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James Griffin

BCPS James Griffin Named State's Top Principal

Lauderhill Lakes Middle School Principal James Griffin has received the state's top principal honor – Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership. The announcement came January 21 at the Florida Department of Education Commissioner's Summit for Principals in Orlando. Griffin was named Broward's Principal of the Year 2010 while at Rock Island Elementary School last year. He beat out two other finalists for the state's top award and received a check for \$5,000. Rock Island Elementary will also receive \$1,000 as part of the recognition.

The state honor recognizes the principal who has demonstrated strong leadership and
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Alvin Davis

Alvin Davis Named Broward Teacher Of The Year 2012

Each year is an exciting new adventure in Alvin Davis' classroom at Miramar High School. As a music educator for the past 10 years, he believes that it is not enough to just teach music, he also reinforces the skills learned in other classes. Davis' objective is to develop an award winning, academic-focused music program on the cutting edge of creativity and band pageantry.

Davis became an award winner himself on February 16 when he was named Broward Teacher of the Year 2012 at a gala event held at the Broward County Convention Center in Fort Lauderdale.
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Dawn Yates holds the check she received as Broward's School-Related Employee of the Year.

Dawn Yates Named Broward's School-Related Employee of the Year

For the second time, Dawn Yates, Community Liaison at Lauderdale Manors Elementary School, has been named Broward's School-Related Employee of the Year. She held the same position at the same school when she first received the honor in 2000. Yates was named this year's winner at a breakfast held in December at the Signature Grand in Davie.

Yates has served as a community liaison for 24 years at Lauderdale Manors and feels like it is her second home. Her ties to the school are also strong for another reason. She attended
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Message from the Board Chair and Superintendent

As you may know, on February 18, the 19th Statewide Grand Jury released a report containing Findings and Recommendations regarding the District's practices and procedures. In all, 21 recommendations were made, three of which, however, would require legislative and/or voter action.



Benjamin J. Williams
Chair

In October 2009, the District convened The Commission on Education Excellence through Integrity, Public Ethics and Transparency to review the District's practices, procedures and supporting policies to ensure they align with the highest level of integrity and best business practices. Many of the recommendations of this ethics panel were also echoed in the Grand Jury's Report.



James F. Notter
Superintendent

Prior to the release of this report, the District had already initiated many of the reforms called for. For example, selection committees are being restructured to maximize transparency. The School Board is attending an ethics workshop presented by the Executive Director and General Counsel of the Florida Ethics Commission. Also, the Board is in the process of approving a comprehensive ethics policy, along with related training for the Board and employees. In addition, the reporting requirements in the existing lobbyist policy are being strengthened.

It is important for you to know that we take the Grand Jury's Report very seriously and although we have responded initially to Florida Commissioner of Education Eric Commissioner Smith's request for a plan of action, we will continue to review the Findings and Recommendations to develop additional measures to further strengthen accountability in the areas of concern and restore the public's trust in our school system.

To read the complete response to Commissioner Smith, visit the District's website at (www.browardschools.com).

Sincerely,

Benjamin J. Williams
Chair, Broward County Public Schools

James F. Notter
Superintendent of Schools

enhanced community involvement. Griffin set a standard of high expectations to create positive change in the teaching and learning culture while at Rock Island Elementary. He used educational equipment and groundbreaking methodologies to provide students the best learning experience possible.

Griffin will now represent Florida in the U.S. Department of Education's search for the nation's top school leader – National Principal of the Year.

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Davis' students will tell you, he focuses on three areas: academics, discipline and musicality. Thanks to his support, for the past three years every student that was a regular participating member of the Miramar Band Program has been accepted to a post-secondary education institution or program. In order to do this, he put certain rules and regulations in place. Every student receives one-on-one counseling with a member of the band staff and he personally reviews a copy of every band member's report card and interim reports.

Every after school band rehearsal includes a one-hour study hall where students participate in peer tutoring, and additional tutoring is provided after rehearsal as needed. He even keeps a resource library of every textbook of every class the school offers. All Davis' students who are seniors must show proof that they have registered for the SAT or ACT in order to be allowed to perform, and by January, they must prove that they have applied to a college or university. He always strives for excellence and high student achievement.

Finalists for Broward Teacher of the Year 2012 included:

- Marc Horowitz, Indian Trace Elementary School
- Beth Goldman, J.P. Taravella High School
- Julia Perlowski, Pompano Beach High School
- Lazslo Nagy, Western High School
- Frederica Carter, Hallandale High School

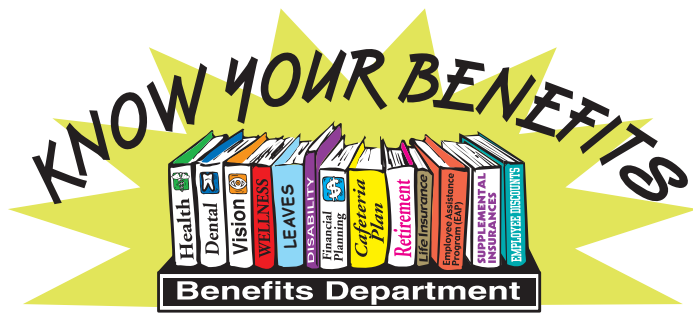
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Lauderdale Manors, as did her children and now her grandchildren. Upon hearing she was being honored a second time, she was both shocked and flattered, but her thoughts quickly turned to the students. She announced that she planned to use her \$1,000 prize to bring holiday cheer to the families at her school.

Dawn Yates is such a believer in parents becoming involved in their child's education, she became a community liaison in order to help parents become engaged in the educational process. Her personal belief is that strong family support helps children strive to reach their academic potential and become productive members of society. For more than 20 years, the Broward County Council of PTAs has recognized Yates for her outstanding service.

Finalists for the honor included:

- Teresa Basilone, Office Manager/Confidential Secretary, Silver Lakes Middle School
- Rosemary Bryant, Food and Nutrition Services Dual Manager, Blanch Ely and Pompano Beach high schools
- Gloria Burde, Clerk Specialist, North Area Superintendent's Office
- Barney Harden, Head Facilities Service Person, Rock Island Professional Development Center
- Sandra Gayle Motes, Clerk Specialist A Confidential, Benefits Department



BCPS Employee Offers Proof that Diabetes Can be Managed



Mattie Brown is pictured with her husband Charles at an event held in memory of their daughter.

