



Glades Middle School

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## Revised School Calendar (April-June)

As a result of Hurricane Irma affecting school days, the Miami-Dade County Public Schools calendar has been revised with adjustments of a handful of dates for the rest of the months in the school year. April 19, April 20, and May 17 have now become standard school days, as well as no early releases for the rest of the year.

April 2018					May 2018					June 2018				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6		1	2	3	4					1
9	10	11	12	13	7	8	9	10	11	4	5	6	7	8
16	17	18	19	20	14	15	16	17	18	11	12	13	14	15
23	24	25	26	27	21	22	23	24	25	18	19	20	21	22
30					29	30	31			25	26	27	28	29

  

New Teachers Report	Recess Day	Days in Grading Period
Teacher Planning Day	Beg/End of Grading Period	
Teacher Planning Day - (No - Opt)	Legal Holiday	
District-wide Professional Development Day		
Secondary/Early Release		1-39
Hurricane Days - No School in session		2-45
		3-43
		4-46

For information on employee opt days, please refer to back of calendar.

By Edwin Flores

## Valentine's Day Dance

In celebration of Valentine's Day, Glades hosted a dance for those students who enjoy dancing and having a great time with their friends. Ms. Doimeadios, one of our sixth-grade social studies teachers, decorated and coordinated the dance. This dance offered food and drinks, a DJ, and a wide space to dance your heart out.

By: Lauren Valdes

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Event Dates

### Gradventure

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip Gradventure will be on Friday, May 18, 2018 through Saturday, May 19, 2018. This trip will be to Orlando Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure. To pay for the trip, there have been three deposits, one in October, February, and March. All students in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, other than the ones that have been excluded, are welcome to attend. Students are permitted to bring a small bag (backpacks and purses under the size of 8.5"x 5.5" are acceptable) with extra clothes, but:

- No blankets or pillows.
- Only factory sealed foods or drinks are allowed inside the bus.
- No food is allowed in the park.
- We are not responsible for any belongings left inside the bus.
- We are not responsible for the loss of cellphones or any electronic devices.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance

Another very anticipated event is the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance. It will take place on Saturday, June 2, 2018 from 7:00- 11:00 pm. The price to attend is \$65 and students can pay from April 3-5. There is a dress code, which is semi-formal attire, and there is more information in the packet provided to the parents when they attended one of the four meetings given by Mrs. Izquierdo. If you have any questions about any of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade events, please see Mrs. Izquierdo in room 214.

By: Chloe Lindow

**Blue & Gold- June 1<sup>st</sup>**

## Field Trip to Zoo Miami

Field trips are a great way for students to learn through personal experience and investigation. On February 9<sup>th</sup>, students from Digital Art and Design traveled to Zoo Miami and participated in the Zooland contest. In this competition, students walked around and took pictures of the wildlife they encountered. The results for this contest are still pending, but surely the talented students from Glades Middle School did great!

By: Rosabel Cepero

## Gator for the Day



Fifth graders from a multitude of elementary schools gained the opportunity to take a glance at middle school life here at Glades. These children were able to become gators for a day and learn more about our school. After their arrival, they gained the chance to expand their knowledge of Glades as representatives from electives spoke of what each elective had to offer. Teachers, such as Mrs. Izquierdo, Ms. Griffin, and Mrs. Carrera, gave general knowledge of Glades. To entertain the students, the Jazz Band played the songs from Frank Sinatra to Despacito. Gourmet Gators displayed their cooking expertise by letting students sample alligator chocolate. After these events, two students from an elementary school faced off against two eighth graders in a trivia gameshow.

“Are you Smarter than a Glades Student?” was a game in which they would ask questions to test the students’ knowledge. Once the game ended, the eighth graders won, but they generously gave the award to the elementary students (which was a 12-inch chocolate gator). The conclusion of the event resulted in the students returning to their schools, with a new perspective on Glades and what it offers.

By: Antonella Garbarini and Oliva Jaramillo

## Glades Bowling

Glades middle school is proud to say that they house the #1 bowler in the county, Marlon Ruiz, as well as a second-place girl team and an overall first-place boys team. Glades competitions and practices take place at Bird Bowl.



By:

## Boston Field Trip

As a reward for their hard work, students at Glades Middle School get to visit new locations and take part in wonderful experiences. On March 15<sup>th</sup> to March 17<sup>th</sup>, thirty-six sixth, seventh, and eight grade students participated in a field trip to Boston, Massachusetts.





## Black History Month

During the month of February, Miami Dade County celebrated Black History Month and Heroes of War with every school. Glades showed spirit toward this celebration through “A Moment in Black History” every morning during the announcements where a small lesson about a particular war hero is said. Every morning, advisements in Glades viewed educational videos about these historical heroes, such as



Peter Salem’s deeds during the Battle of Bunker Hill in the American Revolution.

Black History Month will not be forgotten under the commemoration the Glades family is having.

By: Nicholas Goller



The Glades Wrestling Team won First Place in the 2018 Miami-Dade County Wrestling Championship. They won with a total of 219 points. Congratulations! We are proud of our Gator Wrestlers.

## FSA Testing Dates

Throughout the school year, students have been putting in hard work and preparing for their FSA and EOC exams. Finally, the time for testing has come. In a few days, block schedule will commence and students will begin taking their end-of-year exams. The testing period will last from April 16<sup>th</sup> to May 11<sup>th</sup>.

FSA Tests	Dates
ELA Writing	March 1-7
ELA Reading	April 16-23
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science	May 1-2
All Grades Math	April 24-30
Algebra EOC	May 3-4
Geometry EOC	May 7-8
Civics EOC	May 9-10
Biology EOC	May 14

We wish you the best of luck on your exams.

By: Stephan Espinosa

## Band Concert and Banquet

At Glades, the prestigious band program, led by Erich Rivero, receives many awards and has garnered much support and praise throughout its existence. The three bands will be performing various pieces in their Spring Concert on May 24<sup>th</sup>, from well-known classics to modern hits like *Despacito*. The Band Banquet, where members of the band are able to relax and dine, will be held June 4<sup>th</sup>. During the banquet, certain students are presented with hard-earned awards for their achievements in the band.

By Kai Blahnik

## FIU Field Trip



On February 9<sup>th</sup>, Geometry students went to FIU, the Florida International University. There, they had a tour of the campus and learned what the university offered to students. They learned what majors they could go for and different clubs and groups that are in FIU. During the tour, the students learned the interesting history behind many of the buildings on the campus and for some, they also learned the ideas behind the architecture. Along the tour, the students even learned mysterious curses at FIU, such as the Love Lake and the FIU Seal. Once the tour ended, the students got the chance to eat at the university's many food places, including Chick-Fil-A and Subway. It was a very educational and interesting journey.

By: Ronald Dominguez

## Cookie Decorating Contest

This Valentine's Day, Ms. Griffin's advanced home economics classes conducted a contest for decorating a variety of Valentine's Day cookies. Each student turns in two of their frosted cookies that they believe is worthy to compete in the competition. Every student works on their cookies during class. After the cookies are displayed, teachers are gathered in the cafeteria and vote on the two categories of cookies; a cookie shaped like a heart, and the other can be either a purse, dress, perfume bottle,

and they had had the option of making an additional heart shaped cookie. The teachers then vote on their favorite cookies that they think should win first place. The winners are then announced in the afternoon announcements. The Valentine's Day Cookie contest is a great way to express student's creativity and show their passion for baking.

By: Isabella Rodriguez



## World Down Syndrome Day



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