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Spirit Week

The essence of school spirit is celebrated across the nation in various ways. Glades Middle School shows 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; Western Day; Throwback Day; Breast Cancer Awareness Day; and Disney Day. 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.



Spirit Week Schedule

Activity	Date	Cost
Pajama Day	Oct. 22	\$1.00
Superheroes vs. Villains	Oct. 23	\$1.00
Western Day	Oct. 24	\$1.00
Dance Throwback Era	Oct. 25	\$5.00
Breast Cancer Awareness	Oct. 29	\$1.00
Disney Day	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.



United Way

Glades Middle School prides in giving young generations bright futures to come. We share many similar ideas with the United Way organization. United Way is an organization that believes in improving odds for children and families. Miami-Dade Public schools works hand in hand with United Way to insure a fighting chance against the community's most complex problems. United Way hosts special days where a student can wear wacky socks to school. These days raise awareness for United Way supporting their beliefs and ideas. United Way also works towards preparing children to enter school ready to learn. One program United Way runs is Reading Pals, which currently has 200 volunteers going to class with prekindergarten students helping them improve literacy skills.

By: Jose Garcia



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 13th. 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.

Yearbook Pre-sale Begins!



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

you to buy the 2018-2019 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 hardworking Yearbook Club, which is sponsored by Mrs. Carrera, our Robotics, Technology, and Digital Art teacher.

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. To join in on the festivities, Glades Middle School has multiple events in store. In the generous spirit, we have 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 is also the Turkey Olympics coming up, where students in each grade level compete in athletic competitions. Here at Glades, Thanksgiving is the best time of the year!

Teacher/Student Breakfast



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.

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.

Start with Hello

The "Start with Hello" project is a project by the Sandy Hooks initiative that brings awareness to social isolation and educates students and the community on how to prevent it. This program allows students to make a difference with their classmates in a simple and fun way by encouraging them to take small but powerful actions to allow them to feel connected and included, and to identify and help others who are showing signs of social isolation. Social isolation is the state of feeling lonely and excluded from the world... or at least school. This feeling of social isolation is like a person being pulled away from society. Glades Middle School participated in this project between September twenty-fourth through September twenty eighth, by giving each student an activity every day so that the student was aware of what one of their peers could be going through. After the activity the student could help a student feeling socially isolated and say HELLO!

By Alexandra Trujillo



New Clubs at Glades

Here at Glades Middle School we are always improving and this year we have added some new clubs and extracurricular activities for students to have fun and learn new things. The new clubs we have added include the SECME club, which is sponsored by Mr. Stephens and is a great club where students will make rockets, robots and so much more. Students will understand and advance their scientific knowledge in a fun and amazing club! The Turbo club is another club, which is hosted by Mrs. Sabljak and helps students turn on their "turbo button" and excel in school. It helps students focus more and open up about any problems they may have. Another club we have added this year is the Chess club. Our sponsor, Ms. Ciano, is a professional chess player and will help kids increase their chess knowledge and skills. There is no end to the fun and new clubs and activities Glades Middle School has to offer!

Dads Take Their Child to School Day



On Wednesday, September 26, 2018 the dads of our students were invited for the first time to our school to eat breakfast with their child or children in our cafeteria. This event was a great time for families to interact with each other and to even make new friends. Some moms atttended because they are able to fill in the roles as mom and dad to help their children get through life. Dad's Day was also a great time for the parents to see what middle school is like today and to ask their kids about their classes and anything else in school that they want to know. The students and their parents also took a group picture to remember that fun and joyful day. "Dads Take their Child to School Day" was an amazing event for children and their parents to interact with each other and have a great time while eating breakfast at our school. Many people had a wonderful time, and we hope to see more students and parents participating next year.

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Duke Tip Talent Search Students (7th Graders)



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