Mattie Brown, a 63-year-old employee who works in the Magnet Office at Boyd Anderson High School, comes from a family of individuals with Type I and Type II Diabetes. The females in her lineage have specific problems with Type II, which is attributed to poor diet and obesity. In 2004, her daughter passed away at age 39 from complications of diabetes, which she had struggled with since age 11.

In 2007, Brown herself was diagnosed with Type II. Because she did not manage her diabetes well, her blood glucose spun out of control. She developed a terrible case of Bronchitis and a severe toe infection, which

lead to a prescription of prednisone. This drug contributed to her A1C elevation to 13.4 (normal is 6.4). A Hemoglobin A1C test is used as a standard tool to determine blood sugar control for patients with diabetes. She was put on insulin for about 6-months, 3-4 shots per day (sliding scale), and needed to check her blood glucose before each meal. She felt strongly that her quality of life was compromised and she needed to act fast.

Additionally, in 2007, Charles, her husband of 25 years, had open-heart surgery and was in poor health. He needed to reduce his Body Mass Index, blood pressure and cholesterol intake. Brown decided to become the CEO of her household, by rearranging her pantry, implementing an exercise plan, keeping a food diary, reading labels, watching her diet, focusing on portion control and joining a support group. Her goal of being healthy seemed unattainable given the state of her biometrics, but she became determined to change her behavior.

"Thanks to my enrolling into a Wellness Program, exercising, and maintaining a strictly regimented diet, consisting of no more than 45 grams of carbohydrates each meal, I am no longer on insulin. My recent lab results showed my A1C to be at 6.5, much better than my previous reading of 13.4. I also lost approximately 40 pounds and my husband did too. It is a family thing now," Brown says.

Her goal and challenge is to keep herself and her husband on task with the target blood glucose range of 80-120. She still exercises regularly, reads labels of food items purchased, watches her carbs and sugar intake, and tests her blood glucose at least 2-3 times per day to ensure that she is not wavering. Most importantly, she keeps a daily log of what she eats and of her test results, even for that occasional cheating. Brown says, "My doctor is so proud of me! I bring my test and food diary to work and to the medical professionals who share in my wellness successes."

The challenge for her is to minimize carbs and sugar and to be disciplined regarding her daily log and testing, which keeps her focused and honest with

herself. The reward is more energy, feeling better and wonderful trips to charitable organizations to get rid of all of the extra large clothes.

"My husband and I are courting again. I feel youthful and thin," Brown said. She challenges all School Board employees to start early and watch their diets, so they can avoid future health problems. "If someone like me can do it and reverse the diabetic disposition that I had, then I am convinced that anyone can - although I have to constantly remind myself that my diabetes did not go away - if not managed, it can be life threatening, I am encouraged."

District Saves Over \$1.3 Million in Costs During Winter Break

With employees at schools and other Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) sites working together and following the District's "Turn It Off" motto, BCPS reduced its electrical consumption during the winter break, by over eight million kilowatt-hours, compared to the same period last year. That reduction resulted in a savings of over \$1.1 million. That savings is in addition to an estimated \$250,000 to \$300,000 saved in refuse costs, by suspending refuse pick-up for the two-week period.

Between July 1, 2010 and January 7, 2011, the District has saved over \$4 million in electrical costs compared to the same period in 2010. BCPS did benefit from a reduced cost of a little more than a penny per kilowatt-hour, but conservation efforts on the part of employees were key to saving taxpayer dollars at a time of budget concerns for the District.

For additional information on BCPS energy conservation efforts, contact Rob Jindrcek, Manager, Energy Conservation Utility Management, Physical Plant Operations Division, 754-321-4756.

Stranahan Students Working with Acclaimed 3-D Artist



Junior Brandon Beckford paints one of the "Dream Catcher" people for the mobile component of the project.

The project is slated to be unveiled March 25.

Students at Stranahan High School worked with acclaimed 3-D artist Charles Fazzino in the creation of a unique mural to celebrate the city of Fort Lauderdale's 100th birthday. Throughout the creation of the project, Fazzino worked with Stranahan art teacher Nancy Green and the students, either in person or through distance learning.

The 20 X 12 foot work of art, located on a wall inside the school, is a Fort Lauderdale cityscape with a "dream catcher" mounted above to create a 3-D effect. The dream catcher features caricatures of the students as artists, dancers and musicians.

The Broward Education Foundation (BEF) awarded a grant to Stranahan to assist with the purchase of materials for the project.

Students at Coconut Creek Elementary School Win Grand Prize in Fire Safety Video Contest

Students in Marcia Fay's third grade and Michele Rothacker's second grade classes at Coconut Creek Elementary School produced the winning entry in a fire safety video contest sponsored by Paul Davis Restoration, Inc. The video, produced with assistance from Pompano Beach Fire Rescue personnel, was selected from among 60 entries submitted. The winning video was selected by YouTube users.



Coconut Creek Elementary School students hold the \$10,000 check they earned by creating the grand prize-winning fire safety video.

The purpose of the contest was to draw awareness to the importance of fire safety and to recognize the life-saving efforts of fire professionals throughout the state of Florida. To view the winning video, go to (www.firesafetyproject.com).

In addition to presenting a \$10,000 check to the school, the company made a \$2,500 donation to Coconut Creek Fire Rescue, the department that serves the



BEF Nominee Named Corporation of the Year

BrightStar Credit Union was named the Corporation of the Year by the Broward Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) at the annual Philanthropy Day Luncheon held in November. The Broward Education Foundation nominated Bright Star for the award.

In nominating BrightStar, Jorene Jameson, President and CEO of the Foundation cited BrightStar's outstanding philanthropic record. "The Credit Union's total annual financial commitment for BCPS exceeds \$100,000 -- which is more than five percent of the Credit Union's yearly net income. In addition to supporting education, BrightStar is a supporter of the annual historic Sistrunk Festival and has raised money (more than \$40,000) for hurricane Katrina victims in New Orleans and for earthquake victims in Haiti."



The School Board recognized BrightStar Credit Union's honor with a resolution at its December 7 meeting. Pictured (l - r) are Jorene Jameson, President and CEO, BEF; Joseph Cobo, Chairman of the Board, BEF; Dr. Dorothy Orr, Chair, BrightStar Board of Directors; Maureen Dinnen, School Board member, District 3; and Ralph Crockett, BrightStar CEO.

BrightStar supports the Broward Education Foundation's programs including the teacher grants program, the scholarship program for graduating seniors and sponsors the annual "End of the School Year" party held at the Hard Rock Café.

"They're a donor that quietly does their philanthropy without much fanfare," said Jameson. "I just felt that they deserved some recognition for their continuous support of education and the community over the years."

Teachers Visit Holocaust Memorial Museum

Eight Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) secondary teachers spent the first few days of their Spring Break (March 14 - 16) exploring the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) in Washington, D.C. They took part in intensive training and had an opportunity to experience one of the most respected museums and Holocaust education centers in the world. Participating teachers included Munir Munjabi, Nova Middle School; David Wood, Plantation High School; Jayshree Nagani, Pines Middle School; Marilyn Blair, Piper High School; Lori Bruno, Apollo Middle School; Valerie Arena, Coral Springs High School; Horace Henry, Sawgrass Spring Middle School; and Terri Coyle, Core Curriculum-Reading.

One highlight of the trip was a session on understanding and teaching the Holocaust with USHMM resources, presented by noted historian Dr. Ann Millin and Director of Research and Projects for the Committee on Conscience, Bridget Conley-Zikic.

The Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education Holocaust at Florida Atlantic University (FAU) funded the program and covered all the teachers' travel and lodging costs, as well as the cost of classroom strategies, curricula and all materials.

BCPS Multicultural Curriculum Development/Training Specialist Linda Medvin and Director of the Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center at FAU, Dr. Rose Gatens lead the tour. Stephen Montrose, a child survivor of the Holocaust, accompanied the group and shared his experiences with the educators.

Rickards Middle School Hosts Dr. Seuss Anti-bullying Reading Event



Alexandra Perez (left) and Rebecca Simon dressed as the Dr. Seuss characters Thing 1 and Thing 2.

The auditorium at Rickards Middle School was transformed into the colorful world of Dr. Seuss with decorations to delight the kindergarten students invited to attend the school's annual Dr. Seuss event.

The theme of this year's event was the Dr. Seuss book *The Sneeches*, which conveys an anti-bullying, anti-hate message, however, each of the 12 to 15 activity centers set-up around the auditorium focused on a different Seuss book. The centers were manned by Rickard Middle School honor roll students, and featured activities that encouraged reading and good citizenship.

Kindergarten students from three different elementary schools took part on their assigned days - Oakland Park, Floranada and Lloyd Estates - and on one evening, Rickards opened its doors to all children in the community, ages 2 - 8, so they can enjoy and benefit from this special event.



Teacher News

Teacher "Tweets" About Class Trip to Kennedy Space Center

Heron Heights Elementary School fourth grade students taking a trip to Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex shared their exciting exploration with 54,213 people via Twitter, thanks to their teacher, Sara Srebnik.

The fourth grade teacher tweeting marked the first time a Broward County school teacher had tweeted an event through a school's network.

"Twitter is a great way to share knowledge as it is happening," said Srebnik, who has been involved with Twitter since mid-2008. "I thank our Principal Ken King for allowing me to do this and hope that it gave parents of the children on this trip a bird's eye view of their children's experience that has never been available before."

Srebnik tweeted about touring the Visitor Complex facility, attending the Hubble Telescope IMAX film and exploring the Space Shuttle exhibit. "Many of our parents have probably never been to Kennedy Space Center Visitor's Complex (www.twitter.com/ExploreSpaceKSC) themselves, so another benefit of the live-tweet was to help parents understand exactly all of the great things available on the trip."

Sponsors of the BEF Teacher Grant Program include Wachovia, State Farm Insurance, License for Learning, State of Florida Matching Gifts Program and the Broward County Public Schools employees.

For additional information, please contact the Broward Education Foundation at 754-321-2030 or visit the Foundation's web site browardedfoundation.net.

Susan Davis Named Holocaust and Human Rights Education Exemplary Elementary Educator for 2010



Susan Davis

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) Susan Davis, a media specialist at Seagull Alternative High School, was named the Florida Atlantic University's Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education Exemplary Elementary Educator for 2010. The announcement was made January 13 at the Second Annual Teacher Appreciation Dinner at Lakeside Terrace in Boca Raton. Nominations were received from Broward, Palm Beach and St. Lucie County public schools. The middle school winner is from Palm Beach and the high school winner from St. Lucie public schools.

Davis was presented with the Gutterman Family Exemplary Holocaust Educator Award, which is funded by Arthur Gutterman of Boca Raton. The award will enable Davis to participate in the Holocaust and Jewish Resistance Teachers' Program, a three-week study program in July. She will travel to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) in Washington, DC, Holocaust-related sites in Poland and Germany and Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority in Jerusalem, Israel. The USHMM, Yad Vashem, and the Jewish Labor Committee will cover the \$3,500 cost of the trip.

Davis worked as the media specialist at Bennett Elementary School for 20 years before moving to Seagull Alternative High School at the beginning of this school year.

Mathematics Teachers of the Year Named

The Core Curriculum Department and the Broward County Council of the Teachers of Mathematics named three BCPS teachers as 2010-11 Mathematics Teachers of the Year.

The Elementary Mathematics Teacher of the Year, Marjorie Archer has a Masters Degree in Educational Technology from Florida Atlantic University. She is a 3rd grade teacher at Nova Blanche Forman Elementary, a District Math Facilitator and an Advanced Promethean Trainer. A dynamic and innovative trainer for the Go Math program, the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards and Go Math Technology, she is looked upon as a valuable resource for both her school and the District. In the classroom, Archer's students use i-Pod touch technology to develop podcasts for mathematics lessons and the use of the i-Pod touch is extended to complete homework assignments.

The Broward Education Foundation awards \$32,200 in Teacher Grant Awards

The Broward Education Foundation (BEF) Teacher Grant program awards cash grants between \$300 - \$1,200 to teachers who want to try something new in the classroom to stimulate learning, but need funding to make their ideas a reality. Providing the seed money for creative teaching ideas is critical to helping children learn and stay in school.

