

Sunset Elementary School Celebrates Hispanic Heritage 2016-2017



*You are cordially invited to attend the
Hispanic Heritage Fair
October 25th, 2016*

(See the pages below for IS & IE grade level times.)



International Studies (IS) Spanish Program

Schedule of IS Events

2nd Grade

Performance 10:00-11:00 Cafeteria

Exhibition & Hispanic Culinary Tasting

11:00-11:30 Classroom

3rd Grade

Performance 11:05-11:45 Hallways

Exhibition & Hispanic Culinary Tasting

11:45-12:15 Classroom

1st Grade

Performance 12:05-1:05 Cafeteria

Exhibition & Hispanic Culinary Tasting

1:05-1:35 Classroom

5th Grade

Gallery Walk 1:00-1:30 Classrooms

Exhibition & Hispanic Culinary Tasting

1:30-2:15 Classroom

4th Grade

Performance 1:45-2:30 Cafeteria

Exhibition & Hispanic Culinary Tasting

2:30-3:00 Classroom



International Education (IE) Studies

Schedule of IE Events

Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten

Hispanic Culinary Tasting & Story Time

11:00-12:00 Classroom

First Grade

Hispanic Culinary Tasting & Performance

1:00-1:50 Classroom

2nd Grade

Hispanic Culinary Tasting & Performance

11:35-12:35 Classroom

3rd Grade

Hispanic Culinary Tasting & Performance

2:05-3:05 Classroom

4th Grade

Hispanic Culinary Tasting & Performance

11:05-12:05 Classroom

5th Grade

Hispanic Culinary Tasting & Performance

12:35-1:35 Classroom

CONNECTION

A Newsletter for Miami-Dade County Public Schools Parents

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



MAGNETSCHOOLS
GIVING OUR STUDENTS A WORLD OF CHOICES



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>.

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

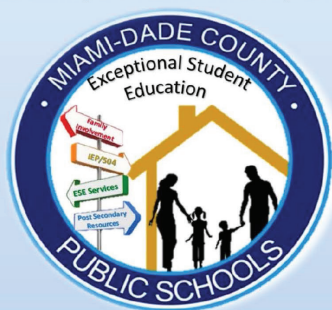
M-DCPS TO HOLD TWO ESE FAMILY FORUMS

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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Join Us

Saturday, October 22, 2016

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

(Silent Auction Closes at 4:00 p.m.)

Great Food:

- Hot Dogs
- Pizza
- Tacos & Quesadillas
- Snow Cones



• Get your Pumpkin HERE

- Fun Rides
- Carnival Games
- Awesome Prizes
- Scarecrow Contest
 - Bake Sale
- Face Painting
- Tattoo Artist
- Photo Opp
- Silent Auction



Fall Storybook Character Parade

Pre-K- Grade 1

Students Only

October 31, 2016

9:00 a.m.

Parents are invited to attend!

Please note that all costumes must reflect a literature-based character.
Students need to bring the book to school.

For safety purposes, NO masks, or toy weapons allowed
such as plastic swords, toy guns etc...





The Parent Academy
invites you
to attend a parent workshop

at

Sunset Elementary

on

Getting Ready for School

Friday, October 21, 2016

9:00 a.m.

In the Sunset Cafe

We hope to see you there

Sunset Elementary **SCHOOLPOOL** **Classroom Challenge** **2016**



Sunset Elementary has teamed up with the Florida Department of Transportation to help with traffic congestion around the school by promoting Carpooling, Walking or Biking To School.

Reward your child's class with school supplies!
Please complete the attached survey to give us your feedback on starting a SchoolPool program at your school.



[Click Here For Survey](#)



FIPA Sunset October News

From October 17th to the 21st, 2016

Please Join Us at our
FIPA Used French Books Sale

Every morning October 17th to 21st
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.



Table will be located at the School Entrance

Let's show our children to love reading in French too!!!
And, help us raise funds for our wonderful French Program

THANK YOU!!!!

We had a Wonderful



However, our school is currently at only 30% for our FIPA Memberships.
Please log on to our website below and consider joining our cause.

Remember, as each class reaches 100% membership,
they will be receiving a Croissant Party

www.fipamiami.org

P.O. Box 430845, Miami, Florida, 33243-0845



Sunset Presents

“MAGIC SCIENCE!”

Uncover the mysteries behind the magical powers of science!

**Sponsored by
Your Sunset Elementary PTA**



**Mobile Outreach – Group Demonstrations
Program will be held in the Cafeteria at 8:45 a.m.**

Pre-K and Kindergarten: October 20, 2016

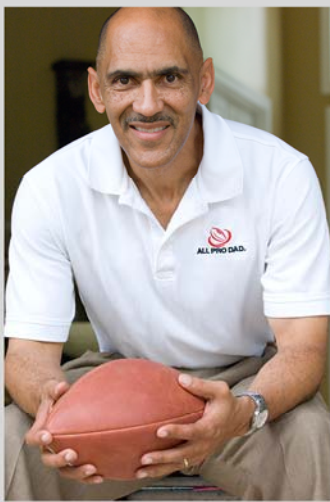
First Grade: October 24, 2016

Second Grade: October 27, 2016

Third Grade: November 04, 2016

Fourth Grade: November 09, 2016

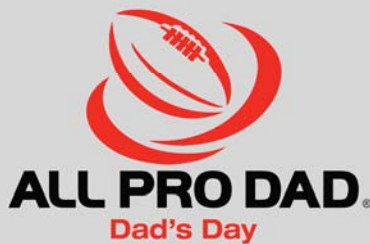
Fifth Grade: November 10, 2016



Tony Dungy is the national spokesman for All Pro Dad

Hey dads & kids...

