









Sunset Elementary School

**DECEMBER 2016**



Dr. Marlene Leyte-Vidal  
Principal

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday															
<div><h1>HAPPY HOLIDAYS</h1><div><b>2016-2017</b></div></div>			<div><div><h2>School Resumes on January 9, 2017</h2></div></div>																	
		International Program Tour		<div>1</div> <div>PTA Board Meeting (7:45 p.m.-STEM Lab)</div> <div>Second Grade Field Trip to Jungle Island (9:00-12:00 noon)</div>	<div>2</div> <div>International Program Tour (9:00 a.m.)</div> <div>Deadline for Memory Book Orders</div> <div>Barnes &amp; Noble Night at Sunset Place (5:00-7:30 p.m.)</div> 	<div>3</div>														
4	5 <div>"Hope for Kasai" Presentations in Cafeteria 2:00 p.m.-Grade 4 3:00 p.m.-Grade 5</div>	6 <div>Deadline for Science Fair Projects</div> <div>Enrichment Registration Session #2 (8:00 a.m.-Afterschool Care Office)</div> <div>Science Fair Judging High School Students in the Media Center-2:00 p.m.</div>	7 <div>Science Fair Judging Community Members in the Media Center-9:00 a.m.</div> 	8 <div>Seed Meeting (7:45 a.m.- Media Center)</div> <div>Progress Reports Go Home</div>	9 <div>International Program Tour (9:00 a.m.)</div>	10														
11	12 <div>First Grade Holiday Show (Cafeteria-9:00 a.m.)</div> <div>VPK Payment Due</div> 	13 <div>Second Grade Holiday Show (Cafeteria-9:00 a.m.)</div>	14 <div>First Grade Holiday Show (Cafeteria-9:00 a.m.)</div>	15 <div>Multicultural Student Exchange Day at Sunset</div> 	16 <div>Grades 3-5 Book Club (7:45-Media Center)</div> <div>International Program Tour (9:00 a.m.)</div>	17														
18	19 <div>Third Grade Holiday Show (Cafeteria-9:00 a.m.)</div> <div>Orchestra/Chorus Musical Performance (7:00 p.m. -Cafeteria) Parents/Family</div>	20 <div>Orchestra/Chorus Musical Performance (9:00 a.m. -Cafeteria) Pre Kindergarten -Grade 2</div> <div>Orchestra/Chorus Musical Performance (1:45 p.m. -Cafeteria) Grades 3-5</div>	21 <div>EESAC Meeting (7:30 a.m.-New Computer Lab)</div>  <div>Pre Kindergarten &amp; Kindergarten Holiday Show (Cafeteria-9:00 a.m.)</div>	22 <div>French Book Club (7:45 a.m.-Rm. B2)</div>	23 <div>Class Holiday Celebrations</div> <table><tr><td>8:45-9:45 a.m.</td><td>Fourth Grade IS &amp; IE</td></tr><tr><td>10:00-11:00 a.m.</td><td>First Grade IS &amp; IE</td></tr><tr><td>11:05-12:05 p.m.</td><td>Fifth Grade IS &amp; IE</td></tr><tr><td>11:30-12:30 p.m.</td><td>Pre Kindergarten</td></tr><tr><td>12:00-1:00 p.m.</td><td>Kindergarten</td></tr><tr><td>11:05-12:05 p.m.</td><td>Second Grade IS &amp; IE</td></tr><tr><td>12:05-1:05 p.m.</td><td>Third Grade IS &amp; IE</td></tr></table>	8:45-9:45 a.m.	Fourth Grade IS & IE	10:00-11:00 a.m.	First Grade IS & IE	11:05-12:05 p.m.	Fifth Grade IS & IE	11:30-12:30 p.m.	Pre Kindergarten	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Kindergarten	11:05-12:05 p.m.	Second Grade IS & IE	12:05-1:05 p.m.	Third Grade IS & IE	24
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"Inspiring minds that think and hearts that care"

