



Glades Middle School

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When you realize vacation is over



Reflecting on 2019 Major Events!

After 365 days, a new year is upon us, 2020. The year of 2019 was a year of full of triumphs and turmoil. Some triumphs include Disney releasing its own streaming service.

Disney Plus was released on November 12th. It gained over ten million subscribers within its first twenty-four hours of launch. It offered classics like Cinderella, Star Wars, Marvel, and Pixar. The



rise of TikTok in the teenage world emerged. Also, the U.S. women's soccer team's triumphed in July. The U.S. women's national soccer team won its second consecutive championship and fourth overall—in the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup, held in France. Many saw the U.S. team's dominant win as strengthening a gender

discrimination lawsuit they had filed against U.S. Soccer, the nation's governing body for the sport, demanding pay equal to that of their male counterparts. In addition, Trump was impeached. In August, a phone



conversation from July was revealed in which President Trump urged Volodymyr Zelensky, the president of Ukraine, to investigate alleged corruption on the part of former Vice President Joe Biden and his son Hunter Trump broke the law by seeking help from a foreign government in digging up dirt on his political rival. Moreover, there was a destructive fire at Notre-Dame. On April 15, much of the world watched in horror as fire raged at Notre-Dame de Paris in France, destroying the spire and most of the roof of the beloved 850-year-old cathedral. While President Emmanuel Macron initially called for Notre-Dame to be rebuilt within five years, experts say its reconstruction could take decades. We only expect great things for 2020. Have a great year!



By: Kathy Sori & Mia Beato

8th Grade February Deposit & Mandatory Meeting



Every year after tons of hard work 8th graders are rewarded with Gradventure, the thrilling end of the year trip for eighth graders, to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure on May 15th. The total cost is \$200.00. On September 26 or January 22th all parents went to the mandatory meeting, at 9:00 a.m. or at 6:00 p.m., that provided them with information on all the amazing eighth grade events that will take place this year. They received a field trip form for Gradventure and received information on the eighth-grade dance. Gradventure costs a total of \$200.00, which is collected in two deposits. The first deposit was on October 10 and 11, for \$100.00, the second and last deposit was on Jan 29-31 for \$100.00. Make sure to make good decisions so that you will be able to go on Gradventure. There are no refunds! Before we know it, Gradventure will be here!

By David de la Iglesia

January Deposit & Bus Seating

The 8th grade Gradventure Trip is quickly approaching. This field trip to Universal Studios and Island of Adventure will take place on Friday, May 15th. On January 29-31 the PTSA collected the last payment of \$100.00 for the Gradventure trip. The Field trip form was turned in with the final payment. Students were assigned to a bus based on the last payment day, so students must make sure to turn the money in with friends to sit with them. Get ready, because Gradventure will be here in the blink of an eye.

By:

Valentine's Day Dance

Love is in the air this month! Every year on Valentine's Day, Student Council organizes a dance where all students gather together to jam out to their favorite songs. The music will be provided by DJ Porkchop (A.K.A Carlos Sanchez). Students pay \$5 dollars to dance their heart out *wink* and splurge on food and candy. The Valentine's Dance will take place on February 13th, from 4-6 p.m. Be sure to buy a ticket!

By: Melanie Segovia



Winter Band Concert

On December 17th, 2019 the Glades annual Winter Band Concert was once again, a success. Including popular songs such as *Earth, Wind, and Fire Dance Mix, In the Mood, Mambo Jambo, When I Fall in Love, and White Christmas*, and some other songs.



The Wind Symphony even presented some classics like *The Great Locomotive Chase, The Three Minute Nutcracker, and Spania* Beginning band performed for the first time with songs like *Lightly Row, Ode to Joy, A Mozart Melody, Jingle Bells, Hear Rock Blues*, and many more. All this was directed by the band teacher Mr. Christopher Illa.

By: Daniel Pacheco

Teacher Holiday Lunch

In November, teachers had the opportunity to get together, take a break from their routine, and have a relaxing lunch in the



media center. Staff members enjoyed food, such as turkey, stuffing, ham, mash potatoes, etc. This lunch allowed teachers to talk to each

other and not have to worry about grading papers. This Thanksgiving feast was a fun, interactive teacher gathering to enjoy together.

By: Alec Pacheco



Winter Toy Drive

To demonstrate Glades Middle School's own act of kindness, the Student Council, administrated by Mrs. Doimeadios, collected unopened toys from students through advisement and donated them to disadvantaged children in in Miami. A

select few of the student council handed out gifts to the children on December 19th, that were donated by students. One of the hospitals



that received these gifts is Kendall Regional Medical Center (Burn Center and Pediatric ER). The toys were also donated to South Miami Lee Park Community Center and Over Town Miami.

These 500 toys varied in size, theme, and function; nonetheless, the donations proved a generosity from the school. Overall, donations represent a profound gift to those children in need.

By: Hannah Gomez

Holiday Dance

Winter spirit filled the school as all the students were getting prepared for Christmas. Funded by the PTSA, students had the opportunity to join the fun and go to the Holiday Dance. For only five-dollar tickets, students were able to wear whatever they wanted and go to the dance during fifth and sixth period. At the dance, the students hung out with their friends, they danced, had some tasty treats, and overall had a good time. Thanks to DJ Porkchop, a former Glades student Carlos Sanchez, students were able to listen and dance to great music. Some of the favorite songs that were played at the dance were "The Cha Cha Slide", "Cotton Eye Joe" and "Miami Slide". We are all looking forward to the next dance, and hope that you can attend.

By: Andrea Labrador

The Constitution Tree

Our important and complex history is something that cannot be easily forgotten; therefore, we shall not. The Social Studies classes made ornaments to decorate a tree and classrooms with important symbols from our American past and Constitution. The tree was packed and filled with original and differently themed ornaments. All students were assigned a



different subject, such as a representation of the United States Constitution, an amendment from the Bill of Rights, or an important war in our American history. The decoration of the tree and classrooms has become a respectful tradition to all Social Studies classes.

By: Bryan Fernandez



School Sports

We have many sports here at Glades Middle; these include, bowling, girls' flag football, wrestling, track, etc. We have several athletes in this school, and some of them even play multiple sports. Our teams range from sixth graders to eighth graders, so don't be afraid and come and try out for a team. Teams at Glades usually make it to play offs, and we even win championships! Both the girls and boys softball teams made it to the Play-offs again this year. Our bowling team has won many first-place trophies in the past. Recently, the teams for girls' flag football, bowling, wrestling, and track and field have been assembled. We wish out teams good luck!

By: Jonathan Gonzalez

NJHS Holiday Caroling

The National Junior Honors Society went on a trip on Monday, December 19, 2019. They sang holiday tunes to the seniors in the Palace Nursing Home and gave out holiday cards to the elders.

By: Mia Beato



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