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Spirit Week

The essence of school spirit is celebrated across the nation in various ways. Here in Glades Middle School, we show school spirit through Spirit Week. Spirit Week includes many fun activities that you can take part in for a small sum of money. The activities include: Pajama Day; Superheroes vs. Villains Day; Wacky Tacky Day; Breast Cancer Awareness Day; Costume Day; and the Throwback Era Dance. You will be able to enjoy most of these activities for the price of \$1 for each day you participate. All money collected will be donated to United Way. Look at the schedule below for more information.



United Way

All the money collected by the school will be donated to United Way. But what exactly is United Way? United Way is a privately-funded nonprofit agency that brings people and organizations together, which is more than any of us can do on our own. It improves education, strengthens financial stability, and makes communities healthier. They create solutions that build stronger communities. Employers, nonprofits, government, faith organizations, educators, labor, health providers, community leaders, youth, and many others partner with them. Together, they tackle some of the toughest issues. Without them, many problems that have been solved today would most likely never have been solved.

By Ronald Dominguez and Antonella Garbarini

Spirit Week Schedule

| Activity | Date | Cost |
|--------------------------|---------|--------|
| Pajama Day | Oct. 23 | \$1.00 |
| Superheroes vs. Villains | Oct. 24 | \$1.00 |
| Wacky Day | Oct. 25 | \$1.00 |
| Dance Throwback Era | Oct. 26 | \$5.00 |
| Breast Cancer Awareness | Oct. 30 | \$1.00 |
| Costume Day | Oct. 31 | Free |



*Under no circumstance should students be wearing clown costumes or face paint (covering the whole face). Any student wearing an inappropriate costume deemed by an Administrator will be asked to call their parent and change their attire.

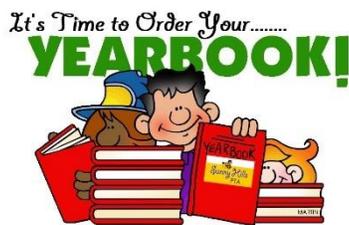


Breast Cancer Walk

Our very own NJHS, National Junior Honors Society, participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure (breast cancer walk) on Saturday, October 14th. The club donated to the foundation to try and change someone's life for the better. The donations sent to Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure provides the foundation with enough money to provide diagnosis and treatment for those with breast cancer. The walk was a 5k in downtown Miami, which started at 9:00 AM. Our NJHS is led by Mrs. Jarrett, our science and biology teacher.

By Kai Blahnik

Yearbook Pre-sale Begins!



The Yearbook club is starting the Yearbook Pre-Sales. The pre-sale allows

you to buy the 2017-2018 yearbooks for \$20 in room 109 or online through the parent portal. This event lasts until December 31. If you are unable to pre-order your yearbook during this event, it's ok! Yearbooks will still be sold, except they will cost \$25 as of December 31. Our yearbooks are of remarkable quality and capture all the exciting events that occur throughout the school year. They are created by our very own hard working Yearbook Club, which is sponsored by Mrs. Carrera, our Robotics, Technology, and Digital Art teacher.

By Kai Blahnik



Preparing for November



To most, Thanksgiving is all about family, friends, and mountains of food. It's hard not to forget the purpose of all this: to express your

gratitude for everything you have in life. As the name might suggest, Thanksgiving is about giving thanks (complicated, I know). To join in on the festivities, Glades Middle School has multiple events in store. In the generous spirit, we've planned a Thanksgiving food drive to give back to the community. We will be accepting canned goods, which will be donated to the less fortunate. On the more fun side of things, there's also the Turkey Olympics coming up, where students in each grade level compete in athletic competitions (sadly, turkeys are not competing). Here at Glades, Thanksgiving is the best time of the year!

By Kai Blahnik

Turkey Food Drive

The most common thanksgiving tradition is when families gather to have a large feast and give thanks. Here at our school we organize a drive to donate canned foods to those families who cannot supply it for themselves. Some canned foods include creamed corn, cranberry sauce, turkey, gravy, green beans, cream of mushroom soup, pumpkin, and evaporated milk. Every student is strongly encouraged to donate at least one can for our drive. With your donations, we can supply food for families in need of a Thanksgiving meal. We greatly appreciate your donations and always be grateful for what you have.



By Lauren Valdes

The Turkey Olympics



One of the most anticipated events here at Glades Middle is the Turkey Olympics. This is an annual event where students in each individual grade compete against other students in the same grade. Students are brought outside to show off their athletic abilities and have an unforgettable experience with their classmates. They compete in several events including kickball, tug-of-war, basketball, relay races, and sack races. For those who do not participate in the different games, there is an exhilarating and adventurous bounce house obstacle course. In addition, our amazing PTSA parents come and help sell food and drinks for the students and staff. When each grade finishes with the events, the final score is taken, and one homeroom class is announced the

winner. We hope that everyone attends and has a spectacular time.

By Chloe Lindow

Turkey Olympics T-Shirt

With the Turkey Olympics coming up, students have the opportunity to buy a T-shirt just for the occasion. The shirts are only \$10 (cash only), and can be worn on Fridays and on field day. The deadline to turn in the form is November 6th. Don't miss the chance to buy the shirt!

By Kai Blahnik

Hurricane Maria Fundraiser



The unimaginable force of hurricane Maria made contact with Puerto Rico in late September, and so far, it has caused catastrophic damage to the natural environment and to cities and left about 3.4 million people without power. Jenifer Colon, a representative of The House of Representatives, said that there are multiple powerlines laying on the street. She also stated that bringing power back is a priority, but could take six months to restore power to the whole island. Puerto Ricans living in in the United States haven't been able to get in contact with their relatives and friends on the island. Even the President himself has said the he's doing everything he can to help the situation in Puerto Rico, but Glades Middle School is already contributing to the cause. In advisement, you can donate items (See list on next page). Ms. Nazario and Ms. Facio will be creating care packages with the items.

By Nick Goller and Javier de la Iglesia

Items for Care Packages

Toiletries

- Toothpaste (new, unopened)
- Soap (new, unopened)
- Lotion (new, unopened)
- Shampoo and conditioner (new, unopened)
- Deodorant (new, unopened)
- Toothbrush (new, unopened)
- Hairbrush (new, unopened)

School supplies

-  Composition notebook (new, unopened)
-  3-ring binder (1 or 2 inch)
-  Loose leaf paper (new, unopened)
-  Pencils (unsharpened and boxed)
-  Pens (boxed, unused – black or blue ink)
-  Color markers (new, unopened)
-  Backpack (new, unused)
-  Pocket size dictionary [Spanish/English] (new, unopened)

New Clubs at Glades

- The Rainbow Club (LGBT)*



Anime Club!



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*See Mrs. Izquierdo for more information.

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Changes from Teacher Work Day to a School Day

Friday, January 19th, 2018 & Friday, April 20th, 2018

Early Release Day to Regular School Day

Thursday, February 15th, 2018

Thursday, April 19th, 2018

Thursday, May 17th, 2018

Remaining as a Teacher Work Day

Wednesday, November 22nd, 2017

Friday, March 23rd, 2018

EOC Perfect Scores



Duke Tip Talent Search Students (7th Graders)