# CONNECTION

A Newsletter for Miami-Dade County Public Schools Parents

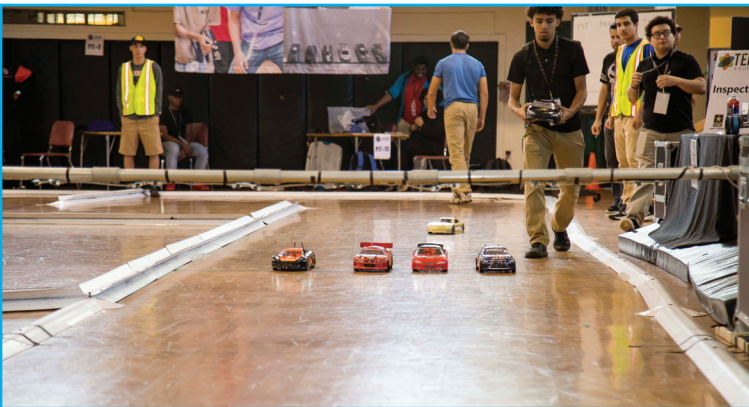


## IMMERSING STUDENTS IN #STEAM-FOCUSED EDUCATION

Miami-Dade County Public Schools aspires to engage and prepare all of our students in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) to ensure our community has the next generation of inventors, explorers, innovators, artists and leaders.



Rockway Middle School students tour the STEM Mobile Lab, built to ensure that teachers and students are exposed and immersed in state-of-the-art curriculum that supports what is being taught in STEM classrooms.



Hundreds of Miami-Dade County Public Schools students spend a day filled with learning science, technology, engineering and mathematics at the TEN80 STEM Fest.



Design & Architecture Senior High School students get a sneak peek at costumes from J.K. Rowling's *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*.

## WHITE HOUSE HONORS M-DCPS FOR INNOVATION, PERSONALIZED LEARNING

Miami-Dade County Public Schools was recognized at the White House as the leading large school district in innovation and personalized learning for all students, particularly underserved ones. Schools Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho had been invited to attend a discussion convened by the U.S. Dept. of Education.

The USDOE's Office of Innovation and Improvement partnered with the White House Domestic Policy Council to invite a select group of school superintendents from around the country who are leading personalized learning efforts nationwide. M-DCPS was the only school system from Florida among the 35 districts invited to attend the one-day, roundtable discussion at the White House.

Some of M-DCPS' personalized learning includes *Digital Convergence* – a multi-year initiative that has resulted in the distribution of over 140,000 digital devices to enhance the learning experiences and complement the 11,620 interactive boards previously installed in classrooms and 45 million square feet of physical space configured for Wi-Fi connectivity; *iPrep Math* – a personalized and blended instructional program in the District's 49 middle schools that combines adaptive software with face-to-face instruction to encourage an inquiry-based approach to the study of mathematics.

## GOB PROGRESS CONTINUES ACROSS M-DCPS SCHOOLS



On November 6, 2012, county voters approved the issuance of a \$1.2 billion General Obligation Bond for renovating facilities, updating technology, building school replacements, expanding student capacity, and enhancing facility safety. Visit <http://pubreport.dadeschools.net/ReportServer/Pages/ReportViewer.aspx?/capitaldashboard/mainpage> to view the dashboard and stay up-to-date on the progress of projects across M-DCPS.

## 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

November 23 - Teacher Planning Day  
November 24 - Thanksgiving  
November 25 - Recess Day



## #VALUESMATTERMIAMI - M-DCPS STUDENTS, COMMUNITY SUPPORT HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORTS FOR HAITI

Continuing the rich tradition of service to others in times of disaster, M-DCPS students, employees and families came together to donate funds and nearly 3,000 boxes full of baby food, dry food, medical supplies, batteries, flashlights, backpacks, and school supplies to help the many victims of Hurricane Matthew in Haiti.



