

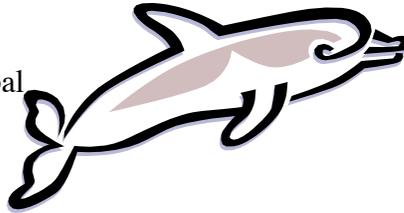
DANIA ELEMENTARY

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Celebrating a Century of Learning

The Dania Dolphin Press

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Dania Elementary 's Mission Statement: Providing the highest quality education to all students.

June 2014



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Community Members

Another dynamic school year is coming to an end. The Dania staff and I are honored to have been a part of your child(ren)'s life. It has been our pleasure to provide a world-class education to the students who have walked our hallways this year.

New standards and increased rigor have created challenges, but I am confident that our staff, students, and stakeholders can rise to overcome any barriers placed before us. We are a school with a rich history of excellence, and our pledge to each parent and student is that we will continue to strive for excellence. Our mission will continue to be focused on providing an education that involves the "whole" child. We plan to continue to offer Music, Art and Physical Education classes next year. Many of the student-centered programs that make Dania such a special place to learn, will be continued.

Dania Elementary was involved in many initiatives this year. I always take this opportunity to reflect on our accomplishments. Following are a few samples of the many accomplishments and/or activities that we've been involved in this year:

- Ten of Our Teaching Staff Attended the *Teacher Idea Expo*
- Received the *Golden School Award* for Outstanding Volunteerism for the 14th Year
- Annual Kickball Tournament
- Participated in Community Events: Library Dedication, Tree Lighting Ceremony, Parades, Education Advisory Committee, MLK Celebrations, and Clean Up Programs

- Over \$40,000 in Grants Received by School Staff in the past 3 Years
- Free After School and Saturday Dolphin Tutoring
- Obtained \$2,500 Beautification Award
- Fully Accredited for Over 50 Years
- Celebrating a Century of Learning at Dania Elementary School
- Recognized as Exceptional in the Tri-County McDonald House Fund Raiser
- Participated in Monthly Family Nights
- Raised \$3,500+ for Autism Research this Year
- Largest Autism Cluster School in Broward County
- Sponsor Student School Clubs: Violin Classes, DEN Morning Announcements, Global Patrol, Boys II Men, Student Council, Second Grade Chorus, and Safety Patrol
- School wide Music Performances
- Students' Art Work was Chosen to be Displayed at the Main Education Building
- SEAs Field Trips
- Dr. Seuss Day Activities
- Science Fair with Local Dignitaries Participating as Judges
- Numerous Staff & Student Multicultural Activities
- Hosted the Annual *Jingle Jog Fund Raiser*
- Several Teachers Applied and Received up to \$400 Grants for Special Projects that Directly Impact Student Achievement

This is an exciting place to work and learn!

I look forward to leading Dania Elementary into its second century of providing a high quality education to thousands of students!

We will build on a past of rich traditions while exploring new and innovative teaching strategies to foster the world's future leaders and environmental caretakers. Please encourage your child(ren) to continue to read through the summer months. Reading is a good academic bridge between the end of one school year and the beginning of another. I hope you have relaxing and rejuvenating summer break, and I look forward to seeing everyone again next year!

Sincerely,

Lewis Jackson, Ed. D.
Principal

Assistant Principal Updates

Leslie Phillips

As this year comes to a close, I want to thank our fabulous volunteers. It truly takes a village to run a school. Every year Volunteer Services updates their database so, anytime after August 1st, you may go to getinvolvedineducation.com and submit the Volunteer Application for the 2014 – 2015 school year.



This summer beginning on June 17th, the Paul Demaio Library will be offering a free cold lunch and afternoon snacks to children younger than 18 years of age. There is no registration for this service but it is on a first-come, first-served basis. Sisters for Abundant Living, a nonprofit community outreach group, sponsor this library program. Contact the library for days and times.

HELP WANTED!!!

We are forming a new PTO Board. All positions are available. What is a PTO, you ask? The PTO is a child advocacy group, which works for the welfare of all children in the school. For example, the PTO helps with fundraisers, field days, parent involvement, book fairs, etc. Let's make 2014-2015 the year Dania Elementary creates a strong active parent group! Call Leslie Phillips at 754-323-5350 for more information.

