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It is hard to believe the summer is upon us and the 2017-18 school year has drawn to a close. The past few months have been very busy as we have worked to address community concerns, while we continue the work of educating students to reach their highest potential. In the aftermath of the Stoneman Douglas tragedy, Broward County Schools has been working to identify and remedy security and safety concerns for our students across the county. On April 11th I participated in a forum held by the students of Northeast High School. Mayor Timothy Lonergan of the City of Oakland Park also attended this opportunity for students to voice their thoughts and concerns. We hear their ideas for improving communications and security. The next day, April 12th, State Representative Bobby Dubose joined myself and Mr. Runcie for a *Legislative Town Hall Meeting* at Fort Lauderdale High. Our goal was to inform District 3 constituents of the impact of new legislation from the 2018 Session, the State Budget on K-12 Education (HB7055) and the School Safety Bill (SB7026). I was gratified to see the turnout and thank everyone who attended that evening. Jeff Moquin, Chief of Staff and Robert Hutchinson, Chief of Special Investigations Unit, as well as myself, also attended the *Fort Lauderdale Education Advisory Board* to discuss the partnership for active shooter training and School Resource Officers in public schools in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

This past quarter we held a SMART Project Update meeting at Northeast High School on April 19th, and Stranahan High on May 9th. All of the project updates can be found at browardschools.com/smartfutures. To listen to the conversation held at the April 24th Regular School Board meeting to consider cost of replacement vs. cost of renovation for some of the buildings at Northeast High School, go to becon.eduvision.tv/. Select past School Board meetings. Click on April 24th, Item JJ6 is located at 3:48:12 on the time slide. The Board is scheduled to discuss the issue further at the June 19th workshop to give staff direction. The public is always invited to attend our meetings and speak on items important to the community.

In an effort to hear the voices of everyone, BCPS held a *Forum on School Safety* at Plantation High School on April 18th, which was live-streamed, with presentations by district leaders on District Response and Activities within the first 30 days, School Security Protocols, School Security and SB7026 and School Discipline, audience feedback followed. Then on May 7th I attended a community conversation held at Piper High School with Judge Steven Teske from Clayton County, GA and local community stakeholders, on the *Promise Program*. Its purpose was to bring awareness of the program and its protocols to the public. As concerns and criticisms have been received during the last three months, I want you to know they have not fallen on deaf ears.

By the time this issue goes to print the 2017-18 school year will have drawn to a close. While the February 14th tragedy will forever be part of our lives, I would like to share and recognize some of our students' accomplishments as we prepare for graduations beginning the week of May 28th. *I look forward to shaking each senior's hand as they march across that stage.*

District 3 Happenings

- City Commissioner Heather Moraitis and I joined forces in a book drive May 7 through May 31st to support Literacy and a love of reading this summer across the City of Fort Lauderdale. Collection boxes were set up in each Fort Lauderdale elementary school and select city locations. Donated books will be distributed to the summer feeding sites, recreation centers and schools within the city, where students will gather this summer. If you missed the drive and would like to contribute, please call my office and we will make arrangements to place your books in a needy location. *Thank you, Commissioner, for your partnership!*
- It was my pleasure to visit **Cypress Elementary** and read *Abuelo and the Three Bears* to the younger students for **El Dia de los Ninos Reading Day**. This is always a rewarding and fun activity, and each year I try to read to a different District 3 elementary to reach out to our youngest learners to share my love of literacy and the importance of reading.
- April 20th I had a great time supporting the students of **Westwood Heights Elementary** at the **2nd Annual Cadre 7 Science Brain Brawl Showdown** at Dillard High School. The competition featured the top 5 scientists from 9 elementary schools and it was tough! Thank you for the invitation, Ms. Washington! Please remember me next year.
- On Saturday, April 21, **Sunrise Middle** was selected as our **2018 Comcast Cares Day Project!** Everyone had a great time rolling up their sleeves and getting to work. What a difference they made! The students of Sunrise returned to school Monday morning to a totally renewed campus! *Thank you, Comcast!!*
- April 25th "*An Evening of Poetry and Prose*" Literary Fair was held at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. The following District 3 students were awardees: *Fable- 2ndPlace Sofia Paz-Sheridan Tech; Formal Poetry-2ndPlace Maya Hateit-Sunrise Middle; Informal Essay-2ndPlace Lorena Manasturean-Sheridan Tech High; Cinquain-2ndPlace Hannah Abreu-Sunrise Middle; Ekphrastic-1st Place Sashauna Henry-Northeast High; 2ndPlace Angie Benitz-Sheridan Tech High; Ode- 2ndPlace Sashauna Henry-Northeast High; Parody Poem- 1st Place Sashauna Henry-Northeast High; Rhymed Verse-1st Place Caia Farrell-Sunrise Middle; Sonnet-3rd Place Princely Dorsaint-Sunrise Middle; Spoken Word-3rd Place Natalie Ramos-Sheridan Tech High. Congratulations, Everyone!!*
- April 30th saw ESE students from **Bennett Elementary** join together with nine BCPS schools to come together through a partnership between BCPS, VSA Florida and the BCPA to demonstrate their performing arts talents on stage at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts for the **Second Annual Celebrating the Arts Showcase**. I applaud each and every one of you! *You were wonderful.*
- **Floranada Elementary** has had a very successful **DEBATE** year. One of the largest elementary debate teams in the county, there are 50 students participating, who have gone to 4 district tournaments, won tons of awards and sent 20 students to Broward's first "Elementary" Championship on May 5th. With winners in 4 out of 5 categories, two students won 1st place and will be recognized at the **National Debate Tournament** on June 22nd at the Convention Center. In **Robotics**, one of the three teams of 5th graders won at the district level in two areas and went on to State! They earned their way to both

the Florida State and the National Tournament in Iowa in April where 8 students attended. At State they qualified for World, but didn't have the funds for travel since they were committed already for Nationals. Through fundraising \$10,000 was raised and the students didn't have to pay any money to have this opportunity. **The Robotics Team is ranked 91st in the US and 127 in the World!!!!** Next year Robotics will expand to both 4th and 5th grade students. From **Debate**, to **Robotics**, to **Music**, to **SECME**, **Hour of Code**, and all the club offerings, Floranda is rocking it as one of the best elementary schools in Broward County.