## WHAT ARE YOU GRATEFUL FOR THIS YEAR? #MDCPSGIVESTHANKS

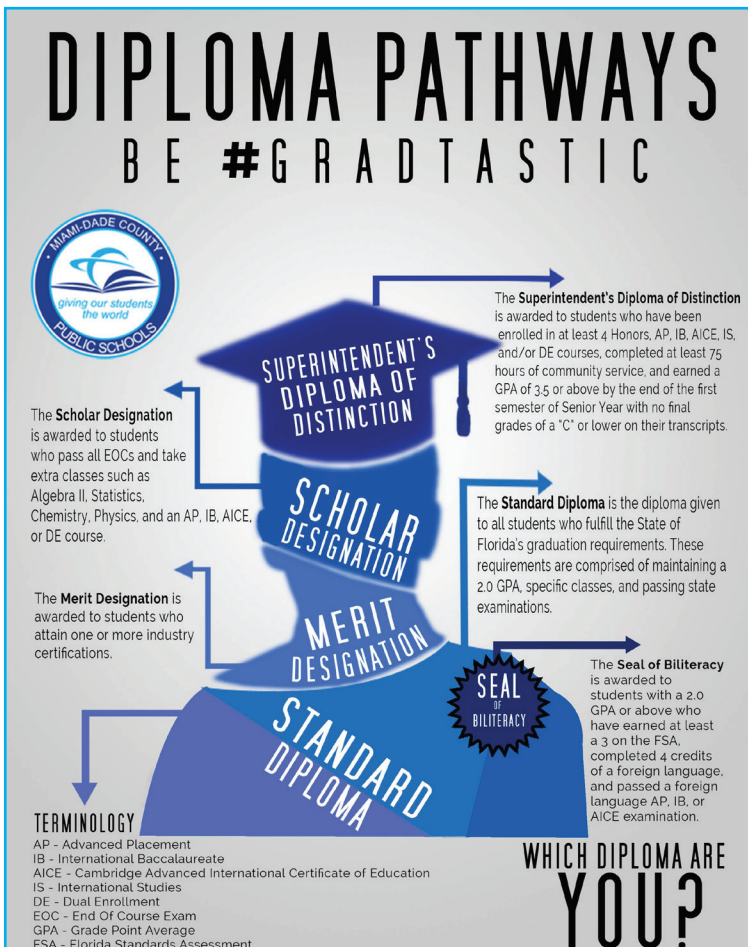


Thanksgiving is right around the corner and M-DCPS is re-launching its #MDCPSGivesThanks social media campaign. Students, teachers and administrators across the district will be highlighting what they are thankful and grateful for this year. To view the posts, visit twitter and search for the hashtag #MDCPSGivesThanks.



## M-DCPS OFFERS STUDENTS DIPLOMA PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

M-DCPS wants to ensure that parents and students are aware of the different diploma options that are available in Florida and in our district. This information will allow students to plan their academic trajectory early on and will also encourage them to take more rigorous courses, which will in turn make them more competitive as they prepare for college and careers. For more information, speak to your school's CAP Advisor or school counselor.



## The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida

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# Memory Books

## SUNSET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Get Ready!

We will be selling our Memory Books on **PRESALE ONLY**.  
Featuring 100 full color pages and school-wide individual photos!  
Class pictures and fun collages will also be included.

Last day to order a book is

**DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2016**

**PRICE: \$ 25.00 EACH**

Cash or check payable to Sunset Elementary School

Memory books will be distributed at the end of the school year  
Only students who purchase books during presale will receive books.

### HELP CAPTURE THE MEMORIES...



Submit your photos of school events.

Register at <http://community.pictavo.com/>

Photo submission **does not** guarantee use.

### ORDER FORM

Only those students who pre-purchase will receive Memory Book. Payment is due **December 2<sup>nd</sup>**.



Enclose cash or check



Please enclose exact payment (\$25.00)



Each book must be ordered separately with their own envelopes and payment.

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Student's Name

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Grade

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Homeroom #

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Teacher's Name

7<sup>th</sup> Annual Kaleidoscope

## **HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE**

This holiday season help bring smiles to the local children at the  
**Chapman Center for the Homeless.**

Kaleidoscope will be collecting toys for children ages 0-18 until  
**December 22, 2016.**

We emphasize the toys must be new or in very good condition, as it is often the only gift they will receive this holiday season.

Other donations, such as art supplies, clothing, and electronics will also be accepted.

Please find it in your heart to give!



**For Donation and Volunteer Information  
Please Contact....**

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305-484-1087  
becky9023@gmail.com

