

Quarterly

The Latest from District 4



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District 4 parents, guardians, caregivers, students and staff,

Happy New Year 2022! I hope your New Year is off to a great start.

I am excited to share the latest Quarterly Buzz for District 4, with updates on our schools and District.

As you know, it has been a busy time at Broward County Public Schools, as students returned full time to face-to-face instruction for the 2021/22 school year. Despite an historic pandemic, schools safely opened in August for in-person learning. Since then, students have returned to their pre-COVID 19 routines, parents are back at work, and families are laser-focused on supporting their children's learning.

In August, we welcomed Dr. Vickie L. Cartwright, a lifelong educator and champion for children, as Interim Superintendent. Since then, Dr. Cartwright has impressed students and families alike with her commitment to putting students first in everything the District does. The school board voted to hire Dr. Cartwright for the position and negotiations on her contract are under way. I look forward to working with Dr. Cartwright.

Our community of parents and caregivers, teachers, administrators and staff continue to do everything possible to ensure all students get the attention and support they need, both academically and emotionally. Our board continues to advocate for school safety, academic recovery and COVID-19 mitigation protocols in line with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines. Together, we remain focused on delivering educational and social-emotional learning opportunities to support lifelong learning. And, our leadership role as the nation's sixth largest district has been recognized nationally, with innovative programs including Ask Bria and Parent University. Earlier this year, BCPS earned the District of the Year Award from Cambridge International for the second time in less than four years.

The February Quarterly Buzz has updates from our schools, the District, and a number of key initiatives like SMART. I hope you enjoy it!



District 4 Featured Schools:



*Presentation of FMBC championship trophy
(Courtesy Marching Eagle Parent Association)*



FMBC championship trophy

Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School (MSD)

The students, educators and administrators at MSD High School continue to impress, earning multiple recognition over the past few months, despite the ongoing pandemic. Here are just a few highlights from the current school year:

In November, The MSD Eagle Regiment won the Class 4A 2021 Marching Band State Championship, with a score of 92.20 in a feat following what Band Director Steve Rivero calls "an incredible season." In addition to an undefeated season, the Eagle Regiment was also recognized for best-in-class color guard, best-in-class music, and best-in-class general effect. "It was an incredible weekend capped off by an incredible season," said Rivero.

Congratulations to the State Champs, the MSD Eagle Regiment.

Also in November, MSD's JROTC Raiders won their first State Championship ever, beating 49 other state schools, after coming in 2nd in the District the previous month.

In January, MSD's Girls Soccer Team won their 24th District Championship!



Marjory Stoneman Douglas Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps



*Marjory Stoneman Douglas girls soccer
(MSD Athletics)*



District 4 Featured Schools:



*Marjory Stoneman Douglas
Cheerleading Squad*



*Gen Green banner at the
Farmer's Market*



*Taking a photo with the DECA students from
the Hospitality Entrepreneurship class.
From left to right, David Lopez, Molly
Winkelman, Addison Wooley, me, Evie Merkur,
and Julie Mouhica.*

The Cheerleading team won the Regional Championships in January and competed in the State's Small Coed Division in early February, coming in 3rd overall.

Students from MSD Drama competed at Districts, and several are moving on to States in Tampa in late March.

I am also very proud of MSD's DECA students, which stands for Distributive Education Clubs of America. With more than 600 active student members, MSD's DECA is the third largest chapter in the world and in March, over 300 MSD students will participate at the State Championship in Orlando.

Earlier this year, I joined a group of MSD DECA students at the Farmers Market for Junior Achievement to support Gen Green, a Sustainability Starter Kit that helps families live more sustainable lives.

Pinewood Elementary

At Pinewood Elementary, diversity is evident everywhere, serving all learners along with students in Special Programs and ESOL students of various backgrounds and cultures. We promote inclusion and maintain a learning environment where everyone feels supported and welcomed. Pinewood also provides extended learning opportunities during Panther morning camp, afternoon camp and Saturday school. This year, as part of Literacy Week, Pinewood's Literacy team organized a book giveaway where our students received books for their reading pleasure.