- Students in the *AWA program at Seagull High*, under Arlene Marcus working with Mr. Georgia, the Job Coach, and Ms. Marsha Gooding of ARC Broward had the opportunity to try one of the programs ARC offers, Culinary or Materials Handler. Ms. Marcus reports that some have followed up with a tour and are awaiting a trial. Thank you to each of the team members who put their heart and soul into serving these students.
- May 11 Opening Ceremonies were held at Cypress Elementary for the **District Bilingual/ESOL District Academic Competitions Elementary Level. Oakland Park Elementary's Spanish Club proved to be top winners!** OPE students placed in the following categories: **Dance Team**- 1st Place; **Project**: Jasmine Perez-1st Place, Damian Portela- 2nd Place, Courtney Philpot- 2nd Place; **Declamation** – Jade Rodriguez- 1st Place, Daniela Rojas – 2nd Place, Marfil Argueta – 2nd Place; **Posters**: Eva Lopez- 1st Place, Isabella Solorsano - 2nd Place, Arly Melendez- 2nd Place. Ms. Garcia is beaming with **PRIDE!**
- Congratulations to *Fort Lauderdale High School* and *Sheridan Technical High School* who have each been named by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the **2018 Best High Schools** nationally. More than 20,500 public schools were evaluated for specific data on enrollment, diversity, participation in free and reduced lunch programs, state assessment results, AP and IB test participation and performance. FTLHS achieved Silver medal status with a national ranking of 1019 and a state ranking of 87, and Sheridan Tech High was named a Bronze medal winner. Broward County had 16 of the nation's best high schools.
- Of Special Note – **Jayanne Forrest of Fort Lauderdale High School** has been selected as one of seven Broward County Public School students named as a National Merit \$2500 Scholar Winner. *Congratulations, Jayanne!*
- May 11th the *JROTC Cadet of the Year Awards* were held at Pompano Beach High School. Nominees included *Cadet Eric Cappello* of Fort Lauderdale High; *Cadet Iris Aguilar* of Northeast High; and *Cadet Rebekah Jacques* of Stranahan High. Cadet Jacques and Cadet Aguilar were each named "*Distinguished*" Cadets. *Congratulations Cadets!*
- On May 10th students who have been achieving stellar attendance were honored at "*Evening Among The Stars*". Elementary students were recognized for perfect attendance K-5th grade; Middle students were recognized as 8th graders for perfect attendance for grades 6-8; and High School students were recognized for perfect attendance from grades 9-12. A special recognition "Best in Class" was presented to seniors with perfect attendance from Kindergarten through 12th Grade. The following D3 students were honored: **Rickards** Middle: Jazmin Gonzalez, Innsley Saincilus; **New River Middle**: Emily Canales, Kervin Espina, Tracy Flores, Nervens Joseph; **Sunrise** Middle: Misharma Beautelus, Gianna Burgess, Michael Escarment, Junior Lorfils, Gabriel Machado, Micaelle Perrier, Wildyka Pierrette, Shaida Polymice, Julia Walker; **Northeast High**: Fednel Alexandre, Wig-Vannia Lambert, Devin Phillips and Rose Bilande Toussaint. *Congratulations, Everyone!! Well Done!*
- The 2018 "*Catch the Spirt*" *Community Involvement Awards* were held on May 10th at Bailey Hall. A **Ten Gun Salute** goes out to *Sunrise Middle's Glinda Townsley, Outstanding Mentor of the Year Middle School Level* and *Fort Lauderdale High's Linda*

Giambattista, Outstanding Mentor of the Year-High School Level and all of our nominees. Our nominees were too numerous to mention. The “CIA” Awards honor our unsung heroes and heroines, the mothers, fathers, teachers, neighbors, and grandparents who devote countless hours to our children and who, without their care and constancy, our children would have a less well-rounded school experience. Awards were given for five to thirty years of service, can you just imagine? *Thank You One and All!!*

- *In closing, may I remind everyone that if a Silver Cord at graduation is one of your student’s goals, students may start in the summer before they enter high school to accumulate volunteer hours . There is no better feeling than being of service to your community. See your guidance counsellor for more information. Don’t forget to mark your calendars for the 2018-2019 school year, Wednesday, August 15th.*

JROTC Cadet of the Year Awards



Northeast High Cadet Iris Aguilar named “Distinguished” Cadet

Stranahan High School



Cadet Rebekah Jacques named “Distinguished” Cadet

**MIAMI HEAT CHALLENGE
“HOW LOW CAN YOU GO”**



Oakland Park Elementary-District 3 Winner!

**MRS. BRINKWORTH
PAYS UP!**





It's a Kiss The Critters Morning!!



Congratulations OPE Students



**Oakland Park Elementary
Spanish Club Winners!**

It is my pleasure to serve the citizens and students of District 3. Please remember, if you have any questions or concerns call my office at 754-321-2003 and I will do my best to assist you.

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