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March 1, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians:

During the month of April, your son or daughter will take the Stanford Achievement Test, Tenth Edition (SAT-10). The SAT-10 is a standardized test given in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The test measures a student's reading and mathematics skills. Teachers use the test results to plan units and lessons that strengthen students' skills.

This year, the SAT-10 testing dates are April 4-7, 2016. It is important for your child to be present. This notice is being sent home so that you can note these dates on your calendar and avoid making appointments for your child that would cause him/her to miss taking the test.

Individual Student Reports will be provided as soon as the new school year begins in August 2016. SAT-10 results are not accessible via the Parent Portal.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. May Ling Padin, Assistant Principal, at 305-661-8527

Sincerely,

Dr. Marlene Leyte-Vidal
Principal



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the computer-based *Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) Grade 5 ELA Reading/Mathematics* assessment(s) during the window of **Monday, April 11, 2016 - Friday, May 6, 2016**. Your student will have an opportunity to participate in a practice test to become familiar with the computer-based testing platform, item types, and response formats he or she will see on the FSA assessments. If you or your student would like to review the computer-based practice test at home, the practice tests and answer keys are available at <http://www.fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/>.

For information regarding test session lengths for all Spring 2016 FSA assessments, please visit the FSA Portal at www.fsassessments.org, click on the **Students and Families** icon, and then select *Spring 2016 Testing Times*.

Additionally, your student will take the *Grade 5 Statewide Science Assessment* on **Tuesday, April 12 and Wednesday, April 13, 2016**. The *Statewide Science Assessment* measures Grades 5 student achievement of the *Next Generation Sunshine State Standards* in Science. For more information, please visit the FDOE website at <http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/science.stml>.

The Grade 5 Statewide Science Assessment consists of two 80-minute paper-based test sessions administered over two days. If you or your student would like to gain familiarity with the item types and response formats your student will see on his or her Statewide Science Assessment, sample questions and answer keys are available at <http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/science.stml>.

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- **Electronic Devices**—Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches, at any time during testing OR during breaks (e.g., restroom), **even if they are turned off or students do not use them**. If your student is found with an electronic device, his or her test will be invalidated.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All FSA tests and Statewide Science Assessments include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment that reads, "I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated." Prior to testing, test administrators read the rules to students, and students acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by signing below the statement on their planning sheets, worksheets, or work folders.

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- **Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they sign below the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states, “Because the content in all statewide assessments is secure, you may not discuss or reveal details about the passages or items after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting online, for example, on websites like Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.” Please make sure your student understands that “discussing” test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting to blogs or social media websites. **While students may not share information about secure test content after testing, this policy is not intended to prevent students from discussing their testing experiences with their parents/families.**
- **Working Independently**—Students are responsible for doing their own work during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated. FDOE employs a test security company, Caveon Test Security, to analyze student test results to detect unusually similar answer patterns. Student tests within a school that are found to have extremely similar answer patterns will have their results invalidated.
- **Leaving Campus**—If your student begins a test session and leaves campus before completing it (for lunch, an appointment or illness, etc.), he or she WILL NOT be allowed to complete that test session. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.
- **Testing Accommodations**—If your student has an IEP or Section 504 plan, please contact the school to discuss the testing accommodations that will be provided for your student.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Sunset Elementary at 305-661-8527. For more information about the FSA program, please visit the FSA Portal at www.fsassessments.org. For more information about the statewide assessment program, visit the FDOE website at <http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment>.

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration.

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- **Grade 3** paper-based ELA Reading/Mathematics assessments from **Tuesday, March 29, 2016 through Friday, April 1, 2016.**
- **Grade 4** paper-based Mathematics assessment on **Thursday, March 31, 2016 and Friday, April 1, 2016.**
- **Grade 4** computer-based ELA Reading assessment during the window of **Monday, April 11, 2016 - Friday, May 6, 2016.**

Your student will have had an opportunity to participate in a practice session to become familiar with the item types and response formats he or she will see on the FSA assessments. If you or your student would like to review the materials, paper-based or computer based practice tests and answer keys are available at <http://www.fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/>

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March 10, 2016

Dear Parents,

Sunset Elementary is planning a "Career Day" on May 11, 2016. Classroom presentations will be from 9:00 am to 10:30 am.

In our attempt to present a variety of interesting and exciting career opportunities, we would greatly appreciate having guest speakers from various careers. The representative will be speaking for thirty (30) minutes to student from grades Pre-k thru 5, which may require explaining some concepts in non-technical terms. Students will be prepared to ask questions concerning wages, training requirements, disadvantages, opportunities, etc.

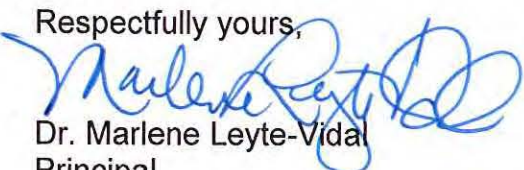
Please complete this information below and return to your child's homeroom teacher to confirm your participation by April 29, 2016. If you are available for other presentations in addition to your child's class, please indicate in the space below.

Ms. /Mr. /Dr.: _____
Organization: _____
Time Available: _____
Daytime Phone Number: _____
Evening Phone Number: _____
Student's Homeroom Teacher: _____

We look forward to hearing from you. Should you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Ms. Mary Ferrer School Counselor, Career Day Committee Chairperson, at (305) 661-8527, Ext.136.

We thank you in advance for your participation.

Respectfully yours,


Dr. Marlene Leyte-Vidal
Principal


Mary Ferrer
Career Day Chairperson



**Mamá... papá...
¡llévame a la TARDE
DE LOS DRAGONES!**



Entrada gratuita

Presentación del libro para niños

Dragones en el cielo

Publicado por
Ediciones El Naranja

Con la participación del autor **Sergio Andricaín**,
el ilustrador **Israel Barrón** y la editora **Ana Laura Delgado**
Invitada especial: la actriz **Cristina Rebull**

**Tendremos la narración del cuento,
un Taller de Dragones, juegos y rifas.**

Acompáñanos en esta tarde con sorpresas para el público infantil.

Día: Sábado 12 de marzo de 2016 | Hora: 3:00 p.m.
Lugar: Koubek Center, 2705 SW 3rd St, Miami, FL 33135
Teléfono: (305) 284 6001





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3/1/16 11:39 AM

TARDE DE DRAGONES

El sábado 12 de marzo, a las 3:00 p.m., tendrá lugar en el Koubek Center el evento literario para niños *Tarde de dragones*, organizado por la Fundación Cuatrogatos, Miami Book Fair y otras entidades.

Esa tarde se realizará la presentación del libro para niños *Dragones en el cielo*, del escritor Sergio Andricaín, ilustrado por Israel Barrón. Ambos creadores estarán en la actividad, para conversar con los niños, al igual que la editora Ana Laura Delgado, de Ediciones El Naranja.

La actriz Cristina Rebull tendrá a su cargo la narración del cuento *Dragones en el cielo* y también se realizará un “taller de dragones”. Tendremos rifas y sorpresas, en una tarde cultural en español para niños.

Lugar: Koubek Center, 2705 SW 3rd St, Miami, FL 33135

Sábado 12 de marzo, 3:00 p.m.

Teléfono: (305) 284-6001

Entrada gratuita

February 18, 2016

Dear Parents of Sunset Elementary School:

The Student Educational Enrichment Drive (SEED) is a non-profit support organization to Sunset Elementary School that actively works to provide financial support to the school's technology and curricular initiatives. We seek to develop relationships with local businesses and organizations to help us achieve our goals.

Our goal for this year is to help increase the use of technology within the classroom by designating our funds to purchase mobile carts that house thirty (30) tablets. Bringing tablets to the classroom allows our students to become more engaged in the learning process by providing a hands-on tool for additional research, activities, and testing. Each cart cost approximately \$17,000.

This is an excellent opportunity for us as parents to join together in support of our children and school. As a unified group, we have the ability to enhance the educational environment and promote, if desired, our own businesses and partnerships.

Please consider joining SEED on this campaign in one of the following ways:

- Business or personal underwriting
- Make a donation to SEED in support of the campaign – www.sunsetseed.net
- Attend our Diamonds and Denim Party on April 23, 2016
- Donate an item to the Silent Auction for Diamonds and Denim
- ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

**All funds will directly benefit our children
in the various programs at Sunset Elementary School.**

We hope that you will give this your greatest effort, as your participation is key in making our endeavors a success! Please contact us at either shariobyrd@bellsouth.net or chris.vides@gmail.com for any additional information.

Thank you so much for your help!

Sincerely,

Shari Byrd

Shari Ordet Byrd
President

Chris Vides

Christina Vides
Vice President

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Beverages and Entertainment *per Person*
Silent Auction and Raffle with Many
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Please RSVP to WWW.GIPA.ORG by March 1, 2016



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Diamonds & Denim Party

SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD, 2016 | 7:30 PM

NEWMAN ALUMNI CENTER
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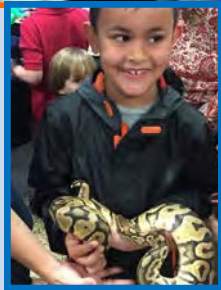
GAMES
SILENT AUCTION
DINNER
DANCING

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Student Educational Endowment Drive
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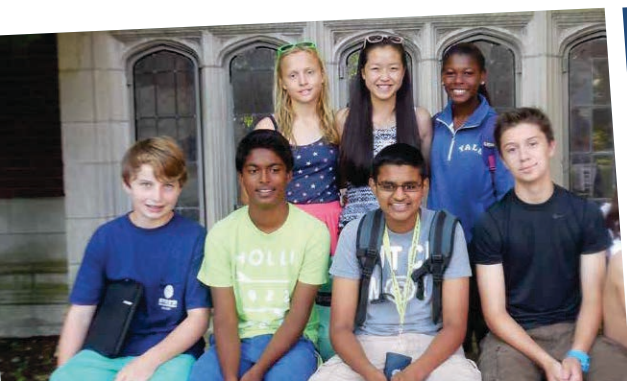


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Miami, FL 33143

For more information, please contact
Raquel Portela
Media Specialist
rportela@dadeschools.net

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World Autism Awareness Day

Saturday, 2nd April 2016

What is Autism?

