Participant students from the class with most trivia participants will get a

\$5 gift card for Ice Cream!



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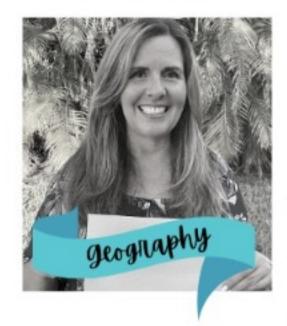
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WITH CELEBRITY GUESTS...

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JOIN US SATURDAY, OCT. 23RD AT 7PM

Join us for SEED's Virtual Family Trivia Night -- a friendly trivia competition via Zoom in the subjects of Geography, Science, U.S. History, Miami History and the U.S. Constitution!Each subject matter will have a breakout room. Families will compete as a unit against other families in each subject matter/breakout room for points. The winner of each breakout room group, and the next highest scores will then compete in a friendly final round for the title of champion!

TICKET PRESALE PRICE - \$50 PER FAMILY

Regular price \$75 per family after 10/21/21

www.sunsetseed.net/shop



Sunset Elementary School

Mrs. Ana Alvarez-Arimon Principal



Values Matter: RESPONSIBILITY

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Red Ribbon Week Ends	November 1 st Beginning of Grading Period #2			SEED Commemora from September 20			



United Way of Miami-Dade

United Way Spirit Month October 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	5	6	7	8
United Way	SUPERHERO DAY	SPORTS DAY		SUNSET PRIDE
GREAT THINGS HAPPEN WHEN WE LIVE UNITED Campaign Begins	Wear your favorite superhero gear or t-shirt. No costume masks allowed.	Show off your favorite sport or favorite team. Wear a t-shirt with school uniform bottom.		JEAN DAY Wear a Sunset t-shirt or uniform shirt with your favorite jeans.
11	12	13	14	15
Wear a t-shirt with your favorite Disney character		WACKY WEDNESDAY		FAVORITE FRIDAY Wear your favorite
and school uniform		Show off your wackiest		t-shirt with school
bottom.	19	hairdo.	21	uniform bottom.
GLOBAL DAY		TIE DYE FUN	PINK PRIDE	Pajama day
			Usicall CANCER awareness Month	Wear your cozy
Choose a country you would like to represent and dress like the people that live there.		Wear a tie dye t-shirt or tie- dye acessories with your school uniform botom.	Wear a pink t-shirt with school unform bottom.	pajamas.
25	26	27	28	29
TROPICAL DAY Another day in paradise.	CRAZY SOCK DAY Wear your favorite pair of		STORY BOOK	TEACHER PLANNING DAY
Wear your best tropical outfit. Please wear sneakers.	crazy socks.		CHARACTER DAY Dress like your favorite story book character.	No School



Dear Parents and Families:

We're excited to invite you to our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair. Hosted by our staff, this event is an opportunity for students of all ages to build their home libraries and further their love of reading. As always, all purchases benefit our school.

Our fall Book Fair will be a familiar, welcome, and safe event for our students. Here's what you need to know about the Fair, which will take place from October 18-28 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm except on Wednesday 8:30 am to 2:30 pm at the Media Center.

- Our Book Fair offers a cash-free payment option called eWallet. It's a convenient digital account that your child can use for shopping at our Fair. Grandparents, friends, and others can contribute, too!
- If your child can't make it to the Fair, then shop online at our school's Virtual Book Fair. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:

https://www.scholastic.com/bf/sunsetelementaryschoolmia

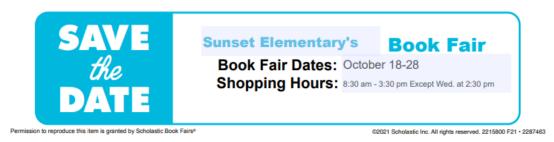
We're excited to celebrate our love of books together at the Book Fair. We look forward to seeing your child there!

Happy reading,

Ana Alvarez-Arimon

Principal

Sunset Elementary



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HELP FUEL YOUR CHILD'S LOVE OF READING!

