February 2022

Coral Park Elementary Title I School

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Miami, Fl. 33174

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February Values Matter: Kindness	February Literacy Challenge: Read a book in every GENRE at our library and get a chance to enter in reading raffle.	Chinese New 1 Year	2 elebrate Florida Stude	3 ent Services Week	4 Kinder Classes— 100th Day Celebration	5 Tol G. School
African Ameri-6 can Read In Chain Begins— Forms will be in Teacher Mail- boxes	African American Read In Chain— Inventors and Scientists	2nd Gr. Fieldtrip to 8 Fairchild Tropical Gardens – Ms. Gonzalez/ Ms. Organvidez	9 African Ame r	10 ican History	Honor Roll Assemblies Month	12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
13 Glarificas Glarificas Glarificas	Valentine's Day 14 Dress Down Wear Red and Jeans African American Read In Chain – Poetry	2nd Gr. Fieldtrip to Fairchild Tropical Gardens – Ms. Duenas / Ms. Monje	16	2nd Gr. Fieldtrip to Fairchild Tropical Gardens – Ms. Campbell, Ms. Kirou, & Ms. Santiago	Interim 18 Reports Go Home 5 th Grade Symposium	Join PTA Today
20	President's Day ²¹ No School Day	22 African American Read In Chain– Folktales	23 NEHS Induction Ceremony – 6:00pm	24	25	26
27	28 African American Read In Chain– Literature (All Genres)		<u>Classes with</u>	Class Challenge— Fe highest percent corr quizzes averaged.		







CPECORAL PARK ELEMENTARY Title I Advancement Academy Saturaay School

Saturdays

(9:00 AM to 11:00 AM)

Calling ALL 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Wildcats!



What can YOU expect?

- · Fun Learning
- · New Experiences
- · Hands-on Activities
- · Math Manipulatives
- · Writing Tips
- · Reading Practice
- · STEM Experiments
- Attendance Incentives

Raffles and Prizes

No Uniforms, Academy Shirts (will be provided) and appropriate jeans! Please bring a notebook, pencil and a smile!



For Children WHO TURN 4 YEARS OLD on or before September 1st, 2022

The VPK program at Coral Park Elementary is now accepting names for the incoming 2022-2023 school year. Our academic VPK program centers around three key developmental areas: emotional, intellectual, and social growth. If you know of anyone with a child who will be 4 on or before September 1, 2022, and is interested in attending our wonderful VPK program, please have them stop by our office and see Ms. Gina Baez.

Mondays through Fridays 8:15 AM - 4:00 PM

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Coral Park Elementary

Making Online Payments for Student Fees & Trips

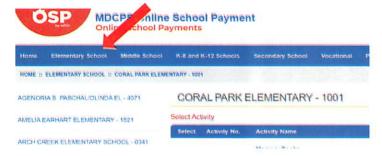
Step 1: Log in to your child's Student Portal or your Parent Portal



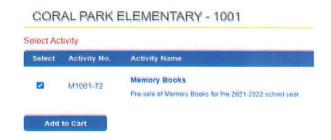
Step 2: Select the "Apps/Services/Site" tab at the top of the page. Scroll down to select the "OSP" (Online School Payment) application



Step 3 – In the OSP site, select Elementary School, scroll down to select Coral Park Elementary-1001. All available trips and fees will appear listed. Make sure to select the correct trip or fee you need to make a payment for.



Step 4 – Add the selected trip or fee payment to your cart. In the next screen select CHECKOUT



5- In the drop-down menu, select your student's name and select NEXT.



6- Complete your Credit Card Billing Address information, click NEXT.



7- Input your credit card information. Click REVIEW ORDER. Once you finalize your order, print 2 copies of the confirmation. One copy for your child to turn-in as a confirmation to their teacher, and the second copy keep for your records. If you have more than one child you are making a payment for, you will need to login to each individual child's student portal.



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"Every child deserves a champion: an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be" - Rita F. Pierson, Educator.

Learn how YOU can help shape the M-DCPS school culture and community by serving as a MENTOR.

January 25, 2022 12:00 p.m. Click <u>here</u> to Register

Presentations from:











Moderators:

- Vince Dawkins, Director, Office of Communications & Community Engagement
- Nicole Torres, Miami-Dade County Public Schools' 2021 Youth Volunteer of the Year
- Cori'Anna White, Student Advisor to the Miami-Dade County Public School Board



Your child is eligible* for a FREE book delivery program!

Students enrolled in the New Worlds Reading Initiative will receive:

- A free book in the mail each month = 9 books per school year
- The option to choose their own book topics to build a personalized library
- A collection of reading activities for families to use together to encourage a love for reading

Scan the QR code or visit
newworldsreading.com/enroll
to enroll and choose your
favorite book topics today.



*Students in kindergarten through fifth grade are eligible for the New Worlds Reading Initiative if they are currently not reading on grade level. Schools and districts will determine student eligibility.

Discover more about the New Worlds Reading Initiative at www.newworldsreading.com.

Launching students into new worlds, one page at a time.