District 4 Featured Schools:

A Solemn Commemoration

On Monday February 14, 2022, my family, friends and loved ones will honor the memory of the 17 lives lost and those who were injured on February 14, 2018, including my daughter, Alyssa.

On that day, students districtwide will support their communities by participating in a Day of Service and Love. At MSD, students have the opportunity to participate in one of four on-campus service projects, including Feeding Our First Responders, Working in Marjory's Garden, Spending A Mindful Morning with the MSD Mind-Body Club, and Campus Beautification. The MSD faculty and staff have been working closely with the district and the families of those lost on 2/14/18 to honor them. Through collaboration and partnership, we have developed a memorial honoring the victims of the 2/14 tragedy that has been built on the MSD campus.

I am sharing the image below to remember and honor the 17 victims who died during the tragedy and encourage all District school staff, students and families to pause at 10:17 a.m. on Monday, February 14 for a Moment of Reflection, when the names of those we lost that day will be read aloud all across the District.

Remembering the 17 lives lost at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on February 14, 2018.

Top row, left to right: Aaron Feis, Alyssa Alhadeff, Jaime Guttenberg, Scott Beigel, Meadow Pollack, Alex Schacter and Chris Hixon

Middle Row, left to right: Gina Montalto, Carmen Schentrup, Cara Loughran and Martin Duque Anguiano

Bottom row, left to right: Joaquin Oliver, Alaina Petty, Luke Hoyer, Nicholas Dworet, Helena Ramsay and Peter Wang





District 4 Featured Schools:

Silver Lakes Middle School

Silver Lakes Middle is a proud STEM magnet school in the heart of the City of North Lauderdale. The school recently introduced Drone Technology classes to their engineering program and is pleased to announce its partnership with the prestigious Embry-Riddle Aeronautic University.

We congratulate Mr. Ernst Alexis, our Drone teacher as one of only two Broward County teachers who successfully completed the Embry-Riddle 107 training and obtained a remote pilot license.

Silver Lakes Middle is very proud of this achievement as it enhances other programs such as Forensic and Robotics to the repertoire of classes added to the STEM magnet program.



Visiting Silver Lakes Middle to meet its new principal, Mr. Errol Evans. From left to right: Errol Evans, Principal, Mrs. Alhadeff, Ms. Genhold, Assistant Principal



Coral Springs High's AFJROTC team competing in various exercises

Coral Springs High School

At the recent Osceola Drill Meet, the Colts' Air Force JROTC team won first place for Color Guard Commander, Miguel Gimenez, and came in third for Exhibition under Commander Samantha Quinn.

AFJROTC Cadets also earned honors at the Drill & Raider Competition, including Andrea Pineda, 2nd place Female Color Guard and 3rd place Female Armed Squad; Miguel Gimenez, 1st place Male Mixed Color Guard and 3rd place Male Mixed Armed Squad, Adriela Rodriguez, 3rd place Female Armed Platoon and Malik Walker, 2nd place, Male/Mixed Unarmed Squad.

Congratulations to all these winning cadets!



District 4 Featured Schools:



Logan Viera, Leslie Santiago and Daniel Johnson at the Rally to Tally in Tallahassee



I'm pictured next to an amazing mural from Coral Springs High School's talented artists Corey Burton and Josefine Majdoch.
Credit: Coral Springs High School student artist Josefine Majdoch and muralist Corey Burton