This year, BEF received more than 134 Teacher Grant applications from educators throughout the school system. Through an arduous grant reading process, 36 of these grants were selected to receive \$32,200 in award money.

One example of the creativity of BCPS teachers is Dona Magio, a teacher at Sunrise Middle. She was awarded \$1,000 for her submission, The Wide World Of Cultural Arts. This program will increase student awareness of the arts and sports. Students will be intrigued by weekly podcasts featuring popular actors, artists, musicians and sports heroes throughout history. The podcasts will be aired on the school news show in the format of "where in the world" or "what period in time" did this person become famous. Students will read books about historical artists, musicians and sports stars, research their lives and create podcasts to present on the school show.



Allison Fox and her class from Palmview Elementary School express their thanks for the grant Fox received for her project, "Science Make It Click."

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The Middle School Mathematics Teacher of the Year, Melissa Rodriguez has a Masters Degree in Middle Grades Mathematics from Florida Atlantic University. She is a mathematics teacher at Deerfield Beach Middle School and has used her creativity to develop projects such as Music + Math = SUCCESS, Math Minute Mirror Cards, Math Jeopardy and ESOL math fluency tournaments. Rodriguez uses cooperative learning and technology to create a positive learning environment for her students. She has been awarded several grants from the Broward Education Foundation as well as the National Science Foundation.

The High School Mathematics Teacher of the Year, Laszlo Nagy has a Masters Degree in Mathematics from Florida International University. He is a mathematics teacher at Western High School where he develops innovative projects for his students and incorporates technology extensively. Laszlo worked with his peers to restructure the Pre-Calculus and Advanced Placement Calculus courses to align courses with the highest standards. He networks with colleagues nationwide, and regularly attends professional workshops to remain current with pedagogical practices.

While the students were hard at work in testing rooms, their parents, teachers and caregivers were kept busy with workshops, a musical and a dance presentation. Many sponsors, including Lyons Eye Institute, Seedlings Braille Books for Children, and Florida Reading and Vision Technology were on-hand to



RJ Woodruff from Seminole Middle School takes part in the Braille Challenge.

demonstrate their products and services for the visually impaired.

Even Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students participate in the Braille Challenge, however they do not compete. They are joined by students of any age who are just learning Braille. These "Rookies" take part in activities designed to recognize their achievements and

encourage involvement.

The remaining participants are divided into five groups depending on their ages and/or abilities: Apprentice, Freshman, Sophomore, Junior Varsity and Varsity.

At the Braille Challenge, fast friends and close companions become formidable opponents. The competition is comprised of four tests. The first is a speed and accuracy test. The students listen to digital files played on devices such as the Book Port Plus and the Victor Reading Stream and then Braille what they hear. The second is a reading comprehension test. Participants read and then answer questions about what they've read. The third test examines the students' proofreading skills and knowledge of Braille Code. The fourth and final test examines the students' ability to read and comprehend Braille charts and graphs.

Prizes make any competition all the more thrilling. While all participants receive a certificate of participation and a necklace with a token on which the word 'love' is printed in Braille, there are some big prizes for those who prevail in Braille.

BCPS had several winners. Apprentice winners were: first, Khyree Federick, Cypress Elementary School (talking iPod Shuffle and \$15 iTunes gift card) and second, Catherine Salazar, Manatee Bay Elementary School (\$25 Target gift card).

Freshman winners were: first Annette Lamas, Silver Shores Elementary School (\$50 Visa gift card); second, Rochelle Watson, Everglades High School (\$25 Target gift card) and third, Katherine Espinosa, J.P. Taravella High School (\$25 Target gift card). All the Sophomore group winners attend Miami-Dade public schools.

The Junior Varsity victors this year were: first, Tiffany Persaud, Pines Middle School (\$100 Visa gift card); second, Roosevelt Thermitus, Forest Glen Middle School (talking iPod Shuffle and \$15 iTunes gift card) and third, Joey Petrocelli, Forest Glen Middle School (\$50 Visa gift card). Kyle Boga, Everglades High School was the first place winner in the Varsity group and received a \$100 Visa gift card.

"There are not many events for the visually impaired geared toward competition," said Glaser, however, Broward's Braille Challenge, now in its third year, is gaining in popularity. For visually impaired students, mastering Braille provides them with a vehicle that will open the world of learning for a lifetime.

For more information about the Braille Challenge, go to (www.BrailleChallenge.org)

District Hosts Annual South Florida Braille Challenge

Hosted by Broward County Public Schools, the South Florida Braille Challenge was held Friday, January 28 at the Edgewood Administrative Center in Fort Lauderdale.



Annette Lamas, a 3rd grade student Silver Shores Elementary School prepares for one of her Braille tests, as volunteer Ruth Mitchell looks on. Annette represented the state of Florida in her age category in last year's national competition in California.

The annual event gives visually impaired first graders through high school seniors from the tri-county area an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to communicate in Braille. Those who excel in the local competition could have the honor of joining 60 winners from across the nation at the 2011 Braille Challenge finals to be held in Los Angeles on June 24-25.

The Braille Institute established the national competitions 11 years ago to recognize students' efforts and achievements and to promote Braille. Sue Glaser, Florida Braille Challenge Director, FIMC-VI, said, "Some may ask 'why bother to learn Braille in this age of technology.' However, Braille is as important to the sight-impaired as pen and paper are to those with normal vision." Glaser explained that this communications system, devised 190 years ago for the visually impaired, is filled with many contractions. The participants must demonstrate knowledge of both contracted and un-contracted Braille. To simplify, a student must first be able to Braille a word like "c-a- n-d-y," and then Braille the contracted form of the word "c-and-y."

Following the opening ceremony, this year's 24 participants reported to various classrooms where the testing began behind closed doors. Small windows in the classrooms doors allowed onlookers to observe the young faces fully engaged in the tasks at hand.

Kids in Need Resource Center Holds Grand Opening

On January 26, the Kids in Need Resource Center held the grand opening of its new location in Pompano Beach.



A grand opening ceremony was held for The Broward Education Foundation's Kids in Need Resource Center, now in its new location in Pompano Beach.

Established 10 years ago by the Broward Education Foundation (BEF), The Kids in Need Resource Center, has provided school supplies to approximately 8,800 teachers who then pass the backpacks, pencils, paper and other materials on to nearly 155,000 Broward students.

