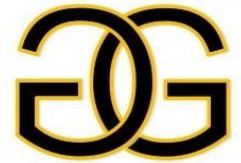




GATOR GAZETTE



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FAMILY ENGAGEMENT MONTH

November was Family Engagement Month, which means we involve parents in their children learning and education in many ways. Having parents learn about their children's education is super important to Glades Middle School; it can help you notice their growth and development over the years. Some tips that our sites provide is interacting with your teacher, connecting with others, creating a beneficial environment, and more! There are different types of information that can assist you. All this information that we are providing you can help build a stronger bond with your children's education.

Tips

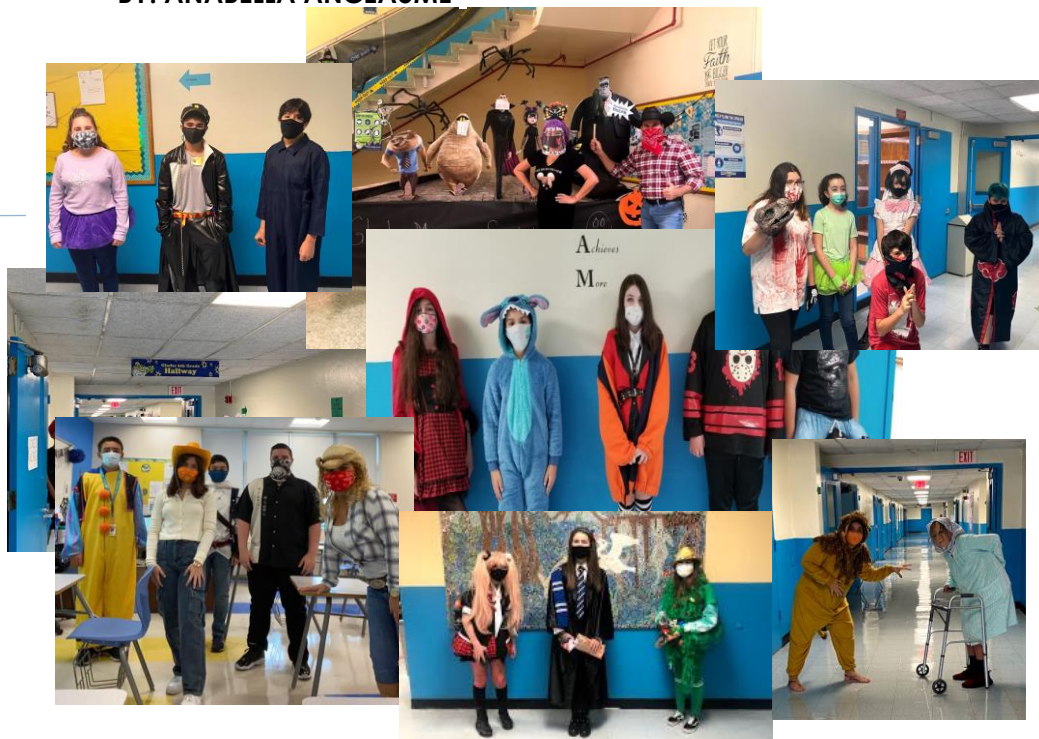
1. Interacting with your teacher
2. Connecting with other Families
3. Creating a beneficial environment
4. Establishing a Routine
5. Checking in Each Day
6. Setting Goals
7. Helping them "Own" their Own Learning
8. Practicing Safety Online
9. Creating Healthy Eating Habits
10. Practicing Self-Care

BY: VALERIA DEL RIO

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

Gators were thrilled to experience this exciting time of year. All students were allowed to dress up; however, they had to abide by the dress code. Everyone in Glades went all out to show how festive Glades can be. There were many different costumes from cowboys and witches to inflatable dinosaurs and even skeletons. This year was different from the rest, but every single Gator enjoyed the Halloween Celebration and put forth everything they can to still make it as fun while staying safe. Glades Middle School was very happy to celebrate this Halloween celebration once again and keep our tradition alive. At Glades we made this Halloween celebration memorable and unforgettable.

BY: ANABELLA ANCEAUME



HOW TO HELP PEOPLE ON CHRITMAS DURING COVID-19

GARNISHING CONTEST

Glades Middle School is known to have many talented and school spirited students with all kinds of talents. This year the Gourmet Gators participated in the annual Garnishing Competition. Garnishing your food is a way to embellish meals in a decorative way while also showing some personality, and boy did the students impress us this year. We had watermelon bowls, fruit salads and many more delicious yet decorative treats to show off. The students were also able to make a PowerPoint where they expressed the idea and theme that was thought of when they garnished these beautiful creations. This school year has been different from the rest, but it hasn't stopped our amazing students here at Glades from demonstrating their talents.

BY: EMILY COLMENERO



During this time of the year, people around the world sometimes don't get the experience we have for Christmas. In fact, Coronavirus has caused more people to not have Christmas. We the people can help each other to make the world a better place. The making of a difference foundation has a mission to make a difference in the lives, and survival, of others and one person at a time. Donate to help the lives of individuals and families by giving them a warm meal, or fulfilling other crucial needs. You can even donate to a food drive to help those families that need food. If you want to make something your own, construct, or organize your own food drive to give back to the community if you want, and to an organization. There are so many ways to fulfill the world. One of the way's that a lot of people do is helping the homeless. Every year, there is always homeless that don't have anything to celebrate holidays. This is the year that we can change that. Try to fill stockings with personal hygiene items, socks, gloves, and many more to deliver to the shelter. As you read all these ways to help people during this pandemic, try to come up with your own ways to help people in need. Make the world a better place.

