

Project-Based Learning Symposium a Great

## **Success at Awesome Olsen**

Our students led the Awesome Olsen Middle School Project Based Learning Symposium and it was a tremendous success! Thank you to our awesome parents, community, and district staff who also attended to support our students leading teaching and learning. Project based learning empowers our students to work on a project over an extended period of time that engages them in solving a real-world problem or answering a complex question. They demonstrate their knowledge and skills by creating a public product or presentation for a real audience.

Consequently, students develop deep content knowledge as well as critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, and communication skills. Project Based Learning unleashes a contagious, creative energy among students and teachers. The central question our students are analyzing across content areas is: How does my story define who I am? Our students are responding through deep analysis and exploration of core academic content and then ultimately, themselves to answer the question. For to answer outward, the journey truly begins inward.

Congratulations to our Awesome Olsen students for a job well done!

### Winter Learning Assignments Available Now

Awesome Olsen Middle believes that students should continue their learning all year long to keep their minds sharp. The Winter Learning Assignments have been distributed in student classrooms. These assignments are due on Friday, January 10. Extra copies of the Winter Learning Assignments can be found on our website at: olsen.browardschools.com



#### **SCHOOLS CLOSED**

December 23, 2019 – January 6, 2020

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES CLOSED

December 23 – December 25, 2019 December 30 – 31, 2019 and January 1, 2020

EMPLOYEE PLANNING January 6, 2020 CLASSES RESUME FOR STUDENTS

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

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# Olsen Middle School

The ESE Department hosted the Special Olympics Basketball Skills program for our students on December 12, 2019. Students were able to participate in several different skills drills and rewarded for their efforts.



### The Special Olympics Come to Awesome Awesome Olsen Students wins US Chess Championship in K-6 Blitz Event

Our very own Nicolae State-Ungureanu victorious in the K-6 Blitz event at the US Chess Annual tournament in Orlando from December 12-15, 2019.

Originally born Romania, Nicolae became interested in chess from watching his father play



and then began learning from his father. He joined a chess club and has been playing competitively ever since.

The Blitz Chess event is different from traditional chess in that games are time limited to 5 minutes each and players must thing fast in order to win a round.



### Awesome Olsen Beginning and Symphonic Bands hold Winter Concert and Two Members Honored by County



On December 5, Awesome Olsen Band held a concert featuring both the Beginning and Symphonic Bands. They played selections such as. The event was also combined with a Cookie Exchange hosted by Academy of Hospitality and Tourism.

This was the second performance of the school year, which is great

accomplishment for a middle school band.

In addition to this success, two of our Beginning Band students, Jonas Petitdo and Jeremiah Devalon have been chosen to participate in the Young Musicians Honor Band for Broward County. The students in this

band are chosen as the best in the county and will be performing as a group. This is a great honor for these band students, and is a reflection of their dedication and hard work.



### **Positive Referrals for** the Month of November

The following students were recognized by our administration as students who were a positive influence on their peers and the school.

> Iyahna Cannon Kyle Castro Matthew Knight Moises Nunez **Eudes Beaubrun** Gabriela Guaimare Aleannah Telfort Deanna McDonald Damani Golston Linet Morejon Sophie Beaubrun Kristofer Prophete Lucca Burgos Myrna Zamora London Johnson Nakayah Cannon Herick Alphonse Jose Davila Gonzalez