

Quarterly

The Latest from District 4



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Students, parents, guardians, caregivers and staff,

I am delighted to send a heartfelt congratulations to the graduating students of 2022! Seeing your smiling faces, proud principals and overjoyed families during the ceremonies was tremendously heartwarming.

For our students and families who will still be with us for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year, please remember to keep reading over the summer, practice your cursive handwriting, utilize free resources (such as Khan Academy), begin/continue recycling and download the Saferwatch App. As their motto suggests, "See Something, Say Something!"

For parents, if you have not done so already, consider applying over the summer as a volunteer at a Broward County Public School of your choice. Your support in a classroom makes an immense difference to the overall success of our children.

Enjoy this issue of my District 4 Quarterly Buzz, and have a healthy, safe and restful summer!

Sincerely,

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District 4 Featured Schools, Students and Staff

North Lauderdale PK-8

Graduates of North Lauderdale PK-8 continue their successful academic careers in high school and beyond. I am so proud to acknowledge the following North Lauderdale graduates who have made an impact academically this year.

Congratulations to:

Hannah Scaglione (North Lauderdale) Valedictorian at Pompano Beach High School Planned College: Princeton University
Planned Major: Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
GPA: 5.4203

Gabriella Arce-Ceron (North Lauderdale) Salutatorian at Stranahan High School
Planned College: Franklin and Marshall College Planned Major: Biomedical Engineer
GPA: 5.25



Outstanding North Lauderdale grads Hanna Scagilone (L) and Gabriella Arce-Ceron (R)



Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School (MSD)

Congratulations to MSD for generating the most high school voter registrations of any school in the District during this year's drive.



Silver Lakes Middle School

Congratulations to this year's winner of the Silver Dolphin Award, Ariel Gil (left) and Runner Up Arianna Fuller (right). Both are exceptional students. Ariel has been on the Honor Roll during all three years at Silver Lakes and has already earned admission to FAU. Arianna is a campus leader, member of the Debate team and President of the National Junior Honor Society. You each embody the qualities that make BCPS students shine. Good luck in high school!



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THE CAPPIES! Two District 4 high schools win an impressive twelve South Florida Critics Awards combined

MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL
DRAMA DEPARTMENT PROUDLY PRESENTS

MARCH 3rd & 4th
SOMETHING ROTTEN!

@7:00 PM
\$8.00 Per Student
\$13.00 Per Adult
Buy Your Tickets At:
Douglashigh.seatyourself.biz.com
5901 Pine Island Rd, Parkland, FL 33076

*Something Rotten is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

MSD's drama troupe won the most Cappies for its rousing production of the musical *Something Rotten*, including the top prize of the year, Best Musical.

- Best Musical
- Marketing and Publicity: Douglas Drama Publicity Team
- Lighting: MSD Lighting Crew
- Sets: Colin McLean
- Choreography: Sarah Wyner
- Creativity: Adriana Peña, Music Director
- Stage Management and Crew: Hannah Grinbank, Reese Garrity, Deanna O'Connell, and Gabrielle Hoffman
- Male Vocalist: Logan LaPierre



J.P. Taravella's production of the hit Broadway musical *XANADU* picked up four Cappie Awards, including

- Sound: Laura Haurie, Francesca Dumary and Erin Richter
- Lead Actor in a Female Role in a Musical: Fallon Collins
- Senior Critic: Emma Sugarman
- Critic Team



Congratulations to these talented students.

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Eagle Ridge Elementary School

Broward's Caliber-Award Winning Teacher of the Year, Seema Naik, named Finalist for Florida Teacher of the Year

In a surprise visit to Eagle Ridge Elementary School, the BCPS Caliber Award winning Teacher of the Year, Seema Naik, learned she is one of five finalists for Florida's Teacher of the Year. On hand to announce her nomination was Manny Diaz, Jr., Florida's Education Commissioner, Superintendent Dr. Vickie Cartwright and fellow board member Donna Korn.



Park Trails Elementary School

Park Trails Elementary School celebrated its 20th year of operation with a special ribbon cutting ceremony. Below, I celebrate with Principal Manville, OSPA Chief Dr. Valerie Wanza, and fellow board members Debra Hixon and Donna Korn.





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Maplewood Elementary



Kylie Lopez, Grand Prize Winner of the Florida Space Art Contest

Kylie Lopez, 11, a fifth-grader at Maplewood Elementary School was named a Grand Prize Winner of the Spring 2022 Florida Space Art Contest Wednesday and will have her artwork flown on an upcoming SpaceX mission.

Public school students in grades K-5 statewide were encouraged to create a piece of art piece inspired by the theme "Florida is the Place for Space: Celebrating Florida's Contributions to Space Travel and Exploration."

