



Pride Passion Purpose
Cougar Connection 08.26.2019 -08.30.2019

Good Evening and Happy Friday!

This is Mr. Santana, Principal of Glades Middle School, with your weekly Cougar Connection. This week, we had the pleasure of hosting our new and returning Cougar Families at our annual Open House event. We appreciate you taking the time to share your evening with us. As always, we are constantly looking at ways to improve our practices. Thus, we have put together an Open House survey that allows you the opportunity to offer your insights and feedback regarding this event. Please take a few minutes and share your perspectives on our Open House by going to our website and completing a very brief survey. The survey will be open until September 27, 2019.

In safety and security news, again I would like to commend our students for wearing their IDs. While this is new for many of our students, they have really shown their Pride, Passion, and Purpose by upholding their Glades Middle School responsibilities. As a reminder, consequences are issued to students that are not wearing their ID badges. As such, please make sure to remind your child to always have their ID badges on. In additional safety and security news, I am happy to announce that this week, we installed additional cameras on our campus in strategic locations to continue to help keep our students safe. Your support is greatly appreciated as we continue to make student safety a priority.

In community news, this past week I had the pleasure of meeting with faculty, staff, and community members at our first annual School Advisory Council (SAC) and School Advisory Forum (SAF) meeting. We were able to discuss upcoming initiatives, school protocols, and curriculum. Please come out and join us at our next SAC and SAF meeting on Thursday, September 26th at 4:30 pm. Everyone is welcome! Please remember to check our website for important information and upcoming events.

In school news, Extra Help Thursday will be starting next week on September 5th for all students. If you are new to Glades Middle School, Extra Help Thursday is a free opportunity for your child to receive additional assistance in their coursework. Any child that wishes to participate must be dropped off between 8:30 AM- 8:35 AM and report to the classroom where they desire assistance. Our teachers will be waiting for our students and provide help.

In teacher and staff recognition news, please join me in recognizing our Teacher of the Year, Ms. Nancy Apollon, and our Staff Related Employee of the Year, Ms. Vivian Figueroa! The Future is Bright with these AMAZING individuals guiding the way for our students and colleagues. We are lucky to have such dedicated staff members and say "thank you for all that you do!"

Finally, in athletics news, please continue to monitor the weather regarding meetings, practices, and games. We do have a soccer game scheduled for this upcoming Tuesday but there is a strong possibility that it may be cancelled. Updates will be sent out via ParentLink with any changes once school is back in session.

Please stay safe this weekend as Hurricane Dorian potentially approaches Florida. The District as well as our school will be sending out updates regarding any cancellation of classes, activities, professional development and campus operations. Remember to follow us on Twitter @Glades_MS to stay informed about all the latest happenings at our school. The Future Continues to be Bright at Glades! Let's continue moving our school forward with pride, passion, and purpose. Have a safe weekend!