BOOK FAIR IS CASHLESS!
SCAN OR CODE TO SET UP YOUR
CHILD'S E-WALLET ACCOUNT!

OCT 18 - 28, 2021

MEDIA CENTER
DURING SCHOOL HOURS
STUDENTS & TEACHERS ONLY











The National PTA's Reflections program provides opportunities for recognition and access to the arts which boosts student confidence and success in the arts and in life.



Each year, over 300,000 students from Pre-K through grade 12 create original works of art in response to a student selected theme. This is a 50-year-old program that helps our children explore their own thoughts, feelings, and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence, and love for learning.

The theme for the 2021-2022 Reflections program is I WILL CHANGE THE WORLD BY...

Deadline: Monday, November 1st.

Sunset students should submit their completed works of art in one or all the three categories: Literature, Photography, and Visual Arts.

Sunset Elementary PTA will be collecting entries this year ELECTRONICALLY. However, please note that if you are selected as a finalist, you need to deliver your physical artwork to the school.

If you have any questions regarding the Reflections program, please email us at programs@sunsetpta.org

Thank you!

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION

Download this <u>entry form</u> and fill it out. Typed signature accepted.

RULES:

Official General Rules & Entry Information

Literature Specific Rules/Guidelines

Photography Specific Rules/Guidelines

Visual Arts Specific Rules/Guidelines

PLEASE FOLLOW RULES that are linked above for each category. There are specific rules about artwork size, length and file type that need to be considered.

For visual art, please take as good as possible photograph of your artwork to submit. KEEP THE ART. Finalist will need to turn in in actual artwork to the school later.





Sunset Elementary School



PUBBELLY SUSHI DADELAND IS HOSTING A VERY SPECIAL FUNDRAISER FOR OUR SCHOOL.

FROM OCT 4TH- 31ST, EVERY TIME YOU DINE/ TAKE OUT AT PUBBELLY SUSHI'S DADELAND LOCATION, 10% OF SALES WILL GO BACK TOWARDS OUR SCHOOL. JUST MENTION OUR SCHOOL TO THE SERVER OR WRITE ON THE BACK OF YOUR RECEIPT AND DROP IT AT THE HOST STAND TO MAKE SURE WE GET THE BENEFIT!

BONUS: THE SCHOOL THAT RAISES THE MOST MONEY WILL GET AN ADDITIONAL \$1,000 CONTRIBUTION FROM PUBBELLY.





INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A COMMUNITY MEETING ON MIAMI-DADE SCHOOL BOARD REDISTRICTING

Dear Resident:

Following its review of 2020 U.S. Census data, the School Board will review, formulate and approve a redistricting plan, and adopt a resolution setting forth the boundaries for that plan, prior to the end of 2021. This process involves redrawing the School Board's nine residence area boundaries to achieve board member residence areas that are reflective of the population changes that have occurred since the 2010 U.S. Census. The new boundaries will be voted upon at an upcoming School Board meeting.

The proposed School Board member district map will not impact school attendance zones. It will not impact where your child attends school. It may, however, impact which School Board member's district you may vote in.

The School Board selected Florida International University (FIU) as its consultant for the redistricting process. FIU is conducting an open and transparent process using current, generally accepted methods and standards for developing redistricting plans. Public input is key to the effort.

You are invited to attend any one of six community meetings to obtain information about the process and to provide input. If you are unable to attend one of the on-site meetings in person, we invite you to participate in the virtual meeting. You can also provide comments on redistricting plans by emailing 2021redistricting@dadeschools.net.

We hope to see you there!

