



Reflecting on 2017!

After 365 days, a new year is upon us. The year of 2017 was by no means a perfect year; like a roller coaster, it had its ups and its downs. It was a year of political, technological, and military events, both advances and turmoil. In January, Donald Trump was inaugurated as President of the United States. Millions of people took to the streets to protest the inauguration. North Korea performed ballistic missile tests in February, prompting vehement objection and diplomatic action from other countries. A massive development in aerospace technology occurred in March, with SpaceX successfully relaunching one of its Falcon 9 rockets. In June, the US declared that they were to eventually withdraw from the Paris Climate Agreement, which was opposed both internationally and domestically.

By Kai Blahnik



The new year is here, 2018. 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!

8th Grade February Deposit & Mandatory Meeting

A reward is often given to those that work hard. Here at Glades Middle School, the eighth graders will celebrate their three years of hard work through Gradventure. This field trip to Universal Studios will occur on May 18th, and the \$160 is paid in three deposits. To participate, parents must have attended the informational meeting in September or January. **On January 31st, the Mandatory Parent Informational Meeting took place in the school auditorium at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.** This meeting informed the parents of the requirements that must be met in order to attend Gradventure. If your parents did not attend this meeting or the previous one in September, you will not be able to experience the field trip. The first deposit of \$45 was already collected on October 4th through October 6th. **Furthermore, on February 7th through February 9th, the second deposits of \$50 will be collected by the PTSA. The final deposit of \$65 will be collected on March 14th through March 16th.** If you pay these deposits, you will be able to go to Gradventure, but you must behave. There are **no refunds**. Gradventure is almost here!

By Rosabel Cepero



March Deposit & Bus Seating

Glades Middle School's eighth graders commemorate their middle school experience through Gradventure. This field trip to Universal Studios will take place on May 18th, and it must be paid through three payments. The last deposit of \$65 will be collected by the PTSA on March 14th through March 16th. You must turn in field trip form the day you turn in the third payment. The last payment is extremely important because it will determine what bus you will ride. If you want to sit with your friends on the trip, make sure to stand in line with your friends when you pay your deposit. You will be seated with the people you pay with. Get ready for Gradventure!

By Rosabel Cepero

Valentine's Day Dance

Every year on Valentine's Day, Student Council organizes a dance where all students gather together to jam out to their favorite songs from the DJ surrounded with Valentine decorations. Students pay \$5 dollars to dance their heart outs *wink* and splurge on food and candy. Students get to experience a break from class and have fun with their friends. The Valentine's Dance will take place on February 13th, from 4-6 p.m. Be sure to buy a ticket!



By Lauren Valdes

Winter Band Concert

On December 14, 2017, Glades Middle School hosted their Winter Band Concert called "Winter's Coming". In this event, all members of the band gathered together and performed several amazing pieces to celebrate the holidays. Tickets were on sale for \$8, and the concert was open to everyone. Some of the songs they performed were "Game of Thrones", "Ryukyū-Bushi", "Despacito", and "Anyway You Want It". We greatly appreciate all of those who attended the concert and hope you enjoyed it.

By Chloe Lindow



Teacher Holiday Lunch

On November 21st, teachers had the opportunity to get together, take a break from their routine, and have a relaxing lunch in the media center. Each staff member brought an item of food, such as turkey, stuffing, ham, mash potatoes, etc. This potluck allowed teachers to have a five-star lunch, and they got the time to talk to each other and not have to worry about grading papers. This teacher Thanksgiving was a fun, interactive teacher gathering to enjoy together.

By Isabella Rodriguez



Winter Toy Drive

To demonstrate Glades Middle School's own act of kindness, the Student Council, administrated by Mrs. Doimeadios, collected unopened toys and donated them to disadvantaged children in several children hospitals in Miami. A select few of the student council handed the children the gifts that were donated from each advisement. One of the hospitals that received these gifts are Baptist Children's hospital. These 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 Edwin Flores

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 in the play, used props, and sometimes participated too.

By Stephan Espinosa



Holiday Dance

This holiday season at Glades Middle School, we celebrated the festive times with our Holiday Dance! Our amazing administration and Student Council Club at Glades Middle School put together a festive dance for all grades! This dance gave our students the opportunity to spend time with their friends, have a fun time at school, and eat as much as they desire. This dance took place during 5th and 6th period on December 22nd.

By Nikki Moreno

DREAMS Field Trip

To start off the new year, students from the Dreams Program took an exciting trip to Walt Disney's *Animal Kingdom*. On January 19, they visited multiple attractions with their fellow classmates. They rode on rides such as "Kali River Rapids", "Expedition Everest", and "Kilimanjaro Safari." In their expedition, they trekked to Asia, Africa, Dino Land USA, and Discovery Island. While they went through these places, they gained many wonderful memories.

By Olivia Jaramillo and Antonella Garbarini



History Trees-Revolution, Constitution



Our important and complex history is something that cannot be easily forgotten; therefore, we shall not. The Social Studies classes have made three trees to symbolize our American past and Constitution. Each 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, our genius leader of the Continental Army. Two trees are on the American Revolution, made by sixth and eighth grade, and seventh grade made a civics tree. You can find ornaments about all of the Amendments and rules from our powerful Constitution, which we abide by and live by each and every day.

By Nicholas Goller and Javier de la Iglesia

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 Cameron Araujo

NJHS Holiday Caroling

The National Junior Honors Society went on a trip on Monday, December 18, 2017. They sung holiday tunes to the seniors in the Palace Nursing Home and gave out holiday cards to the elders.

By Lucas Menendez



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