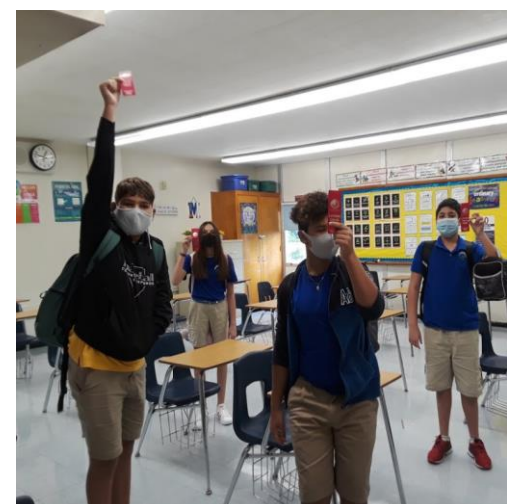
BY: ANDREW PICON

RED RIBBON

Red Ribbon Week is a week to celebrate and raise awareness for drug usage. It is annually celebrated in October. It began in 1985, and people were enraged at the death of DEA Agent Enrique Camarena. They wore red ribbons as a symbol for raising awareness for drug usage after the death of Enrique.

In order to raise awareness for illegal drug usage that could be harmful, we at Glades celebrate Red Ribbon Week with the help of YOU as a student's participation! We encourage you as a student to raise awareness for drug usage. There are many ways to do this. Some of these include writing about it, wearing a red ribbon, and making fliers.

BY: DIEGO ALUCIO



THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is a national holiday celebrated across the nation. Thanksgiving is a holiday where people like to say what they are thankful for. During thanksgiving there are many food drives and canned food collections. By collecting these food items, we can help families in need so that they are able to put a dinner on the table for their families. Thanksgiving is important because you can appreciate what you have and be thankful for people that have made an impact on your life. Although this Thanksgiving may be a little bit different, you can still be thankful for everything that you have and be able to enjoy a meal with your family.

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December Holidays

The two most popular holidays celebrated in December are Christmas and Hanukkah. Christmas is a holiday that takes place on December 25th every year. It is celebrated throughout December. People put up Christmas trees and decorate it with lights and ornaments; they also put some lights on their roof. People have fun at these feasts and parties by dancing, singing, and talking. One of the most important part about Christmas is Santa. Santa is the person that delivers gifts to all children in the world. On Christmas day, children wake up and open all the gifts Santa delivered for them. This day is super special for a lot of people. Families have fun and spend time with each other.

Hannukah takes places from December 10-18, and it's a Jewish holiday that celebrates rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire. On the 25th day of the month of Kislev (in December), the Maccabees celebrated the reclaiming of their Temple. Hanukkah is celebrated today with a festival of traditional foods, gifts, games, and the lighting of the menorah for eight days from December 10th to the 18th.

BY: ALEC PADILLA & ISABEL SANCHEZ



Holiday Spirit Week

Glades Middle School is in the holiday spirit. This December, we are having our first ever Holiday Spirit Week the week from December 14th-18th. We encourage students to join in the fun.

BY: LIAH CABRERA

Glades Middle School Holiday Spirit Week - December 14th - 18th				
Monday, December 14th	Tuesday, December 15th	Wednesday, December 16th	Thursday, December 17th	Friday, December 18th
★ Holiday Pajama Day 	★ Holiday Hat Day 	★ Ugly Holiday Sweater Day 	★ Holiday Sock Day 	★ Holiday Shirt Day

START WITH HELLO CONTEST WINNERS AND HONORABLE MENTIONS

Start with Hello Contest

Our new Creative Writing class recently participated in the Start with Hello Contest this past September. This year's contest theme was How Can Start with Hello Create Unity in Diversity. Students were required to submit original artwork, writing, or music performances to get a chance at the \$100 prize. Some of our own amazing students here at Glades Middle School came out winning; Kaitlyn Rodriguez won the writing category, and Andrew Picon won in the artwork category. Anabella Anceaume, Miya Chang, and Liah Cabrera were honorable mentions.

BY: LIAH CABRERA

Kaitlyn Rodriguez's winning poem:

The one Hello

Kaitlyn Rodriguez Period 1 9/21/2020

The infinite ways to say hello
are more important
than we understand
for the spanned
of a life
can save someone
from the dive
to the knife
we call life
it can bring
them to the bright light
so, they do not have to
suffer from the nightmares
so, they can repair
instead of wallow in despair

The one hello
can ignite
the light
that starts the flight
to a unite
that would stop the uptight
save us from the night

to come to the site
that might
end the fight
in spite
the difference

Everyone
from the alone
to the homegrown
we must anchor
on the fact
to interact
is the abstract
of life
people will forget so much
from a brunch
to a single touch
but they will
never forget
the kindness
that took away their blindness
for the one hello
will unite
it will invite
it will reunite

Andrew Picon winning comic:

