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giving our students the world

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September 2, 2016

Dear Sunset Families,

Welcome again to the 2016-2017 school year at Sunset Elementary. It has truly been a remarkable start to this school year. It is such a pleasure to see our students excited, motivated and ready to embark on another school year full of meaningful learning and memorable experiences.

We have been working hard to ensure that these past two weeks have been a success for your child. Our hope is that your family is settling into the routine and is ready for all that this year has to offer. It was so nice to see so many families at our first "Meet and Greet" event. It was a great way to start the school year, having our families come in and get acquainted with the teachers and classrooms. This was a great way to take away the anticipation of the first day of school. Students were at ease to finally meet their teacher and begin this exciting school year.

Our teachers have participated in countless hours of professional development and collaborative planning in order to be prepared to teach your children. Our goal is for teachers to be up to date and knowledgeable to meet the most specific academic, emotional and social needs of your children. In addition, through these learning experiences, a continued effort has been made to ensure that the quality and depth of learning is the priority when assigning home-learning, for continued planning and for the ongoing delivery of rigorous standards and expectations. As a result, you should see a difference in the amount of books and materials that your child takes home, as well as in the weight of the book bags.

We look forward to a bright year as we continue to ***inspire minds that think and hearts that care***. Thank you for being a supportive and dedicated member of our school family, #TeamWeInspire.

Sincerely,

Dr. Marlene Leyte-Vidal
Principal












Sunset Elementary School

SEPTEMBER 2016

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day Holiday  No School	6 Read a Book Day Author Visit Ms. Jennifer Holmes "Turtles in Paradise" Grade 4	7 Baseline Science Interim Assessment (Grade 5)	8 International Literacy Day Volunteer Orientation Parent Workshop (9:00 a.m.-Cafeteria)  Baseline Science Interim Assessment (Grade 5) GIPA General Meeting (6:30 p.m.-Cafeteria)	9 "Future Educators of America" Meeting (1:45 p.m.-Cafeteria) P.T.A. Social 5:30-7:00 p.m.- Riviera Church	10
11 Patriot Day 	12 Boosterthon Pep Rally Grades Pk-2  VPK Payment Due 	13 Room Parent Meeting (9:00 a.m.-Media Center) Boosterthon Pep Rally Grades 3-5	14 Boosterthon Character Team Huddle Video #1 Open House 6:00 p.m.	15 Boosterthon Character Team Huddle Video #2	16 School Picture Day Boosterthon Character Team Huddle Video #3 Deadline for Parents to Complete the 2016-2017 Lunch Applications  Ambassador Induction Ceremony (1:45 p.m.-Media Center)	17
18	19 FIPA Welcome Breakfast (9:00 a.m.-Cafeteria) Boosterthon Character Team Huddle Video #4	20 Boosterthon Character Team Huddle Video #5 SIPA General Meeting (6:30 p.m.-Cafeteria)	21 EESAC Meeting (7:30 a.m.-Room 834) Boosterthon Character Team Huddle #6	22 Interim Progress Reports to Parents Boosterthon Fun Run Day	23 FIPA Back to School Celebration (7:00 p.m.)	24
25	26 VPK Payment Due 	27	28 "Dads Take Your Child to School Day"	29 Boosterthon Collections Begins in Media Center	30 Book Club Grades 3-5 (7:45.m. - Media Center) 	

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September 9, 2016

Dear Parent or Guardian:

In accordance with federal and state requirements, school districts are required to provide an annual school status report. The information on this report should help you assess the performance of your child's school. This report is known as the School Public Accountability Report, and it will be available for your review at Miami-Dade County Public Schools' website at www.dadeschools.net under Accountability Report.

If you have additional questions, please contact your child's school.

Estimados padres de familia o tutores:

En concordancia con los requisitos federales y estatales, se requiere que los distritos escolares presenten un informe anual respecto a su estado. La información que aparece en este informe puede ayudarles a evaluar el rendimiento de la escuela de sus hijos. Este informe es conocido por el nombre "School Public Accountability Report" (Informe de Responsabilidad De Escuela Pública) y estará a su disposición para que pueda examinarlo en el sitio web de las Escuelas Públicas del Condado Miami-Dade (Miami-Dade County Public Schools) www.dadeschools.net y lo puede encontrar bajo "Accountability Report."

Si tuviesen preguntas adicionales, por favor, comuníquese con las escuelas de sus hijos.

Chè Paran oubyen Gadyen:

Pou satisfè demand federal e eta a, yo mande distri lekòl yo pou yo bay yon rapò sou sitiasyon anyèl lekòl yo. Enfòmasyon sou rapò sa a ta dwe ede ou evalye pèfòmans lekòl pitit ou a. Yo konnen rapò sa a kòm "School Public Accountability Report" (Rapò Responsablite Lekòl Leta) e li ap disponib pou ou revize sou paj Entènèt Lekòl Leta Miami-Dade County www.dadeschools.net anba: Accountability Report.

Si w gen kesyon adisyonèl, silvouplè kontakte lekòl pitit ou a.

Sincerely,
Atentamente,
Sensèman,

Alberto M. Carvalho
Superintendent of Schools
Superintendente de Escuelas
Sipèentandan Lekòl yo

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Open House
Save the Date



**“Inspiring Minds
that Think and
Hearts that Care”**

When:

Wednesday, September 14th

Schedule:

Session #1: K-2 5:30pm-6:30pm

Session #2: 3-5 6:30pm-7:30pm

More Details Forthcoming

Looking forward
to a “BRIGHT”
year!

Be a part of #TeamWeInspire

CONNECTION

A Newsletter for Miami-Dade County Public Schools Parents

INNOVATION, RIGOR, ACCESS, EFFICIENCY AT CORE OF M-DCPS' BOLD 2016-2017 NEW EDUCATION PROGRAMS, INITIATIVES

2016 MAPS | MILLENNIAL ACCESS PLATFORMS



61 Additional Choice/Magnet Programs



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

M-DCPS students and teachers will begin the 2016-2017 school year with a host of new, bold programs that build on the District's goal of providing classroom innovation, academic rigor, and increased student access, as well as increased efficiencies in operations.

Sixty-one new choice/magnet programs were created for 2016-2017, the most ever in one year. These new courses bring the total of choice programs to nearly 600. The new programs are in the areas of STEM (robotics, coding, biomedical), music, entertainment technology, business studies, visual and performing arts, Advanced Placement, legal studies, and sports medicine and management.

New initiatives include:

Digital Convergence - The District is deploying an additional 35,000 mobile devices, bringing the total number to nearly 140,000.

Digital Citizenship - Students will be provided with strategies and resources that will allow them to utilize technology for mastery of academic content and make them aware of, and responsible for, their digital footprint.

Keeping Parents Connected and Informed

Values Matter Miami - This expanded, yearlong District-wide campaign promotes a positive school culture by addressing the social/emotional needs of all students, leading to increased school safety and student achievement.

Pathways to Bilingual - The initiative provides for five distinct pathways to meet the diverse linguistic needs of M-DCPS students.

Parents Helping Parents - Increases meaningful parental involvement by enhancing parents' understanding of the federal, state & District policies impacting their children; perfects their advocacy skills on behalf of their children; and teaches them to effectively share information & support with other parents.

iTransition - Provides 6th- and 9th-grade students a multi-faceted support system as they transition between elementary and middle school, and middle and senior high school.

Cultivating Civic Engagement - Students will be able to interact with members of the Miami-Dade Delegation and discuss current education issues through live online sessions from Tallahassee.

Online School Payment System - A new online payment program at selected high & middle schools provides parents the flexibility to pay for students' fees and activities through online credit card payments directly to the school. Parents can log into www.dadeschools.net using the Parent tab and their established credentials to access the OSP system.

M-DCPS continues its tradition of providing students with exceptional educational programs and instructional enrichment. For additional information on new programs and initiatives, please visit <http://news.dadeschools.net/cmnc/new/25538>.

M-DCPS SHOWS OFF 2016-17 HEALTHY FOOD OPTIONS



M-DCPS' Food & Nutrition Department is rolling-out healthy, nutritious menus for this school year. New menu items include mini-vegetarian sliders, baked chicken wings, caffeine-free teas and Aspire, a low-sugar sports drink. Breakfast is free to all students at all schools every day. Healthy bodies fuel healthy minds, and it starts with a healthy breakfast.

news.dadeschools.net

PREPARE NOW: OPENING OF SCHOOLS, ZIKA PROTECTION



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) have reported several cases of the Zika Virus in a one-mile square area in Wynwood. The number one priority among school and District staff is always the safety and well-being of your child. Please know that we are taking every precaution to ensure that our schools are clean and free from conditions that may further heighten the spread of the Zika Virus and mosquito-borne illnesses. District staff has also been in frequent communication with state health department and CDC officials for the most recent information and guidelines.

You can also take steps to protect your child against mosquito-borne illnesses. Before your child leaves home make sure they are dressed in long-sleeved shirts and long pants. The health department and the CDC recommend applying mosquito repellent to bare skin and clothing. Repellent should be applied at home as school employees are prohibited from applying it on students. Remember to consult your doctor or health care provider before using any type of insect repellent.

M-DCPS will work in close consultation with the FDOH and the County regarding outdoor activities including physical education, recess, and after school activities. Should guidance be provided to limit outdoor activities, the appropriate adjustments will be made.

M-DCPS will partner with the FDOE and the FDOH to spread the word in our classrooms about Zika prevention. The District will share the Spill The Water! mosquito prevention campaign with all students to encourage them to cover up and spill sources of standing water around their homes.

There are many online resources that provide useful, up-to-date information and education awareness materials regarding the Zika health concern. You may access these virtual resources by visiting the District's website at zikaresources.dadeschools.net.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 30 -	Teacher Planning Day
September 5 -	Labor Day
October 1 -	Magnet Application Period Opens
October 3 -	Teacher Planning Day
October 12 -	Teacher Planning Day

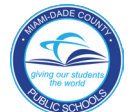
UPCOMING SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

September 7	11:00 a.m.	Regular Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Second Budget Public Hearing and Adoption of Final 2016-2017 Millage Levy and Annual Budget, Approval of 2015-2016 Annual Financial Report, and Approval of 2015-2016 Final Budget Resolutions
October 5	11:00 a.m.	Regular Meeting

M-DCPS REFRESH: A NEW LOOK FOR 21st CENTURY LEARNING

The M-DCPS logo received its last true makeover more than 15 years ago. It symbolized opening the book of learning to a world of lifelong opportunities and complemented the district's slogan "giving our students the world". The way we teach, the way our students learn, the tools we use have all changed and our classrooms and schools have evolved before our eyes. It is time for our image to reflect what we truly are and the impact we are having in this 21st Century learning environment.

The M-DCPS Refresh initiative is a redesign of our logo through a contest that will engage students, while bringing greater awareness to our District. Next month, we will be asking for your input into the logo redesign process through telephone surveys and through social media outreach. Stay tuned for more details.



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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2016-2017

This year SIPA will reward students with an ICE-POP Party for classes with 100% participation.

Please fill in the Membership Form and turn it in at the PTA store in the morning so we can give you your T-Shirt included with the \$25.00 payment.

SPANISH MANDATORY BOOKS

SIPA will be selling the required reading books for this school year during the next two weeks outside the PTA.

1st grade "La abeja de mas", P i Andreu \$12

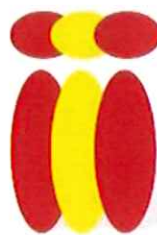
1st grade "Caperucita Roja", Luis Maria Pescetti \$11

2nd grade "El Mejor es mi papa", Georgina Lazaro Leon \$15

4th grade " Suoerzorro", Roald Dahl \$10

4th grade "Piruleta", Christine Nostlinger \$10

Join



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WWW.SIPA-
MIAMI.ORG

Spanish International Parents Association, Inc.