The previous location was so limited in space it was only able to serve 50 percent of the teachers in Title 1 schools. The ultimate goal of the new center is to serve 100 percent of these teachers each school year. The expanded facility will allow the Resource Center to more than double its hours of operation to three hours each weekday and half a day on Saturdays.

"When more teachers have an opportunity to tap into the Center's resources, the obvious beneficiaries will be their students – the ones who have few, if any, school supplies to call their own," said Jorene Jameson, president and CEO of BEF.

Grand opening festivities featured the Pompano Beach High School Drum Line, an official ribbon cutting and a 60-second dash for school supplies. Two Broward teachers, Kelly Hickman and Erika Rupp, participated in the 60-second dash to fill their carts with goodies. Both teachers were selected based on an essay contest for the event.

For information on the Kids in Need Resource Center, please contact Hector Javier, store manager at 754-321-9021 or (hector.javier@browardschools.com).

A Principal Keeps Her Word



In order to inspire her students to read, Panther Run Elementary School Principal Elaine Saef promised to kiss a horse if they read 15 minutes per night for three weeks. The students fell short of that goal, however the excitement about reading was so great that, to the students' delight, Saef did keep her word.

Special Ceremonies

South Plantation High School Celebrates 40th Anniversary

Students, staff, alumni and community members celebrated the 40th anniversary of South Plantation High School on Saturday, February 19.

Festivities began with tours of the school, followed by a formal ceremony in the auditorium. During the ceremony, former students who are "making their mark," alumni now teaching at the school, and current teachers who have been at the school for 20 years or more were recognized.

Capping-off the event was the dedication of the Sandra Darr Athletic Field. Darr, who retired after more than 20 years at South Plantation, served as the school's athletic director, coach and teacher.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Held for Giant Mural

On February 2, Everglades High School students and staff, area dignitaries and School District officials took part in a ribbon cutting ceremony for a 62' mosaic mural entitled, "Sunrise Over the Everglades." Artist-in-Residence, Beth Ravitz was a special guest.

The giant mural is the result of a cross-curricular effort by students at the school, under the guidance of Ravitz and Everglades art teacher Janet Rubinson.

Virginia Shuman Young Elementary Holds Blue Ribbon Celebration

Virginia Shuman Young Montessori Elementary School (VSY) was recognized at a Blue Ribbon School ceremony held in Washington, D.C on November 16. However, the school wanted to hold a celebration that would enable all the students, staff and community to celebrate the school's outstanding accomplishment.



VSY Principal Dr. Mark Strauss shows the crowd the school's Blue Ribbon School certificate.

On January 12, VSY held an outdoor ceremony that featured greetings from Dr. Deedra Hicks, Regional Director, Florida Department of Education and student presentations. The keynote address was presented by Jim Mould, Director, U.S. Department of Education.

Following the ceremony students and staff took part in a festive parade around the campus. The program concluded in front of the school with the raising of the Blue Ribbon flag and singing of the school song.

The Blue Ribbon School program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, recognizes schools that are either academically superior or demonstrate dramatic gains in overall achievement in both reading and mathematics.



Atlantic Technical Center's Toyota TTEN Program Earns National Recognition Award

Atlantic Technical Center's Director Robert Crawford has once again been notified by Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc. that the school's TTEN (Technician Training & Education Network) program is the best in the nation. Toyota established the annual TTEN School Recognition Award to honor the five highest performing schools from among the 42 programs throughout the country. Over the years, Atlantic's program has consistently been in the top five in this rigorous selection process.

As recipients of the 2010 award, Ken Bergmann, TTEN program coordinator, Tom Keller and Ken Williams, TTEN teachers and students will have a corporate-sponsored celebration where Toyota executives will present a plaque and a special gift to the program of a Techstream diagnostic computer.

The Toyota TTEN program is a partnership between Toyota and selected technical schools across the United States to identify and train the highly skilled technicians needed at Toyota/Lexus/Scion dealerships. The two-year program teaches advanced automotive theory, practical hands-on applications and provides direct dealership experience working alongside Toyota/Lexus/Scion technicians. Instruction aligns with the eight ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) certifications, and graduates must earn a minimum of two ASE's prior to completion of the program. Moreover, they can earn an excellent job at a local dealership and exceptional opportunities for corporate advancement.

The operation of a high-performing TTEN program requires adherence to exacting standards, meeting graduate objectives, placements at dealerships, maintenance of instructor and program certifications and compliance with Toyota

Coconut Palm Elementary School Holds "Teens for Jeans" Campaign



Pictured (l to r) are Coconut Palm Elementary School Student Ambassadors Nicholas Mijares, David DeMelo, Jermaine Fleming, Namrata Datta, Lorin Alleyne, Lannika Johnson and Maya Dayan.

Students, staff and parents at Coconut Palm Elementary School collected over 500 pairs of jeans during the schools recent "Teens for Jeans" drive organized by Student Ambassadors at the school with guidance from Christopher Gates a teaching assistant in the school's autism cluster and Ruth DeMelo, a teacher in the cluster.

Coconut Palm's Student Ambassadors are a group of students who learn about projects and activities and then assume leadership roles to carry out that project or activity. The Student Ambassadors will visit and tour the campus of His House Children's Home (residential program and child placement agency), and meet with representatives of Covenant House (24-hour intake homeless shelter), the two organizations receiving the donations from the Teens for Jeans Campaign.

School Board in Action

Board Approves the 2011/12 School Calendar

The Board approved the 2011/12-school calendar. The calendar committee comprised of area representatives from the various bargaining units, PTA, District Advisory Council, principals and selected District departments, established the school calendar. The calendar reflects six paid holidays, 10 employee planning days, and six early release days beginning in August and ending in June. Students will begin school on August 22, 2011, and end on June 7, 2012. Spring break will be March 12-16, 2012, due to the FCAT testing windows for the 2011/12 school year. Staff in conjunction with the calendar committee, also developed the corresponding year-round school calendars; summer term calendars for community schools and technical centers, and employee work calendars.