For more information, visit http://redistricting.dadeschools.net/

Public Meetings:

- Thursday, October 21, 2021 6:30 p.m.
 Miami Senior High School
 2450 SW 1st Street
 Miami, FL 33135
- Saturday, October 23, 2021 10:00 a.m. South Dade Senior High School 28401 SW 167 Avenue Homestead, FL 33030
- Saturday, October 23, 2021 2:00 p.m. Virtually (via Zoom)
- Tuesday, October 26, 2021 6:30 p.m.
 North Miami Senior High School
 13110 NE 8th Avenue
 North Miami, FL 33161
- Wednesday, October 27, 2021 6:30 p.m. Hialeah Gardens High School 11700 Hialeah Gardens Blvd. Hialeah Gardens, FL 33018
- Thursday, October 28, 2021 6:30 p.m.
 Felix Varela Senior High School
 15255 SW 96th Street
 Miami, FL 33196

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M-DCPS UPDATES COVID-19 PROTOCOLS



Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) continues to monitor local COVID-19 conditions when considering modifications to its existing health and safety protocols. These decisions are based on the latest data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Florida Department of Health (FLDOH), Miami-Dade County, and advice from the Ad Hoc Public Health and Medical Experts Task Force.

Current data trends suggest that our protocols have been effective in helping to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The best evidence of the effectiveness of our protocols is the decrease in positive student cases in our schools, which has consistently declined after the Labor Day peak. Since community conditions have vastly improved, the quarantine period for unvaccinated students in middle school was reduced starting Monday, October 11, 2021, to align with the current protocol for unvaccinated adults and high school students.

Unvaccinated students in middle school may return to school after 10 days since exposure without any COVID-19 testing, or with a negative PCR test administered on or after the fifth day since exposure, as long as they remain symptom-free.

M-DCPS will continue to follow the science, consult with our medical experts, and review our protocols on a weekly basis to identify opportunities for further relaxation, including adjustments to mask protocols in our facilities.

IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

October 29
Teacher Planning Day –
No School

November 11 Veteran's Day

ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN FOR MORE THAN 370 MAGNET PROGRAMS



Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is now accepting Magnet program applications for the 2022-2023 school year through January 15, 2022.

More than 370 Magnet programs for all grade levels will offer specialized courses with unique thematic strands of study that focus on students' special interests, talents and abilities.

Through M-DCPS' Magnet programs, students prepare to thrive and excel in post-secondary education and in the workplace. Some of the available programs include Space and Oceanic

Exploration, Cybersecurity,
Investing (using Bloomberg stock
exchange terminals), Artificial
Intelligence through Robotics,
Gaming Design and Animation,
Medicine, Nursing, Visual &
Performing Arts, and International
Studies just to name a few!

The Magnet application system can be accessed at <u>miamimagnets</u>. org and is available in multiple languages.

Follow Magnets on Twitter @miamimagnets for magnet-related updates. For additional information, please call 305-995-1922 to speak with the Magnet staff.

PROMOTING SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP



Values Matter Miami is a values-based educational initiative by Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). It promotes and recognizes exemplary behavior that aligns with the District's nine core values: Honesty, Integrity, Cooperation, Kindness, Pursuit of Excellence, Fairness, Citizenship, Responsibility, and Respect. During October, Values Matter Miami focuses on Responsibility.

During this month, M-DCPS also celebrates Digital Citizenship Month and promotes social media responsibility for students, employees, and the community. In our schools, we continue to teach students about appropriate social media use and how to fully understand the positive and negative implications that come with utilizing these tools. In light of recent troubling TikTok challenges encouraging students to damage school property and assault staff, we ask families to join in our efforts in emphasizing the importance of acting responsibly on social media, keeping students safe online, and distinguishing reality when things are sometimes not what they seem.

As digital citizens, our students are encouraged to be image-conscious – that is, to be aware of all the

photos and videos they post and are tagged in. Online interactions leave a permanent trail, so it is important to remind students that college recruiters, potential employers, and parents check their social media presence. Anything they post online cannot be erased, even if they delete it.

Because parents play a pivotal role in a child's education, they must be equipped with the appropriate tools and resources to navigate social media and its continuous evolution effectively. Parents are also encouraged to talk with their children about digital citizenship. The Parent Academy hosts various webinars focused on digital literacy and online safety. For information on these webinars, please visit https://parentacademymiami.com/.

OCTOBER IS #COLLEGEMONTHMDCPS



Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has designated October as College Month. This new initiative was created by the College Assistance Program (CAP) to provide support and guidance to students and their families as they navigate the college application and financial aid process. A month-long series of virtual family workshops and fairs have been developed for families. All events have and will continue to be recorded. Students can inquire with their CAP advisors to find out how to view the sessions. Below you will find some useful college planning tips.

Narrow your list of colleges

Have your child meet with a counselor about their college choices, plan a college visit, and download college applications and financial aid forms.

Remember deadlines

Create a master list or calendar that includes college entrance exams, their fees, dates, and registration deadlines; college application due dates; required financial aid application forms

and their deadlines: other materials you will need such as recommendation letters, and transcripts.

Apply for FAFSA

The 2022-2023 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application period runs through June 30, 2022. The FAFSA application process is free and provides applicants with access to sources of financial aid. Families are encouraged to apply early as some colleges award their aid on a first-come, first-serve basis. When completing the FAFSA, families will need to provide personal and tax information. Families may complete the FAFSA online at fafsa.gov.

Request a fee waiver

Ask your child's counselor to help you request a fee waiver to assist with college application or college entrance exam fees.

Take College Entrance Exams Your child should take the SAT or ACT. Remember to have their scores sent to the colleges they are applying to.

Gather Recommendation Letters

Have your child ask a teacher or counselor for letters of recommendation. Your child should provide their teacher or counselor an outline of their academic record and extracurricular activities. For each recommendation, provide a stamped and addressed envelope.

UPCOMING #COLLEGEMONTHMDCPS **WEBINARS**

Paying for College: **Understanding Scholarships** and Merit Aid

October 19, 2021 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m https://bit.ly/3lcPITt

Transitioning to College for Students with Disabilities

October 21, 2021 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m https://bit.ly/3abHBe1

NACAC Virtual College Fair

October 24, 2021 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. https://bit.ly/3Fu7QuB

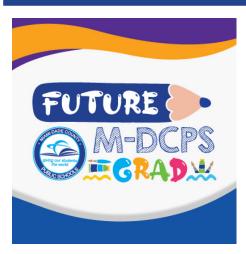
Historically Black College and Universities (HBCU) Fair

October 26, 2021 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. https://bit.ly/3AeWirw

Post-Secondary Planning for Underclassmen

October 28, 2021 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. https://bit.ly/3leZxLq

M-DCPS PARTNERS WITH JACKSON HEALTH SYSTEM TO **BRING RESOURCES TO FAMILIES**



Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and Jackson Health System (JHS) have teamed up to share information with parents of newborns on the importance of high-quality education from an early age and to highlight programs that are available in the community.

As a result of this partnership, M-DCPS will be providing a care package that includes a "Future M-DCPS Grad" bib, hand sanitizer and information on various stimulating early learning programs to families having babies at Jackson - South Florida's first designated Baby Friendly health system. JHS includes four hospitals where babies are delivered: The Women's Hospital at Jackson Memorial, Jackson North Medical Center, Jackson South Medical Center and José Milton Memorial Hospital at Jackson West Medical Center.

Early learning programs focus on social-emotional, language and cognitive development and prepare young learners for school readiness. Research has demonstrated the critical importance of the first five years of a child's life to brain development. The experiences and interactions children have in these early years help to establish the foundation for future learning.

What does M-DCPS offer by age?

- Age 0-2: Early Head Start: M-DCPS offers free infant and toddler programs for children from birth to age 2 from incomeeligible families in select schools across Miami-Dade County through the Early Head Start program funded by Miami Dade County Community Action & **Human Services Department** (CAHSD) Head Start/Early Head Start. Families can apply online at headstart.dadeschools. net or in person at one of the schools offering the program. Applications are accepted yearround.
- Age 3: Head Start: The M-DCPS Head Start program, funded by Miami Dade County CAHSD Head Start/Early Head Start provides full-day education health, nutrition, and family engagement services to children beginning at age 3. Income-eligible families can apply online at headstart. dadeschools.net or in person at one of the schools offering the program. Applications are accepted year-round.
- Age 3: Inclusion/Reverse Mainstream Program: The Department of Early Childhood Programs offers placement for 3-year-old children in their Pre-K special education inclusion and reverse mainstream programs across the District. This program provides a free, fullday opportunity for qualifying students to serve as role models.
- Age 4: Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program: The Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program (VPK) is a free educational program designed

to prepare 4- and 5-year-olds for kindergarten and build the foundation for their academic success. M-DCPS VPK programs can be found in over 200 public schools across Miami-Dade County.

JHS' Baby-Friendly designation is a highly coveted support standard of care, promoted by the World Health Organization and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). The program recognizes healthcare facilities that give mothers the information, confidence, and skills necessary to successfully initiate and continue breastfeeding or feeding their babies formula safely. It also encourages new moms and babies to stay together in the same room from the moment of birth and promotes skin-to-skin contact as much as possible.

UHealth Jackson Urgent Care Centers are the first in Florida to be designated Autism Friendly by the University of Miami-Nova Southeastern University Center for Autism & Related Disabilities (UM-NSU CARD). This designation means that staff—at all five locations—have been specially trained and all of centers have a specially-designated sensory-friendly exam room to give all patients the opportunity to experience healthcare in a safe and controlled environment.

For more information, visit the M-DCPS Department of Early Childhood Programs website at https://earlychildhood.dadeschools. net or call 305-995-7632. Attached is a flier listing available programs by age group.

For more information about Jackson Health System's maternity services visit JacksonMaternity.org.

THE PARENT ACADEMY: TPA LIVE



The Parent Academy (TPA) is a no-cost, year-round parent engagement initiative that helps parents become full partners in their children's education. The Parent Academy debuted in August 2005 and is one of Miami-Dade County Public Schools' greatest sources of information and vital resources for families. Its mission is to motivate parents and encourage them to become active partners in supporting their children's education. The four main goals of the department are to educate, engage, empower, and encourage families to reach their full potential.

The Parent Academy launched TPA LIVE (Learning In Virtual

Environments) this school year, a series of interactive online workshops in three languages (English, Spanish, and Haitian-Creole). TPA LIVE aims to support family engagement practices with additional opportunities to strengthen families' capacity to support their children's achievement and success by connecting them with available District and community resources.

Weekly virtual workshops are offered on various high-interest topics such as Parent Portal, socialemotional learning, homework help, online safety, magnet schools, mindfulness, challenging behaviors, helping your child focus, gifted learners, test anxiety, adolescence and more. Tuesday's sessions are conducted in English, Wednesday Haitian-Creole, and Thursday Spanish. Families can learn more and register for these live webinars by visiting ParentAcademyMiami. com. Resources and prerecorded webinars for families also available on The Parent Academy website.

PARENT E-TIPS

Practicing Safety
Online
https://bit.ly/3mDeoyp

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

October 20

11:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

November 16

10:00 a.m. Organization Meeting

November 17

11:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

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Discovery Education - Office Hours



Join Discovery Education during ANY open "Office Hours" session if you have technical questions about the <u>Studio Science Fair template</u>.

Office Hours Open*

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and

Thursdays

(except holidays)

*Office Hours begin Tuesday, 11/2/2021



Tuesdays @ 4:00PM - 5:00PM

JOIN HERE

Meeting ID: 927 7734 2504

Password: discovery

Wednesdays @ 2:30PM - 3:30PM

JOIN HERE

Meeting ID: 954 1037 5633

Password: discovery

Thursdays @ 8:30AM - 9:00AM

JOIN HERE

Meeting ID: 922 1425 5098

Password: discovery





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2021-2022 Elementary Science Fair





PARENT NIGHT

We hope to see you there!

Join us for a Zoom
webinar for tips on how
to participate in the
Elementary Science
Fair STEAM Expo.

Tuesday, October 26th

at 6:00PM - 7:00PM





Please Register to Participate!

You will receive an email confirmation with the zoom information.
Visit our website for more science fair information:

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