



Pride Passion Purpose
Cougar Connection 08.19.2019- 08.23.2019

Good Evening and Happy Friday!

This is Mr. Santana, Principal of Glades Middle School, with your weekly Cougar Connection. As we close out our first full week of the school year, I want to start the Cougar Connection by sharing our vision for 2019.20! This year, as a school community we are focusing on creating a culture of engagement. Specifically, we are looking to accomplish this by providing high quality, relevant, and compelling classroom experiences for all of our students. This week, my classroom visitations revealed that we are well on our way to actualizing this vision. From project based learning to co-teaching initiatives, I was very pleased to see our teachers thinking outside of the box in an effort to instill a love of learning in our students.

In operational news, this week students had the opportunity to take their fall picture, which will be used for their school IDs. Please note that students should have their updated ID pictures within the next 2 weeks. If this timeline changes, we will make sure to communicate this to our community. It is important to remind your child to always wear their school issued ID when coming to school. Safety and security is of the upmost importance as we continue to move full steam ahead into the new school year.

In district news, the Code of Student Conduct Handbook Goes Green! Parents are invited to review the Code of Student Conduct Handbook and complete the required forms by accessing the Back to School Forms link found on our website. Also, we will be having our annual Open House event for all students on Thursday, August 29th from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. This event is an opportunity for you to learn about your child's curriculum and daily activities. Please be on the lookout for an Open House letter that will be sent home with your child on Monday, August 26th. Looking forward to meeting you and your family in Cougar Country!

In student activities news, we were recently informed that our AMAZING Peer Counselors, under the leadership of Mrs. Moser, are going to be the face of Project Brain for Broward County. Project Brain is an initiative that teaches children about brain development and the negative effects of substance abuse. The students will be featured

in all of the promotional materials being used for this initiative. I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize Mrs. Crawford and our coding students. This week, we were selected as one of only three schools in the entire district to implement a pilot program that will afford some of our computer science students to earn an industry certification in html! The Future is DEFINITELY Bright at Glades!

In athletics news, boys and girls soccer tryouts are continuing next week as we draw closer to the start of the soccer season. Also, cross country tryouts will begin Tuesday, September 3rd and Wednesday, September 4th. Finally, there will be an informational meeting for any students interested in golf on Wednesday, August 28th at 9 am in room 328.

That's all for now. Remember to follow us on Twitter @Glades_MS to stay informed about all of the latest happenings in our school. The future continues to be bright at Glades! Let's continue to move our school forward with pride, passion, and purpose. Have a great weekend!

