



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

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SCHOOL BOARD  
COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
APRIL 7, 2014

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APRIL 8, 2014

**\*\* SCHOOL BOARD MEETING \*\***  
APRIL 9, 2014

**DISTRICT 9 STUDENTS' CORNER**

- Christina Bernadotte, 8th grade student at Southwood Middle School, received The Amazing Sketchbook Award, from the Dade Art Educators Association.
- Kayla Gonzalez, second grade student, won 1st place in the State of Florida Hispanic Heritage State Art Contest sponsored by Governor and Mrs. Rick Scott.
- Three Coral Reef Senior High School students are POSSE Scholarship recipients: Kennedy Patlan, Julie Ann Elliston and Natasha Espinosa.
- Palmetto Senior High student, Jake McMaster, is to be commended. His book drive project led to a book fair for migrant children in Homestead and plans to set up libraries at three labor camps for their afterschool programs. Additionally, Jake has added school supplies and clothes to his project. To date he has collected two tons of clothes.

On Saturday, March 15, 2014, I had the pleasure of hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Bike Ride Day, in conjunction with the Village of Pinecrest. As in previous years, the purpose of this event is to encourage and enhance student and family participation in activities geared toward healthy and active lifestyles. The event, which took place at the Pinecrest Community Center, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, also featured an informational and resource safety fair which offered free tire and bike checks for all riders provided by Mack Cycle, bike-helmet fitting and giveaway prizes sponsored by Miami Children's Hospital, Kohl's, Regions, Actor's Playhouse, AMC Theaters, Monkey Jungle and Zoo Miami. Area businesses and sponsors and other community organizations such as The Neftali and the University of Miami Bike Safe were also on hand with demonstrations and safety workshops for all participants. A special thank you to Mayor Lerner, Councilmembers, School Board Police, all area businesses, sponsors, and community organizations who helped make this a successful event. It was great having so many parents and students take part in such a special day.

*Dr. Larry S. Feldman*

**5th ANNUAL COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE DAY**



**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH**

- President Obama and the First Lady visited Coral Reef Senior High School, one of the nation's top-rated high schools. The purpose of their visit was to reinforce the importance of supporting education initiatives and expanding opportunities for low-income students to attend college. The President also emphasized the importance of completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application for college-bound high school students.
- Ms. Adrienne Leal, Principal, Coral Reef Senior High School, was awarded the Magnet Schools of America 2014 Principal-of-the-Year and is now a finalist for the national magnet principal of the year.
- Mr. Mark Tohulka, a science teacher at Maritime & Science Technology Academy, was named the Magnet Schools of America 2014 Teacher-of-the-Year.

PRESIDENT OBAMA AND FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA VISIT CORAL REEF SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



DR. LARRY FELDMAN RECOGNIZED THE MIRACLE LEAGUE AND STUDENT VOLUNTEER, JAKE SIROTA, WITH A PROCLAMATION AT THE BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2014, FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS TO PROVIDE CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SPORT OF BASEBALL, AMERICA'S FAVORITE PASTIME.



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CITY OF HOMESTEAD MAYOR PORTER AND THE MEXICAN CONSUL, GENERAL AMBASSADOR, JOSE ANTONIO ZABALGOITIA TREJO



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10TH ANNIVERSARY ANCHORS AWAY PROGRAM



VILLAGE OF PINECREST'S RELAY FOR LIFE



SPECIAL OLYMPICS



ODYSSEY OF THE MIND COMPETITION 2014



YOUTH CRIME WATCH



CHAMBER'S SOUTH MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST



MIAMI DADE COUNTY WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



MIRACLE LEAGUE



HIP DAY



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