2014-2015 CODE OF CONDUCT

The 2014-2015 Student Code of Conduct will be distributed electronically beginning July 1, 2014 on the Broward Schools website at

<http://www.browardschools.com>

Parents and students may also access the Code of Conduct through the BEEP Portal or use a smartphone to scan the Quick Response Code (QRC) on any of the Code Book Posters displayed throughout a school's campus.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Partners in Education for the support we have received this year:

- The City of Dania Beach
- Walgreens
- Publix
- Jaxson's
- Winn Dixie
- V & M Erectors
- ASP
- Popcorn Zone
- Robert's Restaurant
- Grand Canyon University
- ExxonMobil
- Grand Canyon University

Please support our partners whenever possible.

School's Financial Report

In accordance with Florida law, we are making available to you your child's school financial report. You may view this report in our front office or on the school's website. The figures in this report represent the revenues and the expenditures allocated to the school, both in total and per FTE (full-time equivalent) student. This data is compared to the rest of the schools in the district and the state. The purpose of this report is to inform parents of the resources that were available to the school during the 2012-13 school year.



Estimado(a) padre/madre o tutor(a):

De acuerdo con la ley del estado de la Florida, le proporcionamos este informe del estado financiero de la escuela a la que asiste su hijo(a). Las cifras aquí presentadas reflejan la actividad de ingresos y gastos de la escuela, calculados en su totalidad y por el equivalente de un(a) estudiante que asiste a la escuela a tiempo completo. El propósito de este reporte es informarle de los recursos disponibles en su escuela durante el curso escolar 2012-13.

Chè Paran oubyen Gadyen:

Daprè lwa Florid la, n ap ofri ou rapò finans lekòl pitit ou a. Chif yo nan rapò sa a reprezante revni e depans yo pèmèt lekòl la toude nan total FTE (egal ekivalans pou elèv an plen tan). Dokiman sa a konpare ak rès lekòl nan distri a e eta a. Rezon pou rapò sa a se pou enfòmè paran yo resous ki te disponib pandan ane eskolè 2012 jiska 13.

Next year we will continue to collect BoxTops for Education labels and aluminum tabs from cans for Ronald McDonald House. Ronald McDonald House helps families of very ill children. It is a very worthy organization. If you shop at Target, set up

your account to reflect Dania Elementary as your school and Target will donate funds to us based on sales. Sending in Boxtops and setting up your account at Target are just some of the ways you can help us with student incentives for our students. It is almost effortless and won't cost you any additional money. Thank you for all your support.

I have truly enjoyed working with parents, students, volunteers and Partners this year and I am looking forward to next year!



Kindergarten Capers

Ms. McOwen, Ms. Partain,
Ms. Rocha, Ms. Wells

Kindergarten had a great time on their field trip to Flamingo Gardens. We saw a lot of exciting things and were able to take home a plant to nurture and grow.

We're wrapping up this year and want to thank all of our student's families for the continued support throughout the school year. Please continue to read with your child, read with them and let them read to you. 😊

First Grade News Flash

Fleming, Ms. Harmer,
Ms. Hengge, Ms. Lee, Ms.
Matter



We are wrapping up a successful year in first grade! Thank you for working hard with your child to make this year a great one! As summer approaches, here are some activities to continue the learning. There is a great website for mathematics called tenmarks.com. You can set it up free this summer as a way to enrich your child's learning. Another free activity is the local library. What better way to encourage the love of reading, than a trip to the library each week and have your child choose books of their liking! By reading throughout the summer and logging onto tenmarks.com to improve math skills, your child will be on their way to success in second grade!



Hip! Hip! Hooray!

Two of our Faculty were honored recently by the Family Autism Network of Florida in appreciation for their outstanding support and dedication to children with autism spectrum disorder.

Congratulations to Ms. Horner and Ms. Marigold!

The Second Grade Scene

Ms. Bohlen, Ms. Delmonte,
Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Reveron

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year has arrived. These months have passed by very quickly. The year's end always brings a tremendous sense of accomplishment. The students have grown both physically and academically. They have acquired many, new, life-long skills which have prepared them for third grade and the future. We celebrate their success as they move on to third grade. Farewell and best luck to our super Second-Graders! The past week has been fun-filled at Dania Elementary! Our deserving students enjoyed the Spring Festival, the "Buckle Up" Carnival sponsored by BSO Police, Fire, and Rescue Units, and the Second-Grade Ice Cream Social this week. What a great way to finish up our 2013-2014 school year!

