



What's The Word?



WE APPRECIATE YOU!

North Dade Middle School teachers deliver a thing or two to their students- motivation, inspiration, knowledge, and love. The first week of May, marked a week long of events dedicated to the heartbeat of the school. The teachers received the utmost respect and care from students and administration. Each day detailed different levels of gratitude and attention to acknowledge the smallest efforts contributed by teachers. A good teacher deserves an apple, you deserve the whole tree!

Principal's Corner



WALKING ON THE PATH TO SUCCESS



6TH GRADER

"Shaniya is a well-mannered young lady with great leadership skills. Whenever she completes her work, she is always looking forward to help others. Her confident demeanor demands the respect of her friends and peers alike."

-Mr. Jean, Art



7TH GRADER

"Zeshawn is an industrious student who works tirelessly to achieve ANY challenge brought to him. His enthusiasm to succeed is infectious. Continue to make your Thunderbird family proud."

-Ms. Hanson, Civics



8TH GRADER

"Niang (recently nominated Most Likely to Succeed by her peers) consistently exhibits values that matter at North Dade Middle. Her pursuit of excellence as a rising 9th grader is engraved with respect, kindness, and accountability."

-Ms. Robinson, Language Arts

Are We There Yet?

The roadmap of May includes an express lane of scholastic growth; it also approaches the end of the road for standardized assessments. Your GPS on this trail was determined by the path chosen. Did you choose the road less traveled with unfamiliar speed bumps or perhaps you preferred the course with predictable winding paths? Believe it or not, selecting either route continues to shape who you are today. As we continue to soar and celebrate our best, reflect on these words: Look up. Look through. Look forward. Your journey does not end here. **We are THUNDERBIRDS!!!**

Principal K. Armand

TOP BANANA AWARD

Congratulations to our next Top Banana Award recipient, Ms. Francine Pouchie, for being a superstar behind the scenes! Thank you for multi-tasking as the treasurer and simulating the duties of the Principal's Secretary. We appreciate your hard work and non-apologetic attitude. **Hmmm.....I wonder who's next?**



I.B. ALL DAY

Class of 2021 continues to reap the benefits of project based learning through their IB community. *"Our eighth graders are recognizing many valuable lessons as they partake in their community service projects. The end goal is to empower and inspire them to remain active global citizens, no matter where they are in the world."*
Dr. M. Thurston, IB Coordinator



*Connect today,
transform tomorrow.*

NORTH DADE MIDDLE SCHOOL & CENTER FOR MODERN LANGUAGES



Did you know that North Dade Middle used to be a senior high school? This year marks the **60th Anniversary!** Come out and enjoy the festivities of this Community Alumni Celebration: Sock Hop, Old School Motown Review, Michael Sterling Band, food truck cuisines, and meet distinguished North Dade Alumni. A "Homecoming" weekend is planned for May 19-20, 2017 on site. Contact Ms. Edwards for more information. Aren't you glad to be a Thunderbird?

Do You BikeSafe?



Why Uber to school, when you can just **BikeSafe?** For the third year in a row, North Dade has partnered with the University of Miami and Miami Gardens Police Dept. to ensure students understand the rules of the road, bicycling fundamentals, and safe riding skills. Bring your bike and waiver to school on May 18th and enjoy the morning zephyr along with cool gifts. Save the date!

School Uniforms

North Dade Middle takes pride in students looking the part with distinctive grade level uniforms.

- Tops**
- 6th grade - Light Blue
- 7th grade- Royal Blue
- 8th grade- Midnight Blue
- Bottoms**
- All -khaki pants/shorts (knee length)
- Shoes** - Closed toed shoes

***ABSOLUTELY NO HOODIES/ BANDANAS/ SCARVES/ JEANS/ SAGGING PANTS/ FLIP FLOPS/ SANDALS!**

DO YOU KNOW YOUR RIGHTS?

Our Civics teachers, Ms. Hanson and Ms. Boyer, are responsible for our 7th graders success and on-going knowledge of the their rights. Since the first day of school these two ladies have instilled the power of government, political participation, critical thinking skills, and developing students comprehension of their place in the living history of the United States.

Got Art?

Mr. Jean guides his 6th grade apprentice Hilari Cuevas with portrait drawing using airbrush. "When one teaches, two learn." Robert Heinlein



- ▶ May 1-5 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- ▶ May 8 - Food Truck (PBS)
- ▶ May 13 - Civics Camp 9-12pm
- ▶ May 16 - 7th grade Civics EOC Exam
- ▶ May 16 - District 1 Student Recognition
- ▶ May 18 - Early Release Day/Haitian Flag Day
- ▶ May 18 - BikeSafe
- ▶ May 19-20 - 60th Alumni Celebration
- ▶ May 20 - Sen. Braynon Choice Challenge
- ▶ May 24 - Verizon App Challenge visit
- ▶ May 29 - Memorial Day/No School
- ▶ May 30 - Rising 7th graders book distribution
- ▶ June 6 - Grade 8 Promotional Ceremony (MCSHS)

Soaring Sports- There's more than dunkin' donuts going on over here.

Attention all Thunderbirds! Come support our girls and boys basketball team as they prepare to end their season with home games against well known opponents. Check out Jada Rhodes (6th) and Patrick Nguyen (8th) going to work. This should be a good one! See Mr. Thompson for more info.



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