



## Reflecting on 2018!

After 365 days, a new year is upon us. The year of 2018 was a year of political, technological, and military events, both advances and turmoil. In early 2018, January 30-31 to be exact, there was a total lunar eclipse. This happened to be the first one since the year 1866. The month of April marked the meeting of the leaders of North and South Korea to announce an official end to the Korean War. A massive development in aerospace technology occurred in August, with NASA launching the Parker Solar Probe which caught the closest look at the sun of any mission ever recorded. During September, numerous explosions occurred in three different town in Boston leading to one death. To close out the year Miami held its annual festival called Art Basel. Over 70,000 people attended from around the world to visit multiple exquisite exhibits and galleries.

By: Gabrielle Gutierrez & Luna Gomez

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

### Deposit & Mandatory

### Meeting



Every year after tons of hard work 8<sup>th</sup> graders are rewarded with Gradventure, the thrilling end of the year trip for eighth graders, to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The total cost will be \$170.00. On January 30<sup>th</sup> 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 will cost a total of \$170.00 on three deposits. The first deposit was on October 2-4, for \$50.00, the second deposit will be on February 6-8 for \$55.00. The final deposit will be on March 13-15 for \$65.00, be sure to get in line with your friends! 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!



The new year is here, 2019. Many have taken some time to think about some new year resolutions. For some, this year may not have been as great as they wanted it to be, but now that the new year has arrived, everyone has the chance to make a change for the better. Set some goals for yourself and aim to accomplish them before the next year. You may surprise yourself!

By Nicolas Farley

## March Deposit & Bus Seating

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Gradventure Trip is quickly approaching and so is the final deposit. This field trip to Universal Studios and Island of Adventure will take place on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. On Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> the PTSA will begin collecting the \$65 deposit for Gradventure. The last day to turn in the money is Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. The Field trip form must be turned in with the final payment. Students will be assigned to a bus based on the last payment, 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: Anais Segovia

## 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 hearts out \*wink\* and splurge on food and candy. The Valentine's Dance will take place on February 13<sup>th</sup>, from 4-6 p.m. Be sure to buy a ticket!

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## Winter Band Concert

On December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 the Glades annual Winter Band Concert was once again, a success. Including popular songs such as *Moves Like Jagger* and *The Pink Panther*. Other latin songs included *Oye Como Va* and *La Negra Tiene Tumbao*. The Wind Symphony even presented some Christmas classics such as *Feliz Navidad* and *Twenty Carols in Two minutes*. 2018's Beginning band performed for the first time with songs like



*When the Saints Go Marching In* and *My Dreidel*. In addition to the breathtaking concert, the auditorium was decorated as a beautiful wonderland setting with nutcrackers and candy canes galore. All this was directed by the new band teacher Mr. Christopher Illa, with guest conductor Mr. Gibbins.

By: Isabella Pino & Melanie Florez

## 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: Natalie Moreno

## 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 Pia Garriga

## Shout Outs: Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing"

Mrs. Izquierdo is one of our beloved eighth grade language arts teachers. Her Gifted/Advanced students reenacted the famous Shakespearean comedy *Much Ado About Nothing*. She asked her students to play the roles, use props, and she even participated in the play too.



By: Natalie Moreno

## 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 Emma Castaneda

## History 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 symbols from our American past and Constitution. The tree was packed and filled with original and differently themed ornaments. You might find one ornament about the Battles of Lexington and Concord, and the next one could be about George Washington, the leader of the Continental Army. You could find ornaments all about the Amendments from our Constitution as well. By: Natalie Moreno







## 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! 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. There are still many sports left to

try out for. Please come try out; you would be surprised at your potential!

By: Anais Segovia

## NJHS Holiday Caroling

The National Junior Honors Society went on a trip on Monday, December 17, 2018. They sang holiday tunes to the seniors in the Palace Nursing Home and gave out holiday cards to the elders.

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