The Florida Department of State's Division of Arts and Culture reviewed all submitted pieces and selected their favorite 60 entries. Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nuñez then selected the top ten and, eventually, the grand prize winners. Over 2,500 students submitted an original work of art for the contest.



Way to go Kylie! Congratulations!

Kylie's Grand Prize winning artwork is on its way to space!



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Broward County Public Schools is proud to recognize students and staff during the 22nd Annual Kids and Staff of Character Awards. The award celebrates students and staff who demonstrate outstanding character throughout the year with traits that include cooperation, responsibility, citizenship, kindness, respect, honesty, self-control and tolerance.

Congratulations to the students and staff members from District 4 schools recognized in 2022. And, thank you to the Sun Sentinel and Publix for their support.

School

Broadview Elementary School
 Coral Springs High School
 Coral Springs Middle School
 Heron Heights Elementary School
 Maplewood Elementary School
 Millennium 6-12 Collegiate Academy
 Park Springs Elementary School

Student of Character

Jose Anguiano
 Maria-Fernanda Del Aguila
 Audrey Brooks
 Kiera Fletcher
 Rylee Mello
 Angelina Marinho Pozo
 Noelani Suki Soli



Jose Anguiano, a fifth-grader at Broadview Elementary School proudly displays his Kids of Character Award after a ceremony at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts

School

Challenger Elementary School
 Coral Springs High School
 Morrow Elementary School
 Riverglades Elementary School

Staff of Character

Melissa Firdman
 Kimberley Brown
 Erika McKeever
 Kathleen Judd



MSD Band Picked to march in the 97th Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

The Eagle Regiment Band was chosen as one of ten marching bands performing at the 2023 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.

As part of the announcement, Macy's presented a check for \$10,000 to jump-start the band's fundraising efforts. The Regiment will spend the next 18 months raising money for this once-in-a-lifetime event. Congratulations!



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MSD Baseball Team Wins the 2022 National High School Invitational



The MSD Eagles Baseball team won its first National Championship. Stoneman Douglas was dominant in the 2022 NHSI, outscoring its opponents 43-4 in its four games. It finished the event leading in batting average (.453) and team ERA (0.61). The Eagles also placed three players on the All-Tournament Team: Roman Anthony, Chris Arroyo (MVP), and Christian Rodriguez. The Eagles became the first team from Florida to win the NHSI since 2014 when The First Academy (Orlando, Fla.) defeated Clovis High School (Clovis, Calif.).

Way to go, Eagles!

Millennium 6-12 Collegiate Academy



Nia Lewis

Kudos to Nia Lewis who will attend Harvard College on a full scholarship. A Silver Knight nominee in the New Media category, Nia also represented BCPS at the Rally 2 Tally, managed the District's BRACE social media sites and earned an Associate Degree from Broward College in addition to her diploma from Millennium 6-12 Collegiate Academy. Congratulations on all your accomplishments, Nia.



Isabella Yeung

Congratulations as well to Isabella Yeung, a 2022 Millennium graduate who is attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Isabella was a nominee for the Silver Knight Award in the Mathematics category and also served as President of the Key Club. Most impressively, Isabella also earned an A.D. from Broward College and found time to earn over 1,500 hours of service to the community. Thank you, Isabella, for your hard work and service.



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Every year, Silver Knights are recognized for going above and beyond during their four years of high school to make a difference in their communities. Every year, they achieve the extraordinary. Each of the 30 Silver Knight winners receives a \$2,000 scholarship from the Herald Charities Foundation, in addition to a special medallion and the coveted Silver Knight statue. This year, eight Broward County Public Schools seniors were named recipients of the prestigious 2022 Miami Herald Silver Knight Awards including two students from District 4.



MATTHEW VEERASAMMY, MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SPEECH

Matthew Veerasammy helped develop The Tree, an online platform where individuals can sharpen their debate and critical thinking skills by virtually debating each other on a given topic in the news. It all started with creating a space where students could practice their debate skills during the pandemic. Matthew has been using his love for speech to improve students' lives even before the pandemic. He founded VERAJ Inc., a student-led nonprofit whose goal is a website where students can scroll through TED Talks, learn about scholarships and attend virtual leadership seminars. He is an accomplished debater who has competed in over a dozen local, regional and national competitions.



SARA GERSTENFELD, CORAL GLADES HIGH WORLD LANGUAGES

Sara Gerstenfeld's project, Sara's Specs, collects used eyeglasses and cases to donate to people around the world. She began after finding 13 pairs of old eyeglasses in her room and learned that 1.3 billion people around the world cannot afford glasses or do not have access to them. During her first drive, she collected more than 250 pairs of glasses and over 75 cases, which she donated to the Lions Club to be refurbished before they are sent on international optic missions. Sara is president of the Spanish National Honor Society and the Key Club, where she increased membership by more than 70%. Through the Spanish Honor Society, she and her team tutor students taking Spanish, boosting their success in the language.

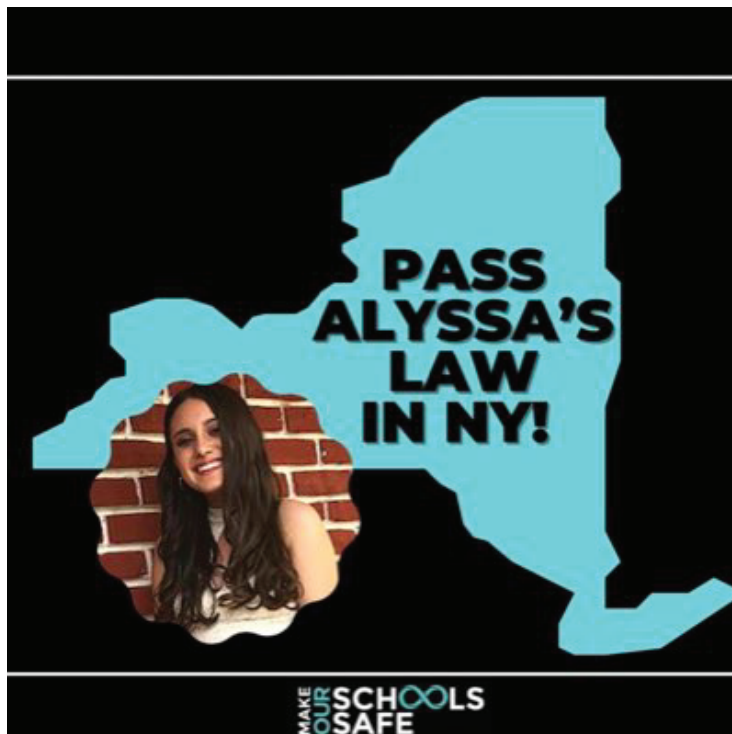
Congratulations!

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

Alyssa's Law passes the New York State Legislature!



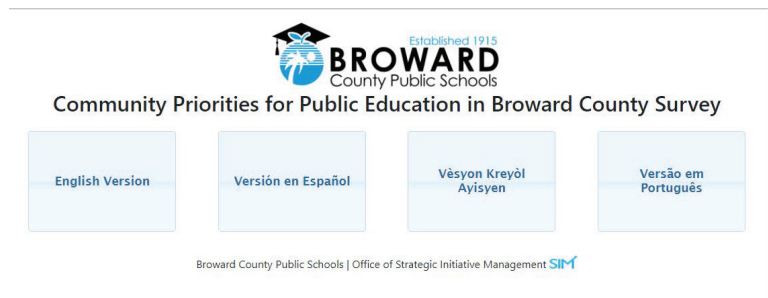
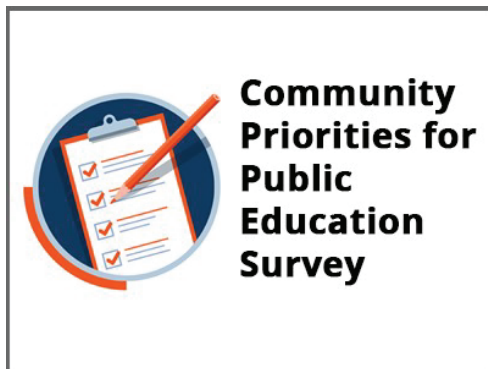
“Alyssa’s Law will sharpen school safety plans around the state by ensuring districts consider panic alarms and direct communication technologies between buildings and police,” Assembly member Kenneth P. Zebrowski said. “These technologies and procedures may reduce response times and save lives during a school shooting incident. This bill won’t bring Alyssa back, but it will honor her memory. I would like to thank especially Alyssa’s mother Lori, her cousin Jaydn and the rest of her family for their tireless work to make our schools safer.”



STUDENT OUTCOMES GOVERNANCE

The District recently completed a series of Community Meetings where School Board members presented a student outcomes focused governance model that will focus intensely on what students at BCPS know and can do with the skills they receive in our school system. I look forward to sharing the results of an extensive Community Priorities for Public Education Survey in a future newsletter.

The meetings and survey results will be core elements of the District's updated Strategic Plan. If you have not had a chance to complete this important survey, please do so since it is open through June 30th. Your voice matters, District 4! To learn more about this important component of the new strategic plan, please watch [this video](#). Visit bcps.browardschools.com/research/sbbc/ to complete the survey or click the image below.



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 bcpsmarffutures.com/district4.

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

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



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