

Gallon's Good News



June Newsletter

Greetings:

I hope that this June 2017 Newsletter finds you and your family in the joy and laughter of summer. The 2016-2017 school year has provided tremendous excitement, success, and opportunity for our educators, staff, and most important, our students.

I have been deeply humbled and honored to continue my life's work and commitment to service to the Miami-Dade County Public Schools and on the front lines of public education as your School Board Member. I am equally proud to share in the success of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools and its unrelenting effort to close and eliminate the achievement gap and the persistent challenges in underperforming schools. As the School Board Member of District 1 which previously had the highest number of failing schools, I am pleased to announce that the "F" schools in District 1 no longer exist.

- Carol City Middle School improved from an F to a C.
- North Dade Middle School improved from an F to a C.
- Parkview Elementary School improved from an F to a C.
- Dr. Frederica S. Wilson/Skyway Elementary improved from an F to a B.

Congratulations to the principals, teachers, staff, and community stakeholders of each of these schools, as well as the Board and Superintendent and his staff for their leadership and dedication in the improvement of these and other fragile schools throughout the school district. We know, however, as there remains students sitting on the margins of learning and life-long success, there is yet more work to be done.

As you continue to enjoy the summer with family and friends, please do so with a love for life and pursuit of joy and happiness. We look forward to your return this Fall with a

renewed sense of commitment, dedication, love, and hope for a better, brighter future for public education, the Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and more important, the children we are tremendously blessed and honored to reach, teach, and touch each day.

Again, thanks for your support and all that you do. May God bless and keep each of you and may the winds always be at your back.

Let's go!

Educationally,

Steve Gallon III

Steve Gallon III, School Board Member, District 1

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ITEM H-6 REVIEW DISTRICT'S DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND EXCELLENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND COMPLIANCE REPORTING



At the June meeting of the Miami-Dade County School Board, District 1 School Board member Dr. Steve Gallon III presented an agenda item that addressed the need for review of the District's Diversity, Equity, and Excellence Advisory Committee (DEEAC) and compliance reporting. The establishment of DEEAC in 2001 further codified the District's commitment to educational equity and access. Pursuant to the provisions outlined in Board policy, DEEAC is charged with assisting the District with "creating and maintaining a multicultural school system."

The Board unanimously agreed to direct the Superintendent, in consultation and collaboration with the School Board Attorney, to review the requirements and determine the status of District compliance with Board policy; review the organization and oversight of, and assistance and support provided to DEEAC; engage DEEAC members in a workshop to review policy provisions and expectations, discuss and clarify annual committee reporting deliverables, and solicit feedback and recommendations about ways to improve committee organization, assistance, support, engagement, and work; and provide a status update to the Board including recommendations for enhancements by the October 2017 School Board meeting.

The item was co-sponsored by School Board members Dr. Martin Karp, Mari Tere Rojas, Perla Tabares Hantman and Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall.

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National Chess Champions



Dr. Gallon visited Norwood Elementary on a rainy Friday at the end of the school year to surprise their Championship Chess Team!

Surprise!

It is always a pleasure to surprise, serve, and support students who represent the success of our schools and community.