Board Approves Agreement With Various Health Care Facilities

The School Board approved a continuation agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Education and Plantation General Hospital. The agreement will provide clinical learning experiences to Broward County Schools Health Science Education students at hospitals, nursing homes and other facilities. On-site clinical experiences are necessary to meet curriculum frameworks, student performance standards and requirements of regulatory agencies for students to qualify for certification/licensure examinations upon program completion.

This column is designed to update you about actions taken at recent meetings and other activities of the Broward County School Board.

Women's History Month Match Game Open to All BCPS Employees

March has been designated as Women's History Month. The Diversity & Cultural Outreach Department is once again sponsoring its annual Women's History Month Match Game to promote and embrace the contributions women have made to society.

This year's Match Game display is located in the lobby of the Kathleen C. Wright Administration Center (600 SE Third Ave., Fort Lauderdale) during the month of March. The rules, game, and entry form are available on the Department's website at (www.broward.k12.fl.us/diversity) or via the District's website (www.browardschools.com).

Answers will be posted in April, along with the name of this year's winner. Only District employees may enter the contest. However, everyone is invited to play for fun and/or use the Match Game as a learning tool.

No entry forms will be accepted after March 31, 2011.

For additional information, contact Nancy Weintraub, Community Liaison, Diversity & Cultural Outreach Department at 754-321-2090.

BCPS Students Recognized for Participation in Substance Abuse Prevention Competition

More than 3,500 Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) middle school students participated in the 2nd annual Substance Abuse Prevention Competition — Superintendent's Cup Challenge. Superintendent James F. Notter presented awards to the winners during a ceremony held January 13 at the Kathleen C. Wright Administration Center.

Student participants were asked to gather information on tobacco prevention from select websites and then take a short quiz on the information they learned. Those with the most correct answers on the quiz, in the shortest amount of time, were eligible for some prizes including an iPod Touch, iPod Nano, and gift certificates worth hundreds of dollars.

Winner of the Superintendent's Cup, with the highest percentage of participants, was Pioneer Middle School. Top individual winners were from Pioneer, New Renaissance, Glades, Bair and Driftwood middle schools.

"This year's competition exceeded our expectations with 1,000 more participants than last year," said Tresha Fletcher, prevention specialist with the Office of Prevention Programs for BCPS.

The annual competition is an effort between the Area Health Education Centers Program at Nova Southeastern University, BCPS, Best Buy, Broward County Health Department, CVS, Florida Department of Children and Families, Project Bridge and the United Way of Broward County Commission on Substance Abuse.

A Bit of History

Teaching and inspiring good character is part of educating the whole child. Character Education, *Character – The Core of Our Lives*, was introduced in the Broward County Public Schools in the fall of 2000. The District has focused instruction on the eight character traits: responsibility, citizenship, kindness, respect, honesty, self-control, tolerance, and cooperation. In addition, after the national tragedy of September 11, the District increased its emphasis on patriotism. A different character trait is highlighted each month and a nationally recognized curriculum has been developed.

The teaching of character education is fundamental in preparing students for their future opportunities. The concepts of the program address such issues as bullying and discrimination, while encouraging all students to achieve and succeed. The District recognizes that families will always have the primary role in shaping the moral character of children, but schools also play a vital role in teaching and inspiring good character.

To learn more about the history of Broward County Public Schools go to (www.browardschools.com/history).

West Broward High School Earns Third Place in PSA Contest

Students from West Broward High School received third place in the high school category of the Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! public service announcement (PSA) contest. The announcement was made in Tallahassee by Florida First Lady Ann Scott. To enter the contest, students created a short announcement that highlights and promotes the importance of literacy in the state of Florida. The school received \$250 for its third place finish. The PSAs are being broadcast statewide on the Florida Knowledge Network.

Employees Wear Red to Show Support

Employees from all across the District wore red on February 4 to show support



for women and the battle against heart disease. The goal of the event is to build awareness of the risk and raise funds for research and education to prevent cardiovascular disease. Pictured are employees from the Benefits Department, Leaves and Coventry.

New Mentor and Fitness Program Launched by BCPS

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) Youth Mentoring Office, the Before and After School Child Care Department and Commit-2B-Fit have teamed-up to create an innovative new program that combines fitness and mentoring in an after school setting. The goal of the program is to help students develop a greater sense of self-confidence, achieve better grades, understand the importance of staying in school and develop exercise and nutrition behaviors that improve their long term health.

The program held its kick-off event on January 20 at Davie Elementary School. The participants are all volunteers who are interested in working with students as mentors and fitness buddies. Among the volunteers signing-up for the program, were members of the Miami Fury Women's Tackle Football League.

After completing an orientation session and a security background check, mentors are assigned to one or more students to engage in a variety of activities. These include team sports such as soccer, basketball, volleyball and tag, computerized programs, such as Wii Fit and Dance Revolution, as well as aerobics, jump rope and a fitness obstacle course.

In addition to engaging in physical activities, the mentors spend time getting to know each student and help them track their fitness and nutrition accomplishments in a journal and on-line.

The Mentor/Fitness program is currently only offered at Davie Elementary. Mentors must make a commitment to meet with their mentee at least one hour a week, Monday through Friday between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m.

Anyone interested in becoming a fitness mentor should contact Wanda Robinson in the BCPS Youth Mentoring Office at 754-321-1972 or via E-mail at (wanda.robinson@browardschools.com).

Did You Know?

BCPS visual arts and music departments joined forces to present a countywide extravaganza at the Coral Springs Center for the Arts. The event featured concerts as well as the Superintendent's Advanced Placement Studio Art Exhibit and awards presentation. Winners included: Best in Show, Ana Delcid, Deerfield Beach High School; first place, Anna Waurzyniak, J. P. Taravella High School; second place, Colleen Lewis, Dillard Center for the Arts; third place,

Priyaa Treu, J.P. Taravella High School; honorable mentions – Carlos Rodriguez, Dillard Center for the Arts; Hilary Katzen, South Broward High School; Zubir Husein, Stranahan High School and Stephanie Ou, J. P. Taravella High School.

For the third year in a row, Everglades High School's National Science Honor Society brought its Science Road Show to Silver Lakes Elementary School. The event included fun activities for the whole family to do together in the areas of biology, chemistry, physical science and physics.

Over 30 men from the community took part in Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School's 4th annual African-American Men Read-In. The purpose of the event is to encourage literacy among students by showcasing African-American men who have a passion for reading. African-American literature and authors were featured during the read-in that was part of the schools celebration of Black History Month.