Your membership and donations provide:

- Funding to your child's school
- Purchase of Spanish books
- Science & Educational Presentations
- Hispanic Heritage cultural activities
- Teacher training
- Scholarships to 5th grade Spain trip

Your membership benefits are:

- SIPA shirt to wear on no uniform days
- Community building events
- Update on cultural activities around town &
- Many other member-only benefits throughout the year

Only \$25/yr Sólo

Covers your whole family even if you have kids in different schools.
Cubre a toda la familia aunque los hijos asistan a diferentes colegios.



Tu membresía y donaciones hacen posible

- Proveer fondos para los colegios de tus hijos
- Adquirir libros de texto en Español
- Auspiciar presentaciones científicas y culturales
- Organizar actividades por la Hispanidad
- Formar maestros
- Proveer becas para el viaje de 5º a España

Los beneficios de tu membresía son:

- Camiseta de SIPA
- Actividades sociales
- Información sobre actividades culturales en la ciudad
- Muchos otros beneficios exclusivos para miembros durante todo el año

Our annual events include: WELCOME BACK PICNIC-TAPAS NIGHT-PAELLA GALA-INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR AT SELECTED SCHOOLS- 5TH GRADE SPAIN TRIP

Nuestros eventos anuales incluyen: PICNIC DE VUELTA AL COLE – NOCHE DE TAPAS - PAELLA GALA-FERIA INTERNACIONAL DE LIBROS EN DETERMINADOS COLEGIOS- VIAJE A ESPAÑA EN 5º

Spanish International Parents Association (SIPA) is a 501(C) non-profit organization that supports the Spanish International Studies Program. This program begins in elementary school and continues through high school. Participating schools are Ada Merritt K-8, Coral Way K-8, Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School, G.W. Carver Middle School, ISCHS, ISPA, and Sunset Elementary.

SIPA es la Asociación de Padres del Programa Español, una entidad sin ánimo de lucro que apoya a la sección española de los programas internacionales. Este programa comienza en elementary y continúa hasta el final de high school. Los colegios asociados a SIPA son Ada Merritt K-8, Coral Way K-8, Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School, G.W. Carver Middle School, ISCHS, ISPA, and Sunset Elementary.

Become a member online or fill out a membership form

Hazte socio online o rellena un formulario de solicitud

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Membership Form

Please print clearly.

Parents/Padres:

Name / Nombre:
Address / Direccion:
Telephone / Telefono :
E-mail (All communications are via e-mail/ Todas las comunicaciones seran via correo electronico) PRINT CLEARLY / ESCRIBIR BIEN CLARO: _____ @ _____
Please add our e-mail SIPAMIAMIINFO@gmail.com to your provider address book to avoid Spam blocks.

Students/Estudiantes:

*** One T Shirt per membership**

Name / Nombre - 1:	Name / Nombre - 2:
Grade / Grado: _____ T-shirt size _____	Grade / Grado: _____ T-shirt size: _____
School:	School:
Escuela:	Escuela:
Homeroom Teacher / Maestra:	Homeroom Teacher / Maestra:

Membership Level/Nivel de Afiliacion:

Payment/Pago:

_____ \$25 Annual Member/Miembro	_____ Cash/Efectivo
_____ \$100 Five Year Member/Miembro	_____ Check Payable / Cheque Pagadero: SIPA
_____ \$200 Eight Year Member/Miembro	SIPA is a 501 (c) Non-for-profit Association.
_____ General contribution	All Donations are tax deductible.
_____ \$15 each additional t-shirt	Please make checks payable to SIPA .
One membership fee covers your family	El costo de una membresia cubre su familia

Would you like to get involved? Quisiera ayudar a SIPA?? _____ Yes/Si _____ No

Form Return/Devolver Formulario:

If paying by check, please return the application with check to your child's teacher or mail it to the address noted above.

If paying by cash, please ONLY return the application to your child's teacher marking the envelope SIPA.

Si pagan en efectivo, mande la aplicacion en un sobre sellado marcado "SIPA" a la maestra del estudiante

Si pagan con cheque, mande la aplicacion con su cheque a la maestra del estudiante or envia a la caja de SIPA

IMPORTANT / IMPORTANTE:

Membership enrollment confirms your agreement to receive email communications from SIPA and the release of pictures taken in relation to SIPA events and their use and publication for purposes consistent with mission of organization.

