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*Title I School-wide Project*  
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### Sheriff's Message

Dear Parents,

February certainly was a busy month! Our Student Council had a very successful "Valentine-Gram Drive" for Valentine's Day and "Jump Rope for Heart". Our Student Council worked very hard on their "Schmencil" sales and have raised money to assist in future school activities for students and staff! Thank you Student Council! Thank you to Dr. Carel for his hard work and effort with our yearly Jump Rope for Heart event which always has great results!

As we head into the month of March, we ask that you support our teachers and your child by:

1. Checking your child's planner (and signing it) nightly.
2. Reviewing homework prior to class submission.
3. Reading every night for at least 20 minutes with your child.
4. Listening carefully to the weekly parent phone links.

Don't forget to check out the great test practice activities on I-ready. To login to this site students will use their student I.D. for their user name and their birth date (mm/dd/yyyy) for their password.

Thanks for all that you do!

Sincerely,

*Robert N. Schneider*

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Principal

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Intern Principal



March winds will blow right into a world of colors as Head Start students learn about color names, color mixing, stains, fading, camouflage, and color patterns. Children will hear about a dog that stains his white coat, a lion that paints pictures, a boy who gets special letters from his grandmother, and a rabbit that wants to buy a special shirt. Children are learning to identify rhyming words and beginning letters and sounds in words, as they build vocabulary and comprehension skills.

Mrs. Saco will be scheduling school conferences to discuss your child's progress. Continue to read to your child at least 15 minutes each night!

## Kindergarteners Study Nature as Their Love of Learning Grows

Kindergarten classrooms are sprouting this month as we study plant life. Give your child hands-on experience by bringing them out into nature to observe grass, shrubs, and trees growing naturally. We will be attending our field trip to Tradewinds Park Educational Farm on March 14, 2019. Remember to wear your class t-shirt and bring a bagged lunch!



## First Graders Visited Horses at the Rodeo

**Trip Sponsored by the South Florida Trail Riders Association and the Davie/Cooper City Rotary Club**



February was an exciting month for our Fabulous First Graders. We celebrated our 100th day of school by counting and sorting in many ways. The Davie/Cooper City Rotary Club and the South Florida Trail Riders Association sponsored our field trip to the Bergeron Rodeo Grounds on February 20, 2019. How exciting it was to see Little Black and Big Red! And the best news yet - each child has another Walter Farley book to read--Little Black Goes to the Circus! Thank you, parents for continuing to read with your child at home.

## Second Graders See What Life Was Like One Hundred Years Ago

Our Second grade students had a wonderful time at the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society. They visited the Florida History Museum and the King Cromartie House, where they washed laundry with scrub boards and washtubs. Students also made fresh butter and squeezed lemons for lemonade as they experienced what school was like a hundred years ago.

Teachers suggest that parents help students practice telling time on an analog clock and counting money at home by letting students count the change in parent's pockets, change bowl, etc.



Our next field trip will be here at school on April tenth. The permission slips will be sent home and payments will need to be paid on-line. The directions for on-line payments are on the back of the permission slips. We will learn about being a Geologist as we explore rocks and gems. Thank you for all your help and support.



## Third Graders Get Ready for the FSA Test

Third graders will take the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) in reading at the beginning of April. After that, we will focus on preparing for the math portion of the Florida Standards Assessment. If you have a computer with Internet access, please have your child work on [I-Ready.com](http://I-Ready.com) for extra practice in reading and math. We look forward to a successful testing season. Please be sure that your child also reads every night.

## Fourth Graders Prepare for FSAT Testing

Fourth graders are busy preparing for the upcoming Florida Standards Writing Assessment, FSAT, which will take place at the beginning of April. Once complete, we will be concentrating on our preparation for the math and reading portions of the Florida Standards Assessment. If you have a computer with internet access, please have your child work on [iReady\\_reading](http://iReady_reading) and math for extended learning opportunities. Please be sure that your child reads every night and knows their multiplication facts.