Coral Springs Elementary received the Target Grant, Celebrating Literacy With All Students, for \$1,000. This grant will assist students in satisfying their natural curiosity for information, provide students with opportunities for learning and ensure that students have a variety of reading experiences, and develop the habit of using library resources for lifelong learning. The monies received will update the resources in the Coral Springs Media Center. The books purchased included award winning books chosen by the students in grades kindergarten through fifth grade. These materials included fiction, nonfiction books and audiovisual materials.

The Dairy Council of Florida selected Driftwood Middle School as the Fuel Up to Play 60 featured school for the Miami Dolphins game against the Tennessee Titans in November. Fuel Up to Play 60 is an in-school nutrition and physical activity program launched by the National Dairy Council and NFL, with additional partnership support from United States Department of Agriculture. Principal Steven Williams, Program Advisor Julie Robinson and 12 student team members had pre-game sideline access and were featured in a brief video prior to kick off. Driftwood Middle School is a health and wellness magnet school and promotes a healthy lifestyle to its students.



Driftwood Middle School Principal Steven Williams, Program Advisor Julie Robinson and student team members had pre-game sideline access at the Dolphins game.

Students at Country Isles Elementary School had an opportunity to hear and work with local resident and author Jayne Bonilla when Bonilla was Author-in-Residence for the day. Bonilla wrote her first book, *If Hurricanes Were Candy Canes*, following Hurricane Andrew to help children get through the horrible experience.

Tudor.com, in cooperation with Broward County Public Schools, is offering an online tutoring service to ninth grade students in six Broward high schools, who are now required to take an end-of-course algebra proficiency exam. Students from Blanche Ely, Boyd Anderson, Coconut Creek, Dillard, Hallandale and Hollywood Hills high schools will receive one-to-one tutoring online and individualized support. The program is supported through Title I funds.

Deerfield Beach High School DECA and Interact Club Members Brighten the Holidays for Head Start Students

Deerfield Beach High School DECA and Interact club members and their sponsor Frank Pizzo, arrived at Deerfield Park Elementary School on December 10th



Deerfield Beach High School student Chris Jones dressed as an elf for the day.

to brighten the holidays of a group of 30 Head Start Pre-K students. The holiday toy drive is an annual event for the organizations.

Each club member partnered with a young student. At first the young students were very shy, but they soon found a new best friend for the day. Senior Jarvis Stokes dressed-up

as Santa Claus and distributed the toys that had been collected for the young students.

Ashley Wilkins said "Even the smallest gift made a huge impact. My buddy said to me that since he received two gifts, he was going to give one to his older brother." Stephany Arce said, "All the children were so happy with what they received. I enjoyed spending time with them. It made me feel good inside."

The DECA and Interact club members also led the youngsters in arts and crafts activities and recreational events outdoors. DECA President Glorimar Camacho said, "One of the young students said to me 'I love you and wish you could come back tomorrow.'"

To learn more about the many yearly events in which DECA and Interact participates, contact Frank Pizzo at 954-650-4903.



Living Voices: Through the Eyes of a Friend

Living Voices: Through the Eyes of a Friend, a supplemental resource to meet required Instruction of the Holocaust will be presented to eighth grade students at several middle schools from May 16-20, 2011.

A professional actress will visit each school to interact with students and tell them about her 'friend' Anne Frank, using audio-visuals. Curriculum support materials will be provided to each participating middle school.

Funding for Living Voices is provided through Florida Atlantic University Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education.

Appointments & Reassignments

December 7, 2010 - The Board approved the following appointments: **Richard Barber**, Investigator, Special Investigative Unit; **Daniel Robert Boegli**, Acting Principal/Director, McFatter Technical Center; **Chris Bolden**, Assistant Director, Administration (Central); **Laura Cohen**, Coordinator, Guidance, BRACE & Academic Advisement; **Jenna Moniz**, Educational Specialist I, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL); *Interim Assistant Principals:* **Parinaz Bristol**, J.P. Taravella High; **Marianela Estipeaut**, Cypress Bay High and **Tiffany Peterson**, Crystal Lake Middle.

January 25, 2011 - The Board approved the following appointments: **Catrice Duhart**, Assistant Principal, Lake Forest Elementary; **Larry Katz**, Temporary ASPT Principal, North Area Office; **Christine Moss**, Interim Assistant Principal, Gulfstream Middle and **Linda Silver**, Coordinator, Guidance, BRACE & Academic Advisement.

February 1, 2011 - The Board approved the following appointment: **Anthony Dorsett**, Acting Principal, Hallandale High.

The Board also approved the following reassignments: *Assistant Principals:* **Teresa Harvey**, Community Schools South; **Elpidio Muniz**, Indian Ridge Middle and **Daphne Smith**, Arthur Robert Ashe Jr. Middle.

Donations to Broward Education Foundation's Education First Campaign Increase

In September, the Broward Education Foundation (BEF) kicked off the Education First Employee Giving Campaign. This year the campaign increased donations by 17 per cent. All donations support the Kids in Need Resource Center, scholarships and teacher grants. BEF wants to thank all BCPS employees for their investment in Broward's teachers and students.



Up Close and Personal With...



Sara Srebnik

Fourth grade teacher and team leader

Work Location: Heron Heights Elementary School

Broward County Public Schools employee since: 2001

First job with the District: Fourth grade teacher at Deerfield Park Elementary

What I like most about my job: I love when my kids have that "ah-ha" moment and I know they really understand the concepts we've been learning.

My hobbies: Reading, scrapbooking, Facebook, Twitter, Disney

My motto: Don't waste time with regrets.

If I won the lottery, I would: I love my job, but I think I would have to retire and spend lots of time in my son's classroom as a volunteer.

Favorite food: Ice cream, chocolate and pizza

Something you probably don't know about me: Most of my closest friends are people that I met in middle and high school.

If I could pick someone out of history to have lunch with, I would pick: Benjamin Franklin. I think he's an amazing man and I am fascinated with all the things he came up with to make our society better.

