



Fairlawn Elementary
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Fairlawn Community Newsletter

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Fairlawn Community:

As we head into the fall season, I am very pleased to see how our school community has transitioned to and embraced our new and improved security measures. It is my first priority to provide the students and staff at Fairlawn a safe learning environment, each and every day. If our students feel safe, it follows that they will be ready to learn. Our new security measures that have been implemented include a City of Miami Police Officer on site, every day. We have also installed a new security system in our main office where all visitors provide their identification and receive a photo ID pass.



Our staff has been receiving increased training on improving school safety. Our school security personnel are now wearing a new uniform that makes them easily identifiable. As we start this school year, we do so knowing that the safety of our students is a primary goal for every administrator, teacher, and school employee. I am excited about our October events. I look forward to what the rest of the school year will bring forth.

Ms. Heather D. Tyler

I Scream, You Scream for iReady Ice Cream!

Our first iReady contest begins October 1st!

The iReady Contest encourages competition among all students.

To meet the iReady Competition goals, each student needs to log on to iReady and complete **45 minutes of activities in Reading AND in Math weekly**, with an overall passing rate of **75%, or higher in each subject**. The contest runs from October 1st until October 28th.

Each class has a designated sundae bowl on our main hallway bulletin board. Every Monday, we will be adding one scoop for each student that reaches the goal for the previous week. Let's graph the ice cream scoops and see which class earns the most scoops!

We will celebrate with our contest winners on November 2nd with an Ice Cream Social. So, get your ice cream appetite ready for a fun-filled, iReady Competition, now underway!

Harvest Dance the Night Away

The Fairlawn Harvest Dance is back! Thursday, October 25th, our PTA will host our annual Harvest Dance from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. A long-established tradition at our school, the Harvest Dance promises to be fun for all students that attend. The cost is \$6.00 per person.

Students are encouraged to wear costumes, **but no masks or weapons/simulated weapons are allowed**. We will have a DJ spinning, and pizza and snacks will be sold. **Students must be accompanied by a parent**; no unaccompanied students will be allowed entry.

We hope to see all the students at the Fairlawn Elementary Harvest Dance!

Join the PTA

Have you joined the Fairlawn Elementary PTA? The PTA is an organization dedicated to increasing participation and collaboration from our parent community. The PTA organizes many events and fundraisers, such as the Book Fair and the Harvest Dance. Our PTA is looking for volunteers who can assist in school events and fundraisers. If you are interested in becoming a part of the PTA, reach out to Vanessa Carrera (305) 261-8880. If you are unable to donate time to volunteer, you can still join the PTA as a member and we encourage you to do so. The PTA needs you to make this school year a success!

Reminders to Students

The iReady Lab is now open each morning starting at 7:30 a.m. on a first-come basis! Stop in and log on.



Reminders to Parents

**Don't forget to complete
the Free and Reduced Lunch
Application Online**

**Log on to:
freeandreducedmealapp.dadeschools.net**

This Month's Highlights

United Way Events this Month

Oct 5th: Crazy Hat/Sock Day
October 12th: Sport T-Shirt Day
October 19th: Super Hero T-Shirt Day
October 25th: Book Character Day
November 2nd: Jeans Day

Suggested Donation for Each Event is
\$2.00

Upcoming Events

iReady Competition Underway

October 1st-28th

First Grading Period ends

Thursday, October 25th

Teacher Planning Days

Friday, October 26th, and Tuesday, November 6th

Values Matter

Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (M-DCPS) Values Matter Miami initiative will continue in the 2018-2019 school year as we recognize the importance of Values Education. Our children are learning the importance of developing a positive mindset as well as developing empathy and tolerance for other people and cultures. We will focus each month on one of our District's nine core values.

For October, we are focusing on **Responsibility**. A great way to help your child develop these values is to have conversations with them. Be on the lookout for ways to incorporate these values into your family time. This month's core value, **Responsibility**, is a great starter. Together, we are teaching our students that values matter, because every student matters.