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A NEWSLETTER FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARENTS

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#### SUPERINTENDENT'S HONORS MUSIC FESTIVAL



The Superintendent's Honors Music Festival was held at Miami Senior High School on Wednesday, April 6, and Thursday, April 7, 2022. This

annual event showcases the finest student musicians from Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). Music students from across the District audition for the opportunity to participate in one of the instrumental or vocal ensembles and come together to perform at this special concert.

#### PARENT E-TIPS

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#### **MAGNET OFF-CYCLE APPLICATION PERIOD**



The Miami-Dade County Public Schools Off-Cycle Magnet Application period opened on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, to provide students another opportunity to apply for Magnet seats for next school year. The Off-Cycle application period will remain open through the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year.

Students must apply and meet all eligibility criteria to be admitted and accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Accepting an Off-Cycle Magnet seat will not affect your wait-list status at another school.

Additional information regarding available Magnet seats and the application for the 2022-2023 school year is available at <a href="http://offcycle.miamimagnet.com">http://offcycle.miamimagnet.com</a> or by calling 305-995-1922.

## IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

#### April 13

Magnet Off-Cycle Application Period Begins

#### April 15

Teacher Planning Day

#### May 30

Observance of Memorial Day

#### FLORIDA PREPAID COLLEGE PLANS



Saving for college is one of the many important steps families can take to secure their child's future. With

Florida Prepaid, families can lock in the future cost of college and the earlier a family begins saving, the lower the cost per month. The open enrollment period runs through April 30, 2022 with plans starting at \$45 a month. Families are encouraged to use the online Prepaid Plan pricing tool to explore the various plan costs and payment options. Start planning for a brighter tomorrow by saving for college today!

Enroll today by visiting <a href="https://bit.lv/3phTsih">https://bit.lv/3phTsih</a>.

### FATHERS IN ACTION AND ADVOCACY WEEK AND FATHERS IN EDUCATION DAY



Since 2014, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has celebrated fathers and father figures by implementing Fathers in Education Day and Fathers in Action & Advocacy Week. This year, Fathers in Action and Advocacy Week takes place from April 18 – 22, 2022. Fathers in Education Day will take place on Thursday, April 21, 2022.

In partnership with the Fatherhood Task Force of South Florida and The Parent Academy at M-DCPS, virtual workshops will be offered from April 18 – April 22 to support the involvement of fathers and father figures in their child's education. The schedule of workshops can be found

at <a href="https://www.engagemiamidade.">https://www.engagemiamidade.</a> net/fathersineducationday.

Fathers are encouraged to check in with their child's school regarding celebrations planned for Fathers in Education (FIE) Day. Schools, teachers, principals and community members are also invited to brag about their involvement in a child's education by posting a photo or video of themselves reading their favorite book with the hashtag #MDCPSFIECHALLENGE and #MDCPSDad and challenge others to do the same.

#### M-DCPS TO OBSERVE TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS, SONS TO WORK DAY, APRIL 28



Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) will observe "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day" on Thursday, April 28, 2022. This year's theme is "New Possibilities Create New Horizons."

Designed to be more than a career day, the "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day" program goes beyond the average experience of "shadowing" an adult. For more than 20 years, individuals, families, organizations and workplaces have joined in this day to expand opportunities and transform the lives of millions of children around the world. This nationally recognized program encourages students from

ages 8 to 18 to accompany their parents, mentors or guardians to work.

Spending a day at the workplace with parents or other adults provides hands-on, interactive experiences and allows students to connect their classroom education to the work world. The event shows students the value of their education while helping them discover the power and possibilities associated with a balanced work life.

#### M-DCPS ANNOUNCES 2022 GRADUATION SCHEDULE



Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) announced the graduation schedule for the Class of 2022.

Ceremonies for 66 schools will take place from Tuesday, May 31 to Friday, June 3, and from Monday, June 6 to Wednesday, June 8, 2022.

To download the schedule, visit https://classof2022.dadeschools.net.

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

May 18 11:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

### 2022 SUMMER YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM LAUNCHES WITH A CALL TO ACTION FOR LOCAL STUDENTS AND BUSINESSES



The Summer Youth Internship Program (SYIP) – a partnership between Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), CareerSource
South Florida, The Children's
Trust, Miami-Dade County, the
EdFed Educational Federal Credit
Union and the Foundation for New
Education Initiatives – has officially
kicked off for 2022. Entering its 7th
consecutive year, SYIP connects
rising 10th- through 12th-grade
M-DCPS students (ages 15-18)
with local businesses for a mutually
beneficial workforce experience, July
through August 2022.

"This year's Summer Youth Internship Program returns in full force to ensure that our students make the most out of workplace learning," said Miami-Dade County Public Schools Superintendent Jose L. Dotres. "Sophomores, juniors and seniors will greatly benefit from this experience by exploring pathways to future careers in Miami-Dade and our community will gain young talent with the potential to grow and prosper locally."

Eligible students are encouraged to apply for the program at MiamiInterns.org beginning March 30; interested businesses may visit the same site now or call 305.693.3005 to register.

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