Parents and kids, remember that summer is a great time to kick back, relax, and enjoy reading your favorite books for at least an hour each day. If you haven't already done so, summer is also a great time to visit the Broward County Public Library and get your library card. The only thing better than good books are FREE good books. On behalf of the second grade team, we would like to thank you for your support, your many donations, and the guidance you have provided for your children. Happy Summer to all, and we'll see you all again on August 18th

Third Grade News

Ms. Campbell, Mr. Daley,
Ms. Johnson, Ms. Podesta,
Ms. Zeitlin

We can't believe the year is coming to an end! The teachers and students have worked hard and are looking forward to a relaxing summer. The FCAT scores have arrived and we are pleased with the outcome. Individual scores will be placed inside your child's report card. We would like to THANK all our parents for their assistance and involvement in their child's education. Parents, teachers and students working collaboratively is always a recipe for success. Please continue to take an active role in your child's academic career.

IMPORTANT PARENT REMINDER:

iReady computer program will be available throughout the summer for students to continue using. Thank you again for a great year and ENJOY your summer vacation.

Fourth Grade

Ms. Little, Ms. Rudnick,
Ms. Schweinfurth,



We can't believe another year has come and gone already!

The students have taken all of their State Tests and we are waiting on results from the math and reading FCAT. Writing FCAT scores have arrived and we are all so proud of the students and the effort and hard work they have put in all year long - it has finally paid off! FCAT math and reading scores will be used as promotion criteria for students to go onto 5th grade; however, students have been given an alternative math and reading test as a precaution that can also be used as promotion criteria if necessary. The fourth grade teachers would like to thank the students for the hard work they put in all year long and the parents for working along side of us to help each child reach their goals. As students go into the summer break, we would like to remind both parents and students that reading must take place 30 minutes daily. This will help students with reading fluency and vocabulary. Make sure you are asking questions about what they are reading and talk to your children to help improve their comprehension as well. If possible, children should join the Broward County Library or a similar book club for the summer! Students should also continue to practice their multiplication skills. At this time they should **KNOW** their facts and be able to recite them quickly. Each child should continue to work on the Benchmarks that are located on their interim-this will help ease the transition into 5th grade.

Students should also continue to write throughout the summer in a journal; they have worked very hard on their writing skills and although they will not be assessed on a writing FCAT next year, they will still be held accountable for writing skills on the new State Test.

We hope you all have a very relaxing, fun and safe summer and we look forward to seeing your children in the hallways next year! ☺

Fifth Grade

Ms. Dickson, Ms. Flynn, Ms. Moncrieffe

Wow! Where has the time gone? Looking back on the 2013-2014 school year we have had some good times. We all worked diligently preparing our students academically for the 6th grade. We all realize that children excel when the whole child is developed, so we have had several enriching

field trips and activities throughout the year. Some of which were; Science in house field trips, BizTown, Olsen Middle School and Islands of Adventure. We also took the time to openly acknowledge and celebrate our many student successes along the way at our quarterly awards ceremonies.

To our Students:

You have had 6 nurturing and enriching years in Dania Elementary School. From Kindergarten to 5th Grade, you have built the foundation for your educational career. That is an incredible achievement, and you should be proud of yourselves. You were given the skills and education necessary to succeed in your next academic endeavor.

As you bid farewell to Dania Elementary School, you are saying, "hello" to Middle School - a place that will introduce a new learning experience to you every day. New friends and different teachers for different subjects - it's a brand new world! Continue to strive for excellence, take advantage of every opportunity given. We are proud of you, too!

If you are attending Olsen Middle School, please remember to complete those summer homework packets. They will be your first two grades in Middle School. **There will also be a question-answer session/tour at Olsen on Saturday, June 7th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

And to our parents, thank you, for your continued support. We wish all our boys and girls a great summer; be safe, and best of luck. We are looking forward to our prospective 5th graders next year. Don't forget you have to read to succeed.

Primary Special Needs Classes

Ms. Fishkin, Ms. Dozier, Ms. Shvank
Ms. Horner, Ms. Persac, Mr. Tomlinson

Spring is a fun and exciting time in the Primary Special Needs Classes. We are very busy exploring and learning about the world around us such as different farm animals. We had the opportunity of visiting an Educational Farm recently. The students were able to pet the animals and ride a pony.

We encourage you to take your child(ren) on many adventures this summer. Family field trips will expose your child to the larger world and provide teachable opportunities to embrace new information with a hands on approach. Here are a few places that you

might want to consider visiting over the summer break:

The public library
Tradewinds Park – horseback riding
Young at Art Museum
Butterfly world
LegoLand
Off the Wall Trampoline Center
The Science Museum of Discovery

THANK you for all of the yummy and thoughtful Teacher Appreciation gifts! We appreciate all of your support and dedication to our classroom. Thank you for trusting us with your most precious gift, your children! We truly enjoy each moment helping them grow and learn.

News from the Art Room

Ms. Dugas

Dear Dania Family,



Texture was the last element of art that students experimented with. Most classes had an opportunity to work on a project creating either visual or tactile texture. The younger students worked on a 3D Everglades snake. We talked briefly about the Everglades and the animals that live there and viewed examples. Then they used recycled toilet paper rolls to form the body of the snake and a multiple of texture surfaces to apply paint and give the impression of scales. We used corks, bubble wrap, rollers, rubber bands and Q-tips. The snakes turned out beautiful and the children enjoyed playing with them and were proud to show them off.

The first grade students had the opportunity to work on a pirate project. We read the book “How I became a pirate” by Melinda Long and illustrated by David Shannon and based on the book and previous knowledge they had, we made a pirate doll and a treasure map. The children used scraps of fabric and paper to add details to their pirates and the results are quite impressive. They really turned out amazing!

Second graders had fun creating visual texture in the style of Jackson Pollock. We learned about his ‘action’ style of painting and they went wild splattering paint, dripping, twisting and applying paint to paper without using paintbrushes! We cut the papers and created rock guitars adding details with recycled cereal boxes and yarn. The children love their rocking guitars!

Third graders learned about medieval knights. We paid special attention to details

and learned the names of many parts of the armor. Then we went ahead and created our own knight in shining armor. We made the armor out of foil paper and the results are spectacular. What fun it was for them to create such wonderful texture!

Fourth graders worked on a perspective project. Perspective is a required area we have to teach in the curriculum prior to Middle School because it helps them understand concepts in geometry and math. Fourth graders practice making a one point perspective and they decorated their perspective with either a landscape or cityscape and then used watercolors to add finishing touches.

Fifth grade worked on radial symmetry. They made animal mandalas and used their creativity to explore their favorite animal, its environment and used symmetry to create a pattern on their radial design. It was amazing to see how different each mandala looks even given the same directions.

Don’t forget to recycle! Thank you to all the parents, staff and students who keep on bringing items to reuse in the art room. Our focus for next year will be PRINTING! So we will need cereal boxes any size, and lots of Styrofoam containers, preferably the white flat type like vegetable trays. Please no egg or meat cartons! I wrote a grant specifically for printing projects, and Styrofoam trays make an inexpensive and easy to acquire medium to use for printing.



Reading Corner Ms. Gunn

Summer is here! Summer is a very busy time for many families, and it is sometimes hard to make time for reading. It is very important that children read during the summer to maintain their reading skills. How do you get children to read when there are so many other things to do: MAKE IT FUN! Go to the public library and find out what children want to read.

Comic Books –Books are now being written in the comic book format to encourage even children who hate to read to pick up a book. Magazines are another way to get children interested in reading. Non-fiction books are another way to get children to read about the things that interest them.

Have children read recipes to you or instructions for crafts and video games. Have children research your vacation destination. Let them make your trip

itinerary, of course retain the rights to tweak it, or you may only see the kid's attractions or eat fast food the entire time.

I will be sending home a flyer with students that will give you more information about summer reading. Have a great summer!

Physical Education Coach Selvitella

Another successful year of being continuously active and healthy! In addition to all the new activities the students learned in class; regular physical activity has increased their concentration and attention, improved attendance, and increased academic performance. On behalf of the American Heart Association, a special thank you to every student who participated with their family and friends raising and donating \$1,471.00 from Dania Elementary helping to save lives from heart disease and stroke.

I'd like to recognize the following classes:

Mrs. McOwen - Kindergarten
Mrs. Partain - Kindergarten
Mrs. Wells - Kindergarten
Ms. Matter - First Grade
Mrs. Fleming - First Grade
Mrs. Lee - First Grade
Ms. Harmer- First Grade
Mrs. Hengge - Second Grade
Mrs. Bohlen - Second Grade
Mrs. Magliocca - Third to Fifth Grade
Mr. Daley - Third Grade
Mrs. Campbell - Third Grade
Mrs. Johnson- Third Grade
Mrs. Rudnick- Fourth Grade

A special thank you to Emily Monge for raising the highest amount and Madison Bowe from Ms. Matter's class.

I wish you a safe and active summer having lots of fun with your family and friends.



Music Melodies Mr. Dix

Once again parents, we have successfully completed another school year. This has been one of the most exciting years that I can remember.

We have had some exceptionally musically talented students. From the Drum performances at Olsen Middle to the Winterfest Christmas Celebration, our Fifth Graders have really excelled.

Our underclassmen have done well also. From the nonstop energy of our Pre-K and K

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students when they presented the "Barnyard Moosical" in the fall to the songs and skits from the 1st and 2nd graders. Our third graders have learned new music on the recorders, while our 4th graders have really dived into educational contemporary Music.

Once again, it truly has been a pleasure. I hope to see you in the fall.

Teachers Updating Skills

Our Professional teachers are continuously working on professional development to develop their teaching skills and to increase their level of content expertise.

We are recognizing teachers at Dania Elementary who are expanding their expertise beyond their current certification by pursuing college coursework and/or training sessions to become certified or endorsed in another/other subject(s).

In order to remain in this/these assignment(s), the teacher will successfully complete required training within 12 months of the assignment or, if teaching primary English or Reading class to identified limited English proficient students, in accordance with the Multicultural Education Training Advocacy (META) timeline.

These teachers are: Cheryl Burton, Michele Harmer, Patricia Magliocca, Margaret Marigold.

Title 1 Ms. Burton

I would like to thank each of you for the support that you have provided to our school throughout the 2013-2014 school year. I hope that you have enjoyed joining us at our various school functions as much as we have enjoyed having you there. With the feedback that we have received, from those of you who have attended our SAC meetings, we are excited to have already started planning activities for next year. Of course, we are always interested in hearing any ideas you have that would help us serve you better. Please feel free to visit the school any time to let us know what we can do to assist you and your child.

Have a wonderful, safe and happy summer. We look forward to seeing you in August!

Guidance

Ms. Jones

As we close out this current school year I want you to reflect about all of the successes your children and family had this year and what you would like improved. Summer is a great time to make goals for the upcoming school year. Goals that your family makes should be achievable during the 2014-2015 school year and within reach of your ability. An example of a student goal is "I will write down all of my homework in my agenda at the beginning of class everyday and put a check mark by it when it is complete." It is important that your goals are fully stated with an action plan, or explaining how you are going to achieve the goal.

Parents, one way you can help your child is giving them more responsibility over the summer, which will lead into the upcoming school year. Since they are responsible for themselves and their actions while in school what better place for them to practice this than at home! Have your child assist with housework or assign them a chore so they have a sense of responsibility.

To our promoted 5th graders, Congratulations on your accomplishments but do not forget the things you were taught by your teachers and staff here. Good luck in your future endeavors and make Dania Elementary proud!

Dates to Remember!

New Student Registrations
Monday -Thursdays 8:00-3:00



Open Campus Find your Classroom
Saturday, August 16th, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

First Day Back – Students	August 18
Holiday No School	September 1
*Open House	September 10
*PTO/SAC/SAF/Title 1	September 10
Interims Issued	September 18
Early Release	September 18
Holiday No School	September 25
*Tentative Date/ Time to be Announced	

Broward Schools Summer Resources

During the summer months, BCPS plays host to dozens of academic enrichment programs and camps geared toward K-12 students with interests in robotics, STEM activities, video games, sports, academic acceleration and more. Participation in a summer program or camp can help your child develop character, learn valuable life skills, make new friends and discover new interests. Prepare now for a summer filled with adventure, learning and friendship. Check the web at www.browardschools.com to find a program near you!

Volunteers Needed

It takes a village to raise a child and it takes many people to run a school. We have many areas in which help is needed. Below are just a few.

We have open positions for our governing body, The School Advisory Council. The School Advisory Council, or SAC represent all stakeholders at the school. We meet one time a month at the school. PTO, works for the benefit of students and teachers. They help with programs and fundraising. They meet as necessary. The School Advisory Forum, is a communication link between the school and community. Please contact Leslie Phillips to express your interest. Thank you.