support the mental wellness of our students. Students at DASH created a wonderful poster that lists anonymous, toll-free numbers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, the National Eating Disorder Association, the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network, the Florida Department of Health and the Crisis Text Line. The poster also reminds students that there are fully trained counselors on campus if they need to speak to someone face-to-face. By providing telephone and text numbers in a bathroom stall, students are linked to reputable and established organizations that can help them with challenges. These posters were distributed to all middle and senior high schools at the beginning of the school year, and currently can be found in bathroom stalls throughout the District.



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI INDUCTED INTO THE M-DCPS ALUMNI HALL OF FAME



Building on a tradition of honoring the excellence of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Alumni; three new notable Miamians were inducted into the M-DCPS Alumni Hall of Fame in February. The new inductees join 31 others who have joined the Hall of Fame since its creation in 2012.

Internationally-acclaimed music producer and Miami Senior High School Alumnus Emilio Estefan joined the ranks of the famous alumni who have contributed to South Florida and the world through their success in Arts and Entertainment. Estefan is a 19-time Grammy Award winner who has produced some of the biggest stars in the music industry, including his wife, Gloria Estefan, Shakira and Jennifer Lopez. Additionally, he is a filmmaker, author, restaurateur and shareholder in the Miami Dolphins. He also gives back to South Florida through the Gloria Estefan Foundation, which promotes education, health and cultural development.

the Alumni Hall of Fame was Miami Coral Park graduate Alan Fein, who has had an immeasurable impact on South Florida's sports and arts community. Fein was on the original committee that brought the Miami Heat franchise to South Florida. He also helped create the Colony Theater, City Theater and the Adrienne Arsht Center, which through the Cultural Passport initiative allows tens of thousands of students to experience live theater performances for free. Fein was also a founding member of the Key Biscayne Village Council and led efforts to expand MAST Academy.

Ana VeigaMilton is so committed to her alma mater, Southwest Miami Senior High, that she served as its Principal TODAY this year and is working with school administration to start an alumni association at the school. She was a very active student, Valedictorian, served as Student Government President, and was voted Most Likely to Succeed. Through her work as the President of the Jose Milton Foundation, VeigaMilton gives back millions of dollars to philanthropic causes, including providing funds for a state-of-the art recording studio at Miami Arts Studio at Zelda Glazer.

When the community looks back upon what I've done, I want them to see someone who was an advocate for South Florida, an advocate for the people who live here. An advocate for Miami.

--Ana VeigaMilton

All inductees were honored at an intimate reception at the home of Natasha Munilla and Bart Bastian, invited to participate in a student speaking event at Miami Coral Park Senior High, and were honored on stage at the Foundation for New Education Initiatives "For the Love of Learning" Gala.

The second inductee into

SIGN UP TODAY TO RACE FOR EDUCATION!

We are less than one month away from the 4th Annual Superintendent's 5K Challenge to support Miami-Dade County Public Schools! Join thousands of students, parents, educators and community supporters on Saturday April 13, 2019 at 7 a.m. at Museum Park for a morning of running, walking and friendly competition to benefit our local public schools.

The 5K (3.1 miles) course starts and finishes at the Museum Park on Biscayne Boulevard. The route heads eastbound on the MacArthur Causeway, then loops around onto Watson Island before heading back.

Adults may register as



a Runner/Walker with a \$30.00 + \$3.03 registration fee. Students have three options to choose from: 5K, 1-mile Run, and the Kid's Dash for children ages 2-9. Registration for each student option is \$10.00 + \$1.68 registration fee. Participants have the option of registering as an individual or joining an existing team.

Registration is now open at: <https://www.athlinks.com/event/superintendents-5k-challenge-race-for-education-167578>. The registration deadline is April 5, 2019.

See you at the finish line!

M-DCPS STUDENTS ARE COLLEGE-READY



Once again, Miami-Dade County Public Schools hosted the ever-successful National College Fair.

More than 10,000 students and parents participated in the four-hour event where representatives from 200 colleges and universities provided answers to questions regarding admissions, financial aid, housing and testing requirements.

READ ACROSS AMERICA



Students at iPrep Academy highlight the power of reading! Schools across the district invited community members, parents, and district staff to read one of Dr. Seuss's books to students. Read Across America Day is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that celebrates reading and the birthday of Dr. Seuss.

PARENT E-TIPS:

Primary:
Study Strategies to Help Children
<https://bit.ly/2TnrbJM>

Secondary:
Promote Positive Friendships
<https://bit.ly/2lWWjuA>



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