Three words that describe me best: Loving, sarcastic, fun

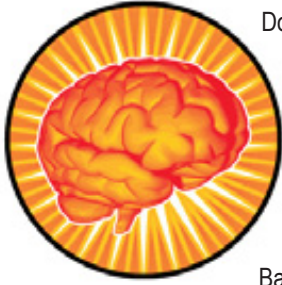
Favorite actor and actress: Patrick Swayze and Julia Roberts

Vanilla, chocolate or strawberry: Chocolate!

Best advice I ever received: My grandfather always says, "Don't hold a stone on your heart" and I try to make sure that I follow his advice.

Nominated for this profile by: Jarret Streiner, District Webmaster

Giving Your Brain a Workout



Do you feel that you have a poor memory? Often times we spend our time at work engaging in the same activities day after day with little change. Routine actions become so automatic to us that most of those actions are done largely unconsciously. Such automated or unconscious actions require less activity in the brain, giving the brain less of a workout!

Barring disease, disorder, or injury, many neurobiologists believe it is possible for you to learn how to improve your memory.

Here are some mental, physical, and nutritional techniques to help:

- Break your routine – This can involve something as simple as brushing your teeth with your non-dominant hand, which activates little-used connections on the non-dominant side of your brain.
- “Neurobic” exercise – This is an aerobic exercise for your brain that forces you to use your faculties in unusual ways, like showering and getting dressed with your eyes closed.
- Learning new skills – This can be the most effective way to improve memory. The key here is to choose something that interests you. The more interested and engaged your brain, the more likely you’ll be to continue learning the skill.
- Visual images – Using a mental picture of a microphone to remember the name “Mike,” make the images vivid, colorful, and three-dimensional — they’ll be easier to remember.
- Acronyms – Create an acronym (letters that stand for pronounceable words) for the thing you want to remember. The spaces between the lines on the treble staff, for example, are F, A, C, and E: FACE.
- “Chunking” information – That is, arranging a long list in smaller units or categories that are easier to remember. If you can reel off your Social Security number without looking at it, that’s probably because it’s arranged in groups of 3, 2, and 4 digits, not a string of 9.
- B vitamins, especially B6, B12, and folic acid – (Best sources: spinach and other dark leafy greens, broccoli, asparagus, strawberries, melons, black beans and other legumes, citrus fruits, soybeans.)
- Antioxidants like vitamins C and E, and beta carotene – These improve the flow of oxygen through the body and brain. (Best sources: blueberries and other berries, sweet potatoes, red tomatoes, spinach, broccoli, green tea, nuts and seeds, citrus fruits, liver.)
- Omega-3 fatty acids – (Best sources: cold-water fish such as salmon, herring, tuna; walnuts and walnut oil; flaxseed and flaxseed oil). Take an omega-3 supplement if you don’t like eating fish. However, nutrients work best when they’re consumed in foods.
- Walking – New research indicates that walking six miles to nine miles every week can prevent brain shrinkage and memory loss. Source: American Academy of Neurology

Be motivated and keep a positive attitude. Telling yourself you have a bad memory actually hampers the ability of your brain to remember.

If you have questions or need assistance, contact your Employee Assistance Program at 754-322-9900.

Head Start Students Participate in the Reading Readiness Program at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts has partnered with Head Start to expand the Reading Readiness Through the Theater Program. The program is designed to strengthen the reading readiness skills of three- and four-year-old children who are at risk. It addresses literacy in the classroom, at home, and at the theater. Children participate in activities specifically designed to reinforce reading readiness skills through multisensory experiences, which profoundly impact the child’s desire to read, interpret, articulate understanding, and build self-esteem.

The program also concentrates on the families and caregivers of the children and their own literacy and family communication. Home literacy and family communication is strengthened through the distribution and use of the “Stage Page” Parent Guides that provide family learning activities in four languages: English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Haitian-Creole. Each family also receives books based on the selected stories to help create their family home library.

After the students attend the theater performances, they have a better understanding of plot and character development as it unfolds through live performance. They are able to reinforce their understanding of the relationship between words, action and feelings as it is seen, felt and heard in a live performance.

For more information, contact Nicole Mancini, Preschool Curriculum Supervisor at 754-321-1961.

Non-instructional Staff Want to earn CAP points?

Take on-line classes that will relate/enhance your daily job work skills, and be eligible for CAP points. Visit www.browardcommunityschools.com to view course catalog. Click on the Class Offerings tab for the list of programs. Click on the link **BCS Online Instruction Center** under **Important News and Dates**.

If you have questions, contact Viviana Rodriguez at 754-321-7600.

Register Now!

Application Process Underway for Head Start Program

Registration for Broward County Public Schools Head Start and Early Head Start programs runs through April 8. Applications will be accepted at six locations throughout Broward County.

The District's Head Start Program serves three-and four-year-old children, while the Early Head Start Program provides services for pregnant women, infants and toddlers. There are income eligibility requirements, as determined by the Department of Health & Human Services 2011 Poverty Guidelines. Families of children with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

The District's Head Start Program offers a full day of educationally enriching activities focusing on the development of the whole child. Literacy and number concepts, with research proven curriculum, and ongoing assessments are included and serve to highlight children's progress. Services include dental, health, nutrition, mental health and family support.

When applying, parents or guardians need to provide the following documentation:

- Proof of age (child's original birth certificate or passport)
- Child's Medicaid Card (if eligible)
- Proof of guardianship (if applicable)
- Parent photo identification
- Proof of all household income for the past 12 months (Income is defined as the total money earned or received before deductions for all family members.)
- Proof of residence in Broward County

An application may be completed by the parent or legal guardian at any of the application sites. For additional information, contact Sayra Hughes, executive director, Pre K-2 Department, 754-321-1961.

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Making Plans?

Remember to check the District Events Calendar

As the District continues to grow, planning major events with dates, times and locations that don't conflict becomes a bigger challenge - which is why the District Events Calendar was created.

The purpose of the calendar is to publish the dates of events that our School Board members, the Superintendent or Executive Leadership Team may be expected to attend within the county, and to avoid conflicting dates or times for events where their attendance is anticipated or required.

Before planning any major event - please consult the District Events Calendar. It's a valuable tool and it's right at your fingertips on the Intranet at ([web/communications](#)).

If you have an event you'd like to have placed on the calendar, please contact the Public Relations & Governmental Affairs Department at 754-321-2300 - certain restrictions apply.

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