JOIN US FOR THE
Sunset Elementary



When?

October 25, 2016

7:30 A.M.

Where?

Riviera Presbyterian Church – 5275 Sunset Drive

Team up with other
Sunset Elementary

Dads and kids for a quick, before- school breakfast and a 45-minute program of fatherhood and family topics. You'll take away some great tips and resources to help you be the best Dad you can be, and you'll strengthen your relationship with your kids at the same time.

It's fun and it's FREE! See you there...

Please RSVP here

WWW.AllProDad.com/5112

For more information
Bryan.Fetherston@TSCG.com

Can't make it?

Join us next time on
11/15/16

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

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GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

read well by the
end of third grade



MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

pass important
courses



HIGH SCHOOLERS

stay on track for
graduation



COLLEGE STUDENTS

earn their degrees



WORKERS

succeed in
their jobs

Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.



DRIVING DOWN FATALITIES

Put it Down - Distracted Driving Campaign eblast volume 16.1

NO text.
NO call.
NOTHING
is worth losing a life over.

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

Teen driver crashes are the leading cause of death for our nation's youth. The overwhelming majority of these crashes are caused by inexperience or distractions, not "thrill-seeking" or deliberate risk-taking.

For more information about the Put it Down Campaign,
please visit fdotmiamidade.com/putitdown

10 tips to avoid distractions while driving:

- **Fully focus on driving.** Do not let anything divert your attention, actively scan the road, use your mirrors and watch out for pedestrians and cyclists.
- **Store loose gear, possessions and other distractions** that could roll around in the car, so you do not feel tempted to reach for them on the floor or the seat.
- **Make adjustments before you begin your trip.** Address vehicle systems like your GPS, seats, mirrors, climate controls and sound systems before hitting the road. Decide on your route and check traffic conditions ahead of time.
- **Finish dressing and personal grooming at home** – before you get on the road.
- **Snack smart.** If possible, eat meals or snacks before or after your trip, not while driving. On the road, avoid messy foods that can be difficult to manage.
- **Secure children and pets before getting underway.** If they need your attention, pull off the road safely to care for them. Reaching into the backseat can cause you to lose control of the vehicle.
- **Put aside your electronic distractions.** Don't use cell phones while driving – handheld or hands-free – except in absolute emergencies. Never use text messaging, email functions, video games or the internet with a wireless device, including those built into the vehicle, while driving.
- **If you have passengers, enlist their help so you can focus safely on driving.**
- **If another activity demands your attention,** instead of trying to attempt it while driving, **pull off the road and stop your vehicle in a safe place.** To avoid temptation, power down or stow devices before heading out. Drivers should use caution while using voice-activated systems, even at seemingly safe moments when there is a lull in traffic or the car is stopped at an intersection, because potentially dangerous distractions can last longer than most drivers expect.
- **As a general rule, if you cannot devote your full attention to driving because of some other activity, it's a distraction.** Take care of it before or after your trip, not while behind the wheel.

Thank you to our dedicated campaign partners



Hurricane Disaster Relief

Help

the victims of
Hurricane Matthew in
Haiti

**Sunset Families
Support MDCPS
Hurricane Disaster
Relief
Please Help Us
Make a
Difference**

Please donate baby food, dry food (beans, rice, NO
canned food), medical supplies (basic first-aid items), hygiene
products, batteries, flashlights, school backpacks, school
supplies

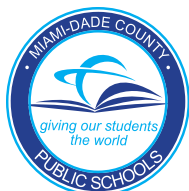
Monetary donations accepted through Miami-Dade County Public Schools'
direct-support organization – the Foundation for New Education Initiatives, Inc.

@ [giveourstudentstheworld.org](https://www.giveourstudentstheworld.org)

Please specify Haiti Relief with your online donation.

Bring your supply
item donations to your
school or work location.

Thank You!



**FOUNDATION for
NEW
EDUCATION
INITIATIVES, Inc.**
Supporting Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Donate funds to help the many
hurricane victims at
www.giveourstudentstheworld.org



#HaitiHurricaneRelief



Announcing...

BIRTHDAY

Books

GIVE THE GIFT OF READING

This year on your child's birthday, consider giving a book to Sunset Elementary Media Center in your child's honor. Maybe friends and family will do the same.

What a great way to encourage reading!

Here's how it works – If you would like to dedicate a book in the Media Center to a child, just fill out this form and return it to the PTA store or main office with **\$15.00**. **(Checks should be made payable to Sunset Elementary PTA)** The Media Specialist will select an appropriate book to add to the library collection and then inscribe the child's name on the inside cover. The Media Specialist will notify the student of which book has been dedicated and of where it can be found in the Media Center.

Please indicate how you would like the child's name to appear inside the cover:

This book is dedicated to:

Write child's name here _____

Child's Birthday: _____

Child's Favorite Book or Author: _____

We look forward to your participation and support of Sunset's Media Center!!!

Sunset Elementary School
PTA
everychild. one voice.®



BOOK SWAP IS BACK...



Sunset Elementary School
PTA[®]
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VISIT OUR BOOK CART

EVERY

FRIDAY MORNING

FROM 8:00-8:30AM

BRING A BOOK FROM HOME

AND

SWAP IT FOR ANOTHER ONE!

HARVEST DANCE



Fourth & Fifth Grade Students
on

Wednesday, October 26th
from 3:05pm-4:20pm
in the cafeteria

Tickets are \$5 cash only

Pizza, Snacks & drinks will be available for sale.

All proceeds will go to support the United Way

Student's Name:

Grade:

Teacher:

____ticket(s) x\$5 = _____

I give my child permission to attend the dance. My child
will be picked up by 4:30pm on School House Road.

Parent Signature: _____