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VOTERS APPROVE REFERENDUM TO RAISE TEACHERS' SALARIES, INCREASE SCHOOL SAFETY



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WARNING AGAINST POSTING HOAX THREATS

Miami-Dade Schools Police Department (M-DSPD) takes every social media threat seriously and works closely with other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to investigate each one in order to determine the validity of the threat and identify the perpetrator. Unfortunately, these hoax threats are needlessly disrupting the educational environment of schools and interfering with officers' ability to protect schools from real dangers.

The District is reminding the public to be aware that

anyone making such a threat will likely be identified; a written threat to kill or harm is a felony that will not be tolerated; and perpetrators will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. A federal charge could be included, which carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison. Even if federal charges are not warranted, state charges may be considered.

Even with all the precautions in place, we remind the community that vigilance continues to be the most effective way to prevent

dangerous situations. Through the See Something, Say Something initiative, anyone who witnesses suspicious activity is encouraged to call 305-995-COPS or contact the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) via tips.fbi.gov or via phone (1-800-CALL-FBI).

Below is a link to an informative flyer with tips on responsible use of social media. We hope you will review these helpful tips at home with your child.

<http://digital.dadeschools.net/pdfs/Social.pdf>

IMPORTANT DATES

DEC. 24 -
JAN. 4
Winter Recess

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

MAGNET ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN



Miami-Dade County Public Schools enrollment period for magnet programs runs through Tuesday, January 15, 2019. Applications must be received during this time in order for students to be considered for enrollment in the 2019-2020 school year.

Parents and students will be able to choose from 384 programs being offered at 114 schools across the District for the 2019-2020 school year.

Magnet programs offer unique thematic strands of study that focus on students' special interests, talents, and abilities for all grade levels. Programs include Robotics and Coding, Media Design, Criminal Justice and International Studies in various foreign languages.

The magnet application system can be accessed at <http://miamimagnets.org> and is available in multiple languages. This tool simplifies the application process, increases parental access to information and enhances communication.

For additional information, please call 305-995-1922 or visit our website: <http://miamimagnets.org>.

SOUTH FLORIDA STUDENTS, ARTISTS ARE RESPONDING TO THE CLIMATE CRISIS



In October, the world got some very bad news about our climate. An international group of scientists found the Earth is on track to [pass a critical threshold for heat](#) sometime in the next 12 to 34 years. Above that level, millions more people may experience catastrophic droughts, flooding, sea-level rise and heat waves. The world's coral reefs will be close to extinct.

Twelve years is not very much time. And although the scientists say the countries of the world can still avoid catastrophe, the size of the climate crisis can be terrifying.

That's why some South Florida high school students decided to make environmental disaster the [theme of their haunted house](#). They dressed up like people sickened by radiation and harmful chemicals. And, inside the house of environmental horrors, two of the rooms involved the ocean: one

A student dressed as a lifeguard saved people from an ocean full of trash in a haunted house organized by the Space of Mind School in Delray Beach.

where ocean pollution forced mermaids to live in a trash heap, and another where rising seas flooded coastal neighborhoods like those in South Florida.

One of the student organizers, 14-year-old Olivia Katz, said students wanted to scare visitors with reality.

"Most haunted houses — you go in, you go out. You're like, 'Oh, that's never gonna happen, because it's all fake,'" Katz said. "But with our haunted house, we want people to walk out and be like, ... 'They're not joking. Like, this could actually happen.'"

Read more about the haunted house [here](#).

Meanwhile, many South Florida artists are working to educate people here about sea-level rise. One of them, Xavier Cortada, designed a massive art project involving 6,000 households in the Village of Pinecrest. Cortada's creating an "[Underwater Homeowners Association](#)" and colorful yard signs to help his neighbors start thinking about a plan of action.

This article is offered through a partnership with WLRN, the National Public Radio member station for South Florida. You can find more WLRN sea-level rise coverage [here](#).

CARVALHO NAMED NATIONAL URBAN SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

Miami-Dade Schools Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho has been named the 2018 National Urban Superintendent of the Year by the Council of Great City Schools, which presented him with the distinguished Green-Garner Award.

Every other year, the Council presents a superintendent from one of the 74 largest urban public-school systems in the country with the Green-Garner Award, the nation's highest urban education honor recognizing outstanding contributions in education and named in memory of school leaders Richard R. Green and Edward Garner.

Superintendent Carvalho,



who was nominated for this prestigious award by School Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman, was honored for his commitment and passion to increase student achievement, bring 21st century learning to every school and bridge any and all gaps that may stand in the way of students in Miami-Dade County.

Receiving the Green-Garner award makes Superintendent Carvalho the winningest Superintendent in the nation and comes on the heels of celebrating his 10th anniversary of leading Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

INTERNSHIPS @ MDCPS



M-DCPS' Academic Year Internship Program provides students real world work experience while earning an academic honors credit. Students are paired with corporations, local municipalities, small businesses, community-based organizations and more. Students spend an entire school year at one internship site, deepening their workplace learning and solidifying relationships with their internship providers.

#MDCPSGIVESTHANKS



M-DCPS re-launched its #MDCPSGivesThanks Thanksgiving social media campaign. Students, teachers and administrators across the district highlighted what they are thankful and grateful for this year.

To view the posts, search for the hashtag #MDCPSGivesThanks across social media.

WLRN currently hosts nine student interns working in TV Production, Public Affairs, Graphic Design, and Newscast. One intern worked as a camera operator at a recent Town Hall Meeting which aired live on WLRN-TV this month. To learn more about the Academic Year Internship Program visit www.engagemiamidade.net/internships.



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