# Fifth Graders Are Getting Ready for the FSA Testing



Fifth graders have been very busy! In January, our students took the Broward Standards Assessment for Reading, Math, and Science. This was a practice test to familiarize the students with the skills and organization of taking standardized assessments. The fifth graders are putting forth great effort in preparing for the FSA (Florida Standards Assessment). Please assist us in better preparing for the FSA by having your child complete two i-Ready lessons in both Reading and Math each week. For Science, your child can access Learning A-Z from his/her Clever login to explore various topics by watching scientific videos and reading numerous scientific books. Thank you for your continued support.

## Test Taking Tips from the Guidance Office.....

### Ways to Reduce Test Anxiety

Test anxiety is when a student excessively worries about doing well on a test. This can become a major hindrance on test performance and cause extreme nervousness and memory lapses among other symptoms. The following are tips on reducing test-taking anxiety.

1. Being well prepared for the test is the best way to reduce test-taking anxiety.
2. Space out your studying over a few days or weeks and continually review class material. Don't try to learn everything the night before.
3. Eat a healthy breakfast on test days.
4. Exercising every day will help reduce stress.
5. Get a good night's sleep before the test.
6. Plan to arrive to school early on test days.
7. Stay relaxed, if you begin to get nervous take a few deep breaths slowly to relax yourself and then get back to work.
8. Read the directions slowly and carefully.
9. Don't worry about how fast other people finish their test; just concentrate on your own test.
10. Focus on the question at hand. Don't let your mind wander on other things.
11. Think Positive and believe in you!



# News from the Music Department



Congratulations to all the students who have been chosen to be in the Spring Program this year. Please mark your calendars for these important rehearsal and performance dates:

## After School Rehearsals

February 8, 15, 22	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
March 1, 8, 15	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
April 5, 12	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
May 3, 10	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
May 13, 14, 15, 16, 17	2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. <b>Notice the time change.</b>

Please note: After school rehearsals in May are MANDATORY IN ORDER TO BE INCLUDED IN THE Spring Show. Students who stay for after school rehearsals must be picked up by a parent or guardian, except for the students who are enrolled in the Davie After School Care program. A notice with this information has been sent home.

## Performance Dates

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.	Performance for Kindergarten, first and second graders
Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.	Performance for third, fourth and fifth graders
Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 6 p.m.	Performance for the families of the students in the show.

## HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

DR. WILLIAM H. CAREL III



The month of February was dedicated to the activity and event called JRFH--“Jump Rope for Heart”--sponsored by the American Heart Association. New activities were added to the JRFH program such as Mustang Jumpers performing on their own and a contest where students who donated at least five dollars had the opportunity to win a trophy for jumping the longest without missing. The program ended with Dr. Carel getting slimed by students who donated twenty-five dollars or more to the cause of saving people from heart disease.

In March, we start the Bicycle Safety Program (BSP) where all students will learn how to ride a bicycle, wear a helmet properly and understand the “rules of the road” and can pass a test riding a bike with road street signs. This program is for all third to fifth graders. Children in

grades Pre-K to second grade will receive physical education instruction on motor movement.

In Health Education, we will continue instruction into the body systems starting with the muscular system and the respiratory system.

Field day for 5th grade has been set for March 20, starting at 8:15 AM. This is the last field day these students will experience. Moms and Sads, I will need some registered volunteers to assist by being judges. If you have not already done so, please register to volunteer at <https://www.browardschools.com/get-involved>. If you can help, I would really appreciate your time and effort that day.

Thank you

William H. Carel III, Ph.D.; NBCT

## News from the Science Lab

In Science lab we are learning Force and Motion.

In the Primary grades, we are investigating FRICTION and how it reduces motion. We have several surfaces that we are investigating to determine the effect of friction.

In the Intermediate, we are using forces to pull a mass with a spring scale to see the affect that different surfaces have on friction.

Force and Motion...Its SCIENCE!!!!

