

February 2014 Issue



# Dr. Larry Feldman, Vice Chair The School Board of Miami-Dade County Newsletter

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Congratulations to our District 9 students who were recognized this month at our Town Hall and Awards Ceremony for their efforts and outstanding achievement. I want to thank the administrators, teachers, staff, and parents for their support and continuous assistance. Each time we do an awards program for our children, I leave with my spirit enlightened. Keep up the great work!

## STAY CONNECTED



\*\*\* SAVE THESE DATES \*\*\*  
\*\* DISTRICT 9 EVENTS \*\*

\*\* Coffee & Conversation \*\*  
February 21, 2014 @ 9:00 AM  
Gateway Environmental K-8 Center

\*\* 5th Annual Community Bike Day \*\*  
March 15, 2014 @ 9:00 AM  
Pinecrest Gardens  
11000 Red Road, Miami



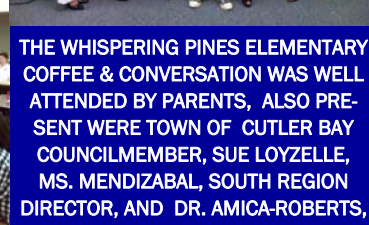
- Congratulations to Ms. Myrna L. Betancourt, an adult/vocational teacher-chef at South Dade Educational Center, the 2015 Francisco R. Walker Miami-Dade County Teacher of the Year.
- Ms. Angelica Fulchini, a teacher at Frederick Douglass Elementary School, was named Rookie Teacher of the Year. Congratulations to Ms. Fulchini.
- Congratulations to Ms. Roxcy O'Neal Bolton who was honored as one of the 2014 National Women's History Month Honorees by the National Women's History Project (NWHF) in Washington D.C.

### COCONUT PALM K-8 CENTER COFFEE & CONVERSATION



AFTER COFFEE & CONVERSATION WITH PARENTS AT THE COCONUT PALM K-8 CENTER, SECOND GRADE TEACHER, MS. ENGLER, WAS SURPRISED AND RECOGNIZED BY SCHOOL BOARD VICE CHAIR, DR. LARRY FELDMAN. TEN STUDENTS AND A PARENT VOLUNTEER WERE ALSO RECOGNIZED. DR. FELDMAN WAS JOINED BY MR. CONE, SOUTH REGION DIRECTOR, AND DR. AMICA-ROBERTS, ETO DIRECTOR.

### WHISPERING PINES ELEMENTARY COFFEE & CONVERSATION



THE WHISPERING PINES ELEMENTARY COFFEE & CONVERSATION WAS WELL ATTENDED BY PARENTS, ALSO PRESENT WERE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY COUNCILMEMBER, SUE LOYZELLE, MS. MENDIZABAL, SOUTH REGION DIRECTOR, AND DR. AMICA-ROBERTS, ETO DIRECTOR.

### IPAD DAY @ HOMESTEAD SENIOR



### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

- Mr. Alberto M. Carvalho was named the 2014 superintendent of the year by the National Superintendent Association.
- The College Board named Miami-Dade County Public Schools the **2014 National AP District of the Year**; the highest performing school district in the nation. Over the past 3+ years our student participation went from 17,000 to 27,000 and our percentage of students receiving college credits from the AP test was unsurpassed by other large districts, urban or otherwise.
- The 2014 Miami National College Fair took place and offered an incredible opportunity for our students and their parents to learn about colleges, careers, scholarships, and future employment.
- With 64 year one projects under design and 78 year two projects identified and ready for assignment, the bond program is fully underway! By February 28th, all facilities (45 million square feet of space) will be Wi-Fi.
- The order of 11,000 interactive boards has been completed and will be installed by year's end.
- 60,000 of the 150,000 devices have been ordered for our students.

MS. MYRNA BETANCOURT FROM SOUTH DADE EDUCATIONAL CENTER NAMED 2015 FRANCISCO R. WALKER TEACHER OF THE YEAR



GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROJECT TOWN HALL



KIDS RUN MIAMI



MS. ANGELICA FULCHINI FROM FREDERICK DOUGLASS ELEMENTARY NAMED 2014 ROOKIE TEACHER OF THE YEAR



LITERACY WEEK KICKOFF AMERICAN SENIOR HIGH



MIRACLE LEAGUE



CAMPBELL DRIVE MIDDLE SPECIAL OLYMPICS STATE RUNNER UP



SOUTHWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL MAGNET DANCE TEAM ARE NATIONAL JAZZ CHAMPIONS

TOWN HALL MEETING & RESOURCE FAIR AT MIAMI PALMETTO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



SPECIAL OLYMPIC BASKETBALL TEAM FROM MIAMI PALMETTO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL WON GOLD AT THE STATE COMPETITION



SOUTH DADE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

REVEREND DR. ALPHONSO JACKSON WAS RECOGNIZED BY DR. LARRY FELDMAN WITH A PROCLAMATION AT THE BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2014, FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND GUIDANCE TO THE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES OF MIAMI-DADE.

JOSE MARTI PARADE



DISTRICT 9 STUDENT GOVERNMENT MEETING



FAIRCHILD GARDENS ENVIRONMENTAL DEBATE



PARACHUTE GOLDEN KNIGHT JUMP



VISIT "LARRY FELDMAN" ON



FOR ADDITIONAL PICTURES AND UPDATES ON EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS