



UNITED WAY IS THE WAY BY: JORDAN CAMPOS



The United Way organization is a global organization that does a plethora of things for the community to make sure everyone gets the help they need. They also assist with financial stability and health; therefore, Glades Middle School is a proud sponsor of United Way. Miami-Dade County Public Schools works hand in hand with the United Way to ensure that people all around our community are helped and protected from conflicts and problems. During Spirit Week, we raise awareness of the United Way's goals and purpose. Help raise money for United Way by participating in these fun activities.






GATOR GAZETTE



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SPIRIT WEEK BY: MELISSA MONTADA, KAMILA DURAN, ISABEL MUNOZ

Spirit week is an exciting time when people come together to show their school spirit. This year Spirit Week will be from October 27-31 and includes themes for students to dress up each day. Spirit Week can help boost self-esteem and create a sense of community by creating fun memories and uniting to raise money for a great cause, the United Way.

Activity:	Date:	Cost:
Pink Out 	Monday, October 27	\$2
Sports Jersey Day/ Superhero Day 	Tuesday, October 28	\$2
Pajama Day 	Wednesday, October 29	\$2
Throwback Day 	Thursday, October 30 Halloween Dance!	\$2 \$7
Costume day 	Friday, October 31	Free

*Students **ARE NOT** allowed to wear clown costumes or face paint (covering the entire face). Any students wearing inappropriate costumes will be asked to call home and change.

Start With Hello Week Sept. 15-19

BY: Argelio Cepero

After the 2012 school shooting that took the lives of twenty-six individuals, Sandy Hook Elementary created the Start with Hello project. The Start with Hello projects inspire students to reach out to peers who seem lonely to prevent isolation and urge for friendship! Start with Hello week here at Glades Middle School was held from September 15th to the 19th.

Glades Middle students are strongly encouraged to participate in homeroom activities in Start with Hello celebration! A positive note to make someone's day, spark new friendships in conversations, and any acts of kindness to your peers are what Start with Hello week encourages and represents. Glades Middle School wants every student in this school to feel special and prevent anyone from feeling lonely. Any small actions of kindness counts.



Halloween Dance

BY: AMELIA GONZALEZ

Here comes the Halloween Dance of 2025, which is happening on October 30th! The day of the dance is throwback day, so students will be able to wear their favorite pajamas for \$2. The dance will be a perfect opportunity for students to have fun after a stressful day of learning. The students need to buy pre-sale tickets during the morning or at lunch for \$7 to attend. Several snacks and drinks like pizza and soda will be sold at the dance. We hope you participate in our Spooky Hallows Eve dance!



SPORTS AT GLADES BY: Jordan Campos

An all-new school year brings amazing athletic opportunities for students of all grade levels to enjoy! The soccer season has begun; with the rainy weather putting tryouts on a pause during September, we have still made two great teams to bring victory to Glades With the boys beating Devon Air K-8 with a score of 6-4 on Wednesday, September 24th. The girls' first game against MAS/Zelda on Thursday, September 25 was canceled due to inclement weather. As for our soccer coaches, we have Mrs. Mena and Mrs. Doimeadios for boys' soccer and Mrs. Garcia for the girls' soccer team. Ms. Ortiz, the coach for girls' volleyball, had tryouts in September. The girls are going to serve the other teams for dinner. Due to the inclement weather, the tryouts for cross country had to be rescheduled to Thursday, September 25th, but even with all the obstacles, Coach Jarrett and Coach Alonso will make the fast and fierce runners of Glades surely bring home many first-place metals. We also have many upcoming and exciting sports that we will discuss in our December edition. For now, we hope you enjoy these sports and have a fun time out on the field. Go Gators!



Welcome Dance September 17

by: Adrian Pavon

On September 17 we had our first dance of the year! The students were really thrilled to go and had a lot of fun dancing and eating with all their friends.

Open House By: Isabel Muñoz

The Open House was held on September 4th. The parents were invited to visit all their children's teachers at Glades Middle School. The teachers spoke about their class curriculum and procedures, entertaining parents along the way to give them vivid presentations of how their child's school days are!



Join a Club! By: Kamila Duran

We encourage you to join a club to your liking! All the clubs at Glades have had their opening meetings. Remember, it's never too late to get involved in an after-school activity! There is a plethora of clubs at Glades that welcome all students of all grades. Here is a list of Clubs open to students: Art Club, Pickleball Club, Future Educators of America Club, The Gator Safe Alliance Club, Student Council, SECME Club, Band Club, Future Problem Solvers, Anime Club, Campus Life, and Wellness Club. Listen to the announcements for meeting dates, and don't forget to always have fun!

Art Club



All Coaches are now CPR Certified!



Eighth Grade Events BY: Melissa Telleria

On September 18th, there was a mandatory 8th grade parent meeting here at Glades. Mrs. Izquierdo-Nunez spoke about all the upcoming 8th grade events, including Gradventure, which will take place on May 1, 2026, and the 8th Grade Dance, which will be on May 30, 2026. The Gradventure \$100 deposit opened September 19th at midnight. Around 100 students will be able to attend the trip to Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida. There is a waiting list of students who would like to attend. The trip is paid in three payments. The first payment was \$100.00 on September 19, and the second payment of \$75.00 is due on Nov. 3-17. The third and last payment of \$75.00 is due Jan. 12-26. However, there are four 8th Grade Dance payments. The payments are on Oct 6-20 \$30.00, Dec. 1-15 \$30.00, Feb. 9-23 \$30.00, and Apr. 13-27 \$35.00. Eighth graders are very excited for the events!



Testing By: Kaitlyn Alea



The FAST PM1 testing week is over! All students have completed the first FAST in September for both Reading and Math. Students will start taking their I-Ready Diagnostic on the 29th and will finish in October. Data chats are currently being shown to students in order to inform them how they performed. By doing this, students can know their strengths and weaknesses, and what they could work on to improve for next time they take their FAST. Remember: don't stress! Make sure to always try your best so you are able to show growth throughout the year.

Pickleball Club



Busy October

By: Sofia Gonzalez

October is when Breast Cancer Awareness month, Hispanic Heritage Month, Bullying Prevention Month, and Red Ribbon Week are celebrated and recognized. This recognition helps spread awareness and inform people about the importance of them. It is a great way to let people know about these communities and people. Students will wear pink on Monday, October 28th. Some teachers had projects to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Our counselors also created activities for Red Ribbon Week.



Values Matter Every Day

By: Jacob Segovia

Glades has Values Matter activities completed every month through advisement. In September, the students completed an activity that required them to write what respect feels like, sounds like, and looks like. In October, the students will write how they can be responsible at home and in school on a pumpkin. These pumpkins will be displayed on the "Values Matter" pumpkin patch that was created by the Top Gs. The activities will be displayed on the "Values Matter" Board.



Home Ec. Table Setting Contest Winners

By: Jordan Campos

These were the students that won the Home Economics table setting contest.

1st Place:



2nd Place:



3rd Place:



The Turkey Olympics By: Cecilia Rodriguez

The Turkey Olympics will be held November 21, 2025. Many students will be taking part in sports of all kinds and will be having a blast with their friends! The sport or activity you are participating in is going to be fun no matter what! This day is for students to have fun and make memories to remember. This day is for you to have a fun day with your friends, before Thanksgiving.



Looking Forward to High School By: Adrian Pavon

The Magnet school applications open on October 1st. With all these programs for the 8th grade students to choose where they want to go to high school, it can become overwhelming and that's why some high schools offer field trips to see their school like Miami Killian Sr. High School that allowed the eighth-grade students to visit the school for a pep rally and a Southwest Miami Sr. High field trip is coming up soon. Maybe you want to be in a Magnet program, but you also want to be with your friends. Sometime life gives us tough decisions, yet we must push through and choose the best option that will help us in the future. One key factor is to look for what you want to study in. With what you want to study in mind, you can narrow down your options to just a couple of schools that are just right for you. For instance, if you are interested in pursuing a career in the medical field, Coral Reef Senior High School is a great choice. Remember, do not let anyone pressure you into going to the wrong high school that is not made for you.

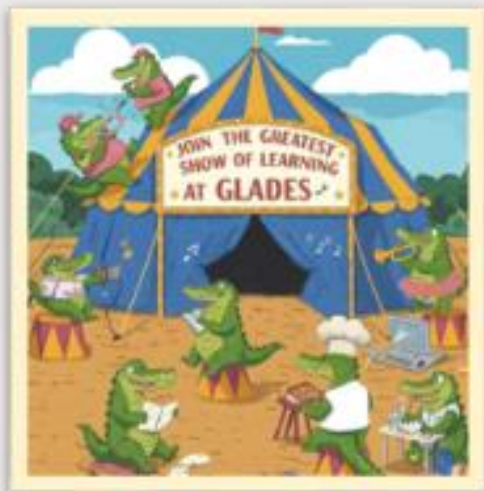
Student Council Elections

By: Anderson Urgelles



As September rolls out, Student Council rolls in. In student council, anybody can run for president or vice president (any grade level as well). To join the elections, you need to find a partner to pair up with, and you guys will need to decide who is going to run for president and who will run for vice president. Your goal is to get elected, so you can make Glades Middle have an awesome school year! The most important part is getting those votes. For example, some students give out food and items to promote themselves. Elections will be in October

Theme of the Year: The Greatest Show of Learning!



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Gator Garden By: Solangel Garriga

We are excited to announce that the Award-winning Gator Garden is continuing to grow with the help of the Creative Writing/Global Perspectives class and the Top Gs. This is part of the Fairchild Challenge Native Plant Garden Network, which we won first place for last year. Throughout the year, students will take responsibility for taking care of the plants, we invite all parents to prepare the grounds for planting on October 15th. Your support and involvement are important to the success of this project. Together, we can create a beautiful plant garden for everyone to enjoy. Let's work together to make this garden memorable.



Dad Donut Drop-Off

The gator dads were invited to drop-off their child on September 19th to have their picture taken and then eat a delicious donut. The drop-off was a success with many dads showing up for the glazed donuts, further involving them in their child's education. We know a sweet treat after a morning of waking up early is the best way to start their morning. One of the art students also painted a wonderful sign, displayed for the dads to hook their attention and another for the photos taken of the dads.



Be informed of upcoming events!

1. Join the Schoology Group for your grade level:

Access Group Code for 6th graders 2025-26:

4H9B-KQJV-3RM55

Access Group Code for 7th graders 2025-26:

2S8D-QBB2-MJDKS

Access Group Code for 8th graders 2025-26:

36ZF-DQ6J-K2G2W

2. Follow Glades Middle School Instagram:
glades_gators

3. Listen to daily announcements at school.

Contact the Activities & Athletics Coordinator, Mrs. Izquierdo-Nunez, if you have any questions at tessiein@dadeschools.net