Autism is a spectrum disorder – this means it affects people in different ways and to varying degrees.

However, some of the ways that autism can affect a person include:

- Difficulty with social relationships
- Difficulty with verbal communication
- Difficulty with non-verbal communication
- Difficulty with play and imagination
- Resistance to change in routine

Something to think about...

If a person uses a wheelchair, you know they have difficulty walking. If someone is blind, you know they cannot see. These people have disabilities. Autism is a special kind of disability – you cannot always tell a person has it just by looking at them.

People with autism find it hard to know what to talk about or what to do when they are with people. They can find it hard to play games or pretend.

A person with autism may not talk in the same way as you. They may say very little or repeat what you say. A person with autism may talk over and over about the same thing, like dinosaurs. Or, they may not say anything at all.

A person with autism often finds it extra hard to tell when someone is joking or teasing.

People with autism find understanding faces very difficult. If you smile at someone with autism, they might not smile back. This doesn't mean they are being rude, they just don't understand that you are being friendly.

Enrichment Courses

Session 3 March. 28th - June. 3



***Registration opens March. 14th @ 8 a.m.**

COURSE	DAYS	FEE	TIME	LOCATION
Ballet Pre-Primary (PK-K)	M&TH	\$205	2:15-3:15	Stage
Hip Hop/Tap Dance (1st grade)	M&TH	\$205	3:15-4:15	Stage
Hip Hop/Tap Dance (2nd-5th)	M	\$195	4:15-5:15	Stage
Basketball Inter. A (2nd-5th)	M&T	\$205	4:30-5:30	Courts
Basketball Inter. B (2nd-5th)	TH&F	\$205	4:30-5:30	Courts
Chess Primary (PK-1st grade)	M&W	\$205	3:15-4:15(M) 2:15-3:15(W)	K3
Chess Inter. (2nd-5th)	M&W	\$205	4:15-5:15(M) 3:15-4:15(W)	K3
Contemporary Art (2-3rd)	M	\$195	4:15-5:15	27
Contemporary Art (4th-5th)	TH	\$195	4:15-5:15	27
Drama Glee Club (2nd-5th)	T&TH	\$205	4:15-5:30	Stage/C5
Idance Fitness	T&TH	\$205	3:15-4:15	Stage/Gazebo
Flamenco (PK-1st grade)	F	\$195	3:15-4:15	Stage
Flamenco Inter. (2nd-5th)	F	\$195	4:15-5:15	Stage
Robotics (4th & 5th ONLY)	F	\$195	4:15-5:45	Stem
Tae Kwon Do Pri. A (PK-1st)	M&W	\$205	3:15-4:15(M) 2:15-3:15(W)	K1
Tae Kwon Do Pri. B (PK-1st)	T&TH	\$205	3:15-4:15	K1
Tae Kwon Do Inter. A (2nd-5th)	M&W	\$205	4:15-5:15(M) 3:15-4:15(W)	K1
Tae Kwon Do Inter. B (2nd-5th)	T&TH	\$205	4:15-5:15	K1
Yoga Primary (PK-1st grade)	TH	\$195	3:15-4:15	27
Yoga Inter. (2nd-5th)	TH	\$195	4:15-5:15	27
Keyboard/Piano (K-1st) (IE)	M	\$195	3:15-4:15	3
Keyboard/Piano (2nd-5th)	M	\$195	4:15-5:15	3
Guitar (1st Grade & IE)	W	\$195	2:15-3:15	3
Guitar (2nd-5th)	W	\$195	3:15-4:15	3
Cartooning Pri. (K-1st)	M&TH	\$205	3:15-4:15	26
Cartooning Inter. (2nd-5th)	M&TH	\$205	4:15-5:15	26
Jumprope (K-1st grade)	TH	\$195	3:15-4:15	Gazebo
Jumprope (2nd-5th)	TH	\$195	4:15-5:15	Gazebo

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Saturday, March 5

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Sunday, March 13

South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center: 12 – 6 pm

Saturday, April 2

African Heritage Cultural Arts Center: 12 – 6 pm

Saturday, April 9

Miracle Theatre: 1 – 7 pm

Sunday, April 10

Miracle Theatre: 2:30 – 7 pm

Sunday, April 17

Miracle Theatre: 2:30 – 7 pm

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