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M-DCPS GRADUATION RATE INCREASES IN 2020-2021



Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (M-DCPS) high school graduation rate for the 2020-2021 school year reached an impressive 90.1 percent, a 0.5 percentage point increase over the previous year. This marks the highest graduation rate M-DCPS has achieved since the Florida Department of Education began tracking graduation statistics with modern methods in the late 1990s. If charter schools are removed from the calculation, the graduation rate for schools managed by the District rose to 94 percent.

While most graduates met the high school graduation test requirements through statewide testing or concordant scores, due to flexibility provided by the state during the global pandemic, some students may have had alternate criteria applied.

The newly released graduation rate increased by 12 percentage points over the 2014-2015 school year, the first year of the more rigorous Florida Standards, and increased by 31.4 percentage points from 58.7 percent in 2006-2007. Below are

some highlights of the District's performance from 2014-2015 to 2020-2021:

- . In 2021, M-DCPS met the state's overall graduation rate at 90.1, with each of the following subgroups surpassing their counterparts statewide: Hispanic, White, English Language Learners, Students with Disabilities, and Economically Disadvantaged.
- Hispanic students improved by 11.7 percentage points to 90.9 percent in 2021, surpassing the state rate of 89.4.
- White students improved by 5.3 percentage points to 93.6 percent, surpassing the state rate of 91.8.
- Black students improved by 15.2 percentage points to 85.6 percent, remaining stable from 2020.
- The District's graduation rate for Students with Disabilities improved by 18 percentage points to 83.6 percent, surpassing the state rate of 82.3 percent.
- Economically Disadvantaged students improved by 13.8 percentage points to 89.1 percent,

surpassing the state rate of 87.2.

- · English Language Learners improved by 25.3 percentage points to 86.8 percent, surpassing the state rate of 86.1.
- · M-DCPS students' rate of improvement from 2020 to 2021 exceeded their counterparts' statewide in the following categories: Overall, White, Hispanic, English Language Learners, and Economically Disadvantaged.

"We take pride in the fact that Miami-**Dade County Public Schools continues** to achieve historic graduation rates, despite the unprecedented challenges faced as a result of the pandemic," said Schools Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho. "The District is encouraged and energized by these results, as they are a testament to the extraordinary efforts of our resilient students and dedicated workforce."

IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

January 21 **Teacher Planning Day**

February 21

Observance of President's Day

February 25 **VPK Lottery**

FREE COVID-19 TESTING, VACCINATIONS



Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), in partnership with University of Miami Health System, is offering the flu vaccine, school-required vaccines, COVID-19 testing, and the COVID-19 vaccine to eligible students in Miami-Dade County. Testing will be done through the Health System's Pediatric Mobile Unit, which will be available in various school parking lots throughout the month.

To make an appointment, call 305-243-6407. Walk-ups are welcome. All individuals under the age of 18 receiving a vaccine must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Vaccination Schedule and Sites					
Friday, January 21	Campbell Drive	15790 SW 37th Street			
10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	K-8 Center	Miami, FL 33033			
Monday, January 24	Hialeah Gardens	11690 NW 92nd Avenue			
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Middle	Hialeah Gardens, FL 33018			
Wednesday, January 26	Southwood	16301 SW 80th Avenue			
10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Middle	Palmetto Bay, FL 33157			
Thursday, January 27	Kinloch Park	4340 NW 3rd Street			
10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Middle	Miami, FL 33126			
Friday, January 28	Highland Oaks	2375 NE 203rd Street			
10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Middle	Miami, FL 33180			
Monday, January 31	Lamar Louise Curry	15750 SW 47th Street			
10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Middle	Miami, FL 33185			

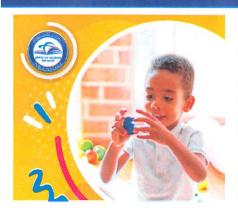
Students receiving the COVID-19 vaccine MUST be at least 5 years old on the day they are receiving the vaccine to be eligible and have a completed COVID-19 vaccine screening and consent form, which will be available at the sites.

February testing dates and locations will also be made available in the near future.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

February 9 11:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

M-DCPS IS...WHERE LEARNING BEGINS!



Early Childhood Education and Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) programs, such as those offered in more than 200 Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), prepare children to enter kindergarten with the social, emotional, language, cognitive and early reading, and math

skills they need to succeed. M-DCPS is committed to providing high-quality comprehensive services to prepare young children for life-long learning.

Florida's VPK Education Program (VPK): VPK is a free program that prepares four-year-old children for kindergarten and beyond. Children must be four years old on or before September 1, 2022, to enroll. A list of the participating schools is available on the website at http://earlychildhood.dadeschools.net.

M-DCPS' VPK Program uses a lottery to select students that will be held on Friday, February 25, 2022. Families will be entered into the VPK lottery after submitting proof of birth and address to their home/neighborhood school before the February 24, 2022, deadline. Children whose names are drawn in the lottery will be selected to attend the program. Open seats will be available at select schools after the lottery date, so parents whose children were not selected in the lottery should contact the Department of Early Childhood Programs at 305-995-7632 for assistance in finding an opening. Parents may obtain their required stated VPK Program Certificate of Eligibility online at the Office of Early Learning website: http://www. vpkhelp.org.