Carolina Chiou  
786-200-9529  
cchio002@gmail.com



**SAVE  
THE DATE**

# Sunset Elementary School Barnes & Noble Bookfair

**Friday, December 2, 2016**

**Event Time: 5:00pm-7:30pm**

**Barnes & Noble- The Shops at Sunset Place  
Sunset Dr., Suite 196, South Miami, FL 33143**

**See our Orchestra and Chorus Perform!**

**Enjoy Arts and Craft activities!**

**Cupcake Decoration**

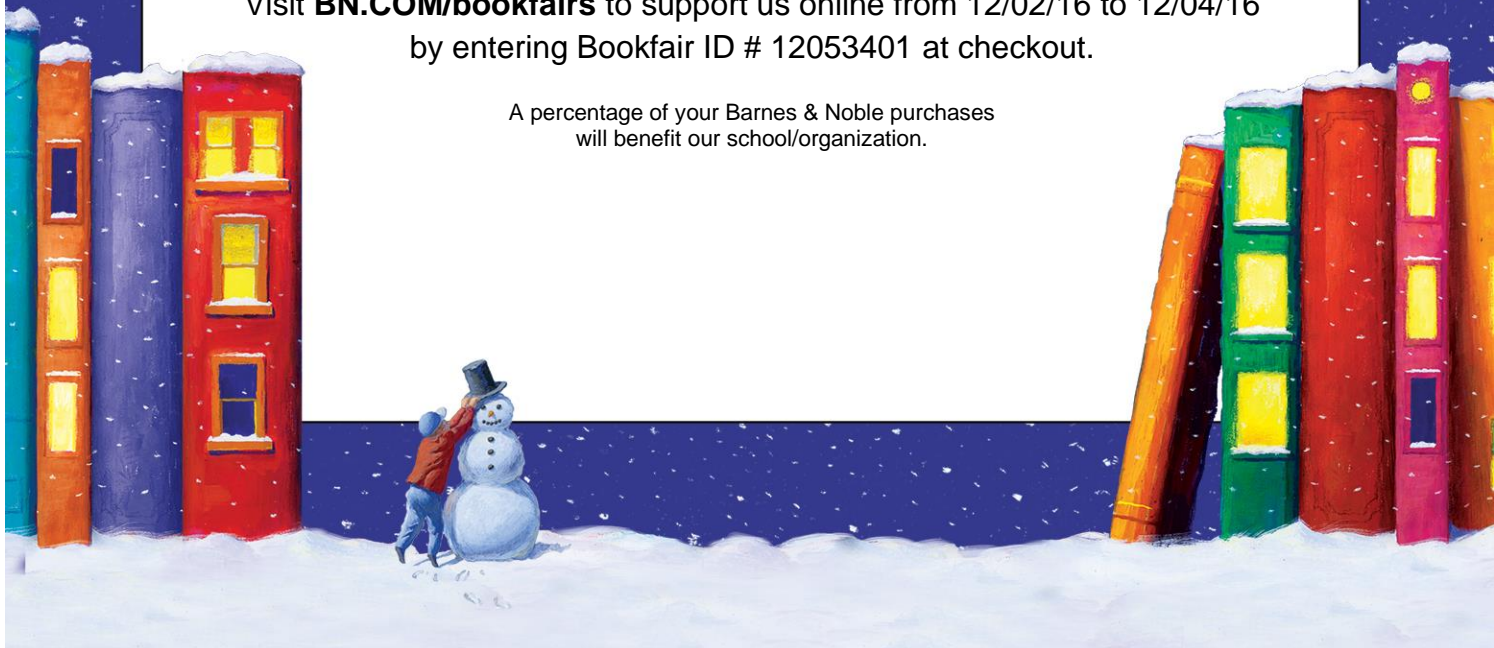
**Face Painting**

**Look-a-like Harry Potter contest**

**Can't attend our bookfair at Barnes & Noble?**

Visit **BN.COM/bookfairs** to support us online from 12/02/16 to 12/04/16  
by entering Bookfair ID # 12053401 at checkout.

A percentage of your Barnes & Noble purchases  
will benefit our school/organization.





**SUNSET ELEMENTARY  
HOLIDAY SHOPPE**

***ROOM #28***

**DECEMBER 5-9, 2016**

**OPEN FROM:**

**8:00am - 4:00pm**



**FIPA- Galette Des Rois – King's Cake**  
**Friday, January 13th, 2017**  
**Pre-order by December 23rd, 2016**

In France on January 6<sup>th</sup> it is customary to celebrate the arrival of the "Three Wise Men", or Magi, in Bethlehem by sharing a "galette des rois" or King's Cake. In the northern part of France, this cake is made of puff pastry and filled with frangipane. In the South, it is made of brioche in the shape of a crown and decorated with crystallized sugar. Hidden inside the galette des rois is a charm. The person who receives the slice of cake with the charm is designated as the king ("le roi") and wears a paper crown. The cake is usually divided into the number of guests plus one, this single piece being reserved for the humble visitor to the home. Traditionally the youngest child present sits under the table and calls out the names of the guests to distribute the cake slices randomly, so that no-one knows in advance who will receive the charm.

FIPA continues the tradition of the galette des rois by offering each class in the French IS and IE program two galettes des rois. A total of over **100 galettes will be provided at no cost for the enjoyment of the** children and teachers. This event is made possible with the support of our partners and our sponsor **La Provence**, which has two locations in Miami.