Si usted acepta ser miembro confirma su autorizacion a recibir comunicaciones via email de SIPA y a que se usen fotos tomadas en eventos de SIPA para uso y publicacion por razones que son de acuerdo con la organizacion.

For SIPA use only: Paid Amount \$ _____

Check # _____ Cash _____

T-shirt Provided _____ Yes _____



German International Parent Association

Dear Members and Friends of GIPA,

Please come and join us for our

Fall General Meeting:

Where: Sunset Elementary Cafeteria

When: Thursday September 8th, 2016

6:30-7:30 pm

What: Financial Information about the Program

Executive Board Elections

Oktoberfest Details

**...and much more, including your chance to
buy the new GIPA T-shirt!**

We look forward to seeing you all there!

-Your GIPA Board-



REQUIRED READING AND WORKBOOK ORDERS

Dear Parents,

Please be advised that the PTA will continue to take book orders through the morning of Friday, August 26, 2016.

You may order the following items:

Required Reading Grades 1-5

Worldly Wise Grades 1-5

Ready Florida ELA (LAFS) Student Workbooks for Grades 2 and 3

Full sets include all Required Reading and Workbooks. Prices per grade are:

1 st Grade	\$90.00
2 nd Grade	\$80.00
3 rd Grade	\$75.00
4 th Grade	\$55.00
5 th Grade	\$50.00

Individual Workbook orders are also available. Prices are as follows:

Worldly Wise Workbooks Grades 1-5 = \$15.00 each

Ready Florida ELA (LAFS) Student Workbooks Grades 2 and 3 = \$20.00 each

Please stop by the PTA Store by Friday morning to place your orders. Upon arrival, the orders will be delivered to your child in his/her classroom. Be sure to leave your contact information (email and cell phone number) so we can send delivery confirmation to you.

Thank you so much for your continued support of Sunset Elementary PTA.

Sunset Elementary School

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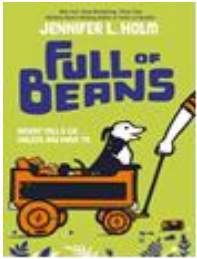
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Dear 4th and 5th Grade Students,

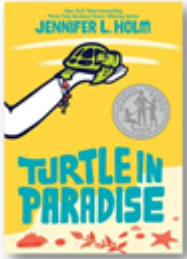
Multi- Award Winning, Newbery Honor, New York Times Bestselling Children's Author Jennifer Holm will be visiting our school on Tuesday, September 6th for all 4th and 5th Graders. Ms. Holm will be sharing her experiences and talking about the writing process. She will also read from her newest book *Full of Beans*, a companion to *Turtle in Paradise*. You may pre-order autographed copies of her books through the School. The books will be delivered to your classroom after the presentation. **If you would like to place an order, please fill out the form below and return it to your teacher along with payment no later than Friday, September 2nd.**

***NOTE: Students who purchased *Turtle in Paradise* from the PTA pre-order program this summer will receive a signed name plate for their copy of the book.

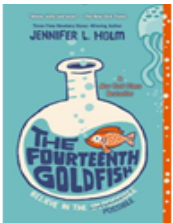
NEW!



_____ *Full of Beans* (Companion to Turtle in Paradise) - cost per book \$17.00



_____ *Turtle in Paradise* (Newbery Honor Book) - cost per book \$8.00



_____ *The 14th Goldfish* - cost per book \$8.00



_____ *Babymouse for President* - cost per book \$7.00

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY & MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO SUNSET ELEMENTARY PTA

Total books ordered _____ Total cost _____

Student Name _____ Teacher _____

Phone Number _____ Total amount paid _____

September 2nd is the last day to pre-order books

Books & Books

Sunset Elementary School

**Invites you to make a
difference in a child's life...**

If you would like to volunteer at Sunset by:

- assisting in the classrooms and Media Center
- assisting the PTA with school activities
- becoming a room parent
- chaperoning a school field trip

please join us at our:

Volunteer Orientation

Thursday, September 8th, 2016
9:00 am
Cafeteria



"Volunteers are the heart within every healthy school."