In other news from Coral Springs High School (CSHS),

- The Florida Coalition for Children Speech and Debate Champions freshman Giovanni Barnes finished 1st Place in the Original Oratory category and senior Rachea McDonald was runner up.
- Jeremiah Denis goes 8-0 for Coral Springs High School Wrestling Team.
- Six Chorus students auditioned and were selected to participate in All-State Chorus: Chelsea Borja, Kimberly Dominion, Jacqueline Jenkins, Jordan Stull, Giancarlo Tavera and Juan Terrero.
- Seventy-one students participated in BPA district competition and placed in one of the top 5 positions qualifying them to compete at the State level in Orlando with 27 students earning 1st Place in their categories.
- Cheerleaders earned 1st Place in the BCAA Competitive Cheer Competition.
- CSHS hosted Wacky Olympics helping to raise \$1,050 for Special Olympics.
- AP Research students' works were published in The Journal of Student Research, The Journal of Gastrointestinal and Digestive System, and The Journal of the Facial Pain Association.
- Coral Springs High School's senior leaders Logan Viera, Leslie Santiago and Daniel Johnson represented Colt Country at the Rally to Tally in Tallahassee in late January.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to all of the students at our amazing District 4 schools.
You make me proud every day!

Caliber Awards

District 4 was well represented at this year's Caliber Awards, which were held at DRV-Pink Stadium on Friday, February 4. Two Caliber Award finalists were included in this select group of individuals, both nominees for Teacher of the Year,

Sincere congratulations to our two finalists for Teacher of the Year, Jeannie Crouch, from Westchester Elementary School and the winner, 2022 Teacher of the Year, Seema Naik, from Eagle Ridge Elementary School! Everyone in District 4 applauds your dedication and passion for teaching, and we are lucky to have your talent at one of our schools.

Congratulations to all the nominees, finalists and winners.



2022 Caliber Awards Winners!

Teacher of the Year

Seema Naik
Eagle Ridge
Elementary School



Principal of the Year

Heilange Porcena
North Side
Elementary School



Assistant Principal of the Year

Derek Gordon
Western High School



School-Related Employee of the Year

Kimberly Kummler
Manatee Bay
Elementary School



ALYSSA'S ALERT

Increasing the number of downloads for Alyssa's Alert remains a top priority for Broward County Public Schools, and for me personally. While many BCPS teachers have embraced the system, a few have expressed privacy concerns that are understandable, yet unfounded. The app is able to tell your location only during an emergency.

I remain fully committed to making sure all District teachers and school employees have access to this important, life-saving tool.

Please do your part to protect our students and staff by downloading Alyssa's Alert today.



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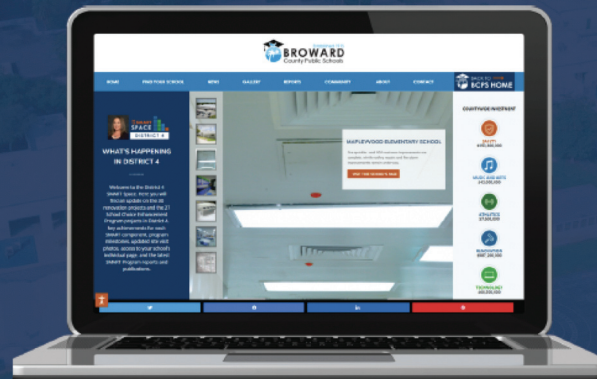


District 4 Facilities Update

To see the latest progress of SMART Bond projects at District 4 schools, please visit the District 4 SMART Space at bcpsmarfutures.com/district4.

VISIT BOARD MEMBER LORI ALHADEFF'S **SMART SPACE**

for the latest SMART Program activity in **District 4**



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TECHNOLOGY



Congressional Art Competition

High school students who draw, paint, photograph, and create other forms of 2-dimensional art should consider participating in Congressman Ted Deutch's 2022 Congressional Art Competition. If your 2-dimensional piece of art is chosen, it will be displayed at the U.S. Capitol for a year.



**Calling all FL-22 high school artists!
It's time for the...**

Congressman Ted Deutch's

2022

Congressional Art Competition

- **WHAT: 2-D ARTWORK, ANY THEME**



- **THE WINNING PIECE WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE U.S. CAPITOL FOR ONE YEAR!**
- **WHEN: DEADLINE APRIL 2022**

- **FOR CONTEST DETAILS, VISIT [TEDDEUTCH.HOUSE.GOV/STUDENTS/ARTCOMPETITION.HTM](https://teddeutch.house.gov/students/artcompetition.htm)**

Questions?



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