M-DCPS IS...WHERE LEARNING BEGINS!... CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

Head Start Program: Provided in partnership with Miami-Dade County Community Action and Human Services, the M-DCPS Head Start program is a free, federally-funded, comprehensive, child development program serving children from low-income families beginning on their third (3) birthday. Children with disabilities are included in the program and receive a full range of developmental services.

Eligibility for Head Start is based on family income at or below the federal poverty level. The recruitment period for the 2022-2023 school year began January 18, 2022. Families can apply

by visiting any of the 31 M-DCPS Head Start sites across the county and completing an application or applying online at headstart.dadeschools.net. A list of the participating schools is also available by visiting the Head Start website at http://headstart.dadeschools.net.

Reverse Mainstream Program:
General education role model
students are needed for a limited
number of slots in Pre-K special
education reverse mainstream
programs across the district. This
program offers a free, full-day or
half-day opportunity for qualifying
students. Students are eligible

beginning on their third (3) birthday and must have age-appropriate language and social skills because they will serve as models for children with disabilities. This curriculum is robust and offers students an opportunity to learn pre-reading, math, science and social studies, as well as develop their social skills in a school setting. Parents should inquire at their home/neighborhood school or call the Pre-K Special Education office at 305-271-5701 to identify programs near their homes.

For more information, please visit http://earlychildhood.dadeschools.net or call 305-995-7632.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES 2022-23 SCHOOL CALENDAR



The Miami-Dade County School Board approved the 2022-2023 school calendars at its monthly meeting with a start date of August 17 for students. The approved Elementary and Secondary as well as the Adult/Vocational calendars include a Fall Recess for students and 10-month employees the week of November 21 – 25, 2022, during the Thanksgiving holiday.

The school calendars were jointly developed by the School Calendar Ad Hoc Committee comprised of representatives from Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the United Teachers of Dade.

For more information, visit http://www.dadeschools.net/calendars/.

SAVE THE DATE! NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR COMES TO MIAMI, MARCH 13, 2022



The National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) returns to Miami for an In-Person National College Fair on Sunday, March 13, 2022. Representatives from different colleges and universities will be available to meet with students and parents on subjects such as financial aid, college planning, admission and testing requirements. The Fair, which has free admission, will be held from 12 - 4 p.m., at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Miami Airport & Convention Center, 777 N.W. 72nd Ave., Miami, FL 33126. Registration is now open at https://www.nacacattend.org/22miami/begin.

This year, the NACAC is introducing a matchmaking technology that takes the attributes of colleges/universities (geographic region, campus size, campus setting, etc.) and matches

them to student interests and preferences.

Seven virtual fairs will also be offered this spring. For more information, visit www.nacacnet.org. Follow the event on social media at #collegefairmiami.

NACAC and Miami-Dade County Public Schools are sponsors of the event. School Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman is co-chair of the local committee of the National College Fair. This is her 25th consecutive year as co-chair.

SATURDAY ACADEMY - ONE STEP IN REVERSING LEARNING LOSS

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has been bold and innovative in its quest to narrow achievement and opportunity gaps for all students. Through an all-hands-ondeck approach, M-DCPS ensures that students from all zip codes are granted equal access to additional learning opportunities, including remediation, enrichment, acceleration and robust systems of support.

M-DCPS is doing everything it can to accelerate learning and address the regression experienced by many students. One of these opportunities is the Saturday Academy, which has been offered for more than a decade and is a successful strategy to improve student learning.

The Saturday Academy is a beyondthe-bell learning opportunity for all students, in which they can engage in meaningful and purposeful instruction with their teachers for approximately four hours. Throughout the years, Saturday Academy has evolved from printed packets to hands-on science labs and blended learning, a combination of technology and conventional teaching strategies and practices. Thanks to our Digital Convergence Initiative, which was launched in 2012 and funded by taxpayers, we have invested in technology to make learning more engaging and personalized for students.

What else makes Saturday School a success? It's 12:1 student-teacher ratio, which is considerably smaller than the typical class size during the regular week. There are approximately 1,700 students enrolled at the 36 schools currently offering Saturday Academy. Enrollment is still open and available. The program incentivizes participating students with field trips and gift cards to various restaurants and stores. Breakfast, lunch and snacks are served, and transportation is provided for Saturday Academy attendees.

Without question, Saturday Academy is a staple within our district and one of the contributing factors that has led to M-DCPS' "A" rating, as assigned by the Florida Department of Education. Since the COVID-19 pandemic has adversely impacted student learning and disrupted education on a scale never seen before, extended learning opportunities such as Saturday Academy are absolutely critical for mitigating learning loss

and addressing unfinished student learning. Therefore, active student participation in Saturday Academy is crucial for accelerating academic achievement.

The past eighteen months have been challenging. School closures and the disruptions associated with the pandemic have taken a toll on children's learning, safety, and wellbeing. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has also reminded us that we are a resilient academic community that is stronger together; and that our resolve and reimagined strength allow us to dream big and give our students the world.

For more specific school site information regarding Saturday Academy, contact your child's school.

PARENT E-TIPS Setting Goals https://bit.ly/3r79FY2





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