



GATOR GAZETTE



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GINGERBREAD HOUSES BY: NICOLE GARCIA

The Gingerbread House Challenge was an exciting activity that was welcomed in the holidays. It was created by our wonderful Home Ec teacher Mrs. Griffin. This exciting event included building and decorating large and mini gingerbread houses. The kids decorated creatively with candies and frosting.



Toy Drive

By: Madison Maldonado



The Glades Student Council Toy Drive was a success! Selected students from Student Council collected toys and delivered them to children in the hospital, on December 17th. We brought smiles to children's faces.

Blue & Gold by: Zara Alvarez

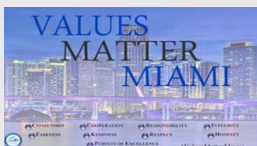
Blue & Gold was one epic event! Two divided teams went head-to-head in an intense flag football game. After playing in the blazing heat, the blue team felt the pain of defeat. Though the blue team played their best, they couldn't win against the Gold. The whole school watched amongst the sidelines as the two teams played in the game. Cheers coming from the left and right! GO BLUE!!! GO GOLD!!! GATORS!!!!



Band Updates

By: **Oscar Fuentes**

The Glades Winter Band Concert was a complete success! It was held on Monday, December 12th. The Glades Jazz Band, Beginning Band, and Concert Band were all performing in the concert. The concert was performed in Southwest Miami Senior High School, and the high school students also performed alongside our bands. The next concert coming up the Spring Concert on March 21st. The bands are all practicing and getting ready for the new concert. The beginning bands are practicing "Dragon Slayer" and Jazz band is practicing to play "Sesame Street."



By: **Karly Padua**

Glades has Values Matter activities completed every month through advisement. In January, Glades Middle School celebrated Pursuit of Excellence by letting students write one important goal and an important phrase to tell themselves when they feel like giving up. Pursuit of Excellence reminds students to strive to achieve their goals. In February, the students celebrated kindness by. Kindness is an important quality for students to keep, especially in post-elementary education.

Sports at Glades by: Anael Gomez

The season has begun, and with it, new opportunities for our athletes to have a fun time! Many new sports have begun, including the Girls Flag Football Team, coached by Mr. Syles and Ms. Izquierdo; the Wrestling Team, coached by Mr. Lorenzo and Mr. Arteaga; and our Bowling Team, coached by Mr. Stephens. The Boys Basketball team, coached by Ms. Izquierdo, is holding their tryouts in February, so be prepared. On another topic, construction has started on our courts to enhance our athletes' playing conditions. The tennis/pickleball courts have been under construction since October, and the basketball court is now under construction, too. Our P.E. lockers are also under maintenance, and we hope to see them new and enhanced by the end of the school year. All in all, these sports are great opportunities to have fun with friends and bring victory to Glades Middle. Go Gators!



By: **Dayana Dajui**

Many clubs have had fun and entertaining celebrations. The Top Gs had a party where they decorated cupcakes and ate many delicious foods. The Pickleball Club decorated their own Christmas tree with pickleballs as ornaments. It turned out so adorable!! Mrs. Rodriguez's Wellness Club made a tree decorated with all sorts of Christmas ornaments.



Holiday Spirit Week Photos



Field Trip Updates

Holocaust Memorial, iFly, Hollywood Studios, Zoo Miami, Coming up we have some awesome field trips! First off, on January 10th we have the iFly field trip, then we have the Zoo Miami field trip on the 15th with Mrs. Carrera and Mrs. Arauz. Lastly, we have Hollywood Studios on January 24th where Mrs. Arauz and Mrs. D will take DREAMS and Cambridge to Disney! The Holocaust Memorial was on the 8th of January and was Mrs. D with her history class!



Career Day

By: Danosly Hernandez

Career Day, organized by Mrs. Nazario and Mrs. Izquierd, was a success! Some Glades Alumni presented and talked about their own distinct careers and career paths. Teachers got to see their past students and had a very exciting day! We had an Attorney, Firefighter, Google Employee, Physical Therapist, Nurse Anesthetist, and many more. They handed out stickers, pens, keychains and drawstring bags to students. Gators got to see and explore what people do every single day as their career. Thank you to everyone who gave back to our school!



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Testing Follow Up By: Melanie Ruizcalderon

The students will take their i-Ready AP2 will be on February 3-14. Teachers had data chats with their students to inform students how they performed, so they know their strengths and weaknesses. These data chats hold the students accountable for the way they perform, and students set their goals to achieve higher scores. The mid-years for algebra and geometry will be from January 13-16, the mid-years for science and biology will be from January 20-24, the mid-year from January 27-31, and the FAST writing will be from April 1-4.



Events by: Edier B. Chiong

With the new year here, the 8th grade events are one step closer! For starters, the last Gradventure payment was on January 13-27. On the other hand, the dance payments still have a while before they're completed. The last dance payment has changed to \$50. The third dance payment will be from Feb. 10-24, so make sure not to miss it! The final payment for the dance will be due on Apr. 14-28. Eighth graders are ecstatic for these events. They're the highlight of their last year here, and we hope they enjoy it thoroughly. It becomes a memory they can cherish forever.

Be informed of upcoming events!

1. **Join the Schoology Group** for your grade level:
Access Group Code for 6th graders 2024-25:2S8D-QBB2-MJDKS
Access Group Code for 7th graders 2024-25:36ZF-DQ6J-K2G2W
Access Group Code for 8th graders 2024-25: 8M9Q-HJV9-2JCVQ
2. **Follow the Glades Middle School Instagram:**
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3. **Listen to daily announcements at school.**

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