[www.laprovincemiami.com](http://www.laprovincemiami.com)

In response to parent requests to purchase galettes to enjoy at home, FIPA has partnered with **La Provence**. The galettes will be distributed Friday, January 13th, 2017. **30% of the proceeds** benefit the French IS program and its students. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

You can order online [www.fipamiami.org](http://www.fipamiami.org)

Online orders will be available until Friday, December 23rd, 2016

Galette/Cake		Price
Brioche		<b>\$20</b> Serves 8-10
Frangipane		<b>\$28</b> Serves 6-8

**Galettes will be delivered in a bag to your child's classroom on Friday January 13th 2017. ENJOY!**

**[www.fipamiami.org](http://www.fipamiami.org)**  
P.O. Box 430845, Miami, Florida, 33243-0845





# FIPA Sunset December News

❖ We had a Wonderful FIPA Used French Book Sale in November.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!**

❖ Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders have checked out their first French Books to read at home and take their comprehension test under the Antolin Program that gives points like the AR in English. We are very excited about this new addition to our French Program. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will be checking out their books soon. We expect our 1<sup>st</sup> Graders will do so by the 4<sup>th</sup> Grading Period.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!!!**

This month our sale of the **GALETTE DE ROIS** is back!!!

You will be able to place your order online until **December 23<sup>rd</sup>** and they will be delivered on **Friday January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Please see flyer enclosed**

Let's share with our children with wonderful French Tradition!



**THANK YOU!!!! THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!**

We have made great progress towards the reimbursement of the French Notebooks and our school's FIPA Memberships.

However, our school is currently at only **67%** for our French Notebooks/Cahiers. Our goal is to reach 100% since this funds are used to buy next year's French Notebooks/Cahiers.

Regarding our FIPA Memberships, our school is currently at only **52%**. Memberships are an important income stream for all of FIPA Programs, such as:

- Teacher Assistant Program
- Ongoing Teacher Training
- Cinemagique

**All Contributions are voluntary.**

**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](http://www.fipamiami.org)**

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## FIPA MEMBERSHIP & ORDER FORM: SCHOOL YEAR 2016 / 2017

Please return to **FIPA**: P.O. Box 430845, Miami, Florida, 33243-0845, or to your child's French teacher.  
Make checks payable to "FIPA" or pay online at [www.fipamiami.org](http://www.fipamiami.org)

Parent 1 name (first and last) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 2 name (first and last) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Student information: name, school and grade of your children:


☐ I would like to volunteer

☐ My company (or a company I know) might be interested in donating to this program

Membership* (choose one)	Price	Total
<b>Partner</b> includes annual membership for one family with students enrolled in the French IS program + backpack + drawstring bag + t-shirt + bracelet	\$500	
<b>Family</b> includes annual membership for one family with students enrolled in the French IS program	\$250	
<b>Basic</b> includes annual membership for one student in the French IS program	\$100	
<b>Friend of FIPA</b> for members without a student currently enrolled in the French IS program	\$100	

	Price	Quantity	Size(s)	Total
<b>French Notebook</b> (Sunset students only) used in French classes all year; distributed directly to your child's French teachers for use in class	\$30		N/A	
<b>T-Shirt – white</b> child S, M, or L	\$15			
<b>T-Shirt – grey</b> child S, M, or L	\$15			
<b>Drawstring bag "I Love FIPA"</b>	\$8		N/A	
<b>Jansport backpack "I Love FIPA"</b>	\$50		N/A	
<b>Additional donations* are welcomed!</b> please consider contributing an additional amount today!			N/A	
<b>ORDER TOTAL</b>				
<b>Method of payment:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> cash <input type="checkbox"/> check <input type="checkbox"/> online				

\*Membership and additional donations are tax deductible.

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First 2 classes with  
100% participation  
will get a class party!

## FRENCH NOTEBOOK

Dear Parents:

Students in the French program learn to write in cursive and work with supplies and books that can only be imported from France as they are not available in the United States. The French International Program Association (FIPA), our not-for-profit parent organization, purchases and imports these items in advance in order to have them available at the beginning of each school year.

The cost of these items and shipping expenses is **\$30.00** per child and includes:

- 5 notebooks per child (plus refill)
- 5 colored notebooks covers
- Reading books
- Support materials for teachers

Payments can be made by mail, on Fipa's Website or your FIPA's Liaison



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### French NOTEBOOK ORDER (For payment by check & FIPA's website)

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Student First name \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent First name \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

If you choose to pay by check (payable to "**FIPA**"), please return it to your child's French content teacher in a sealed envelope labeled with "attention FIPA", your child's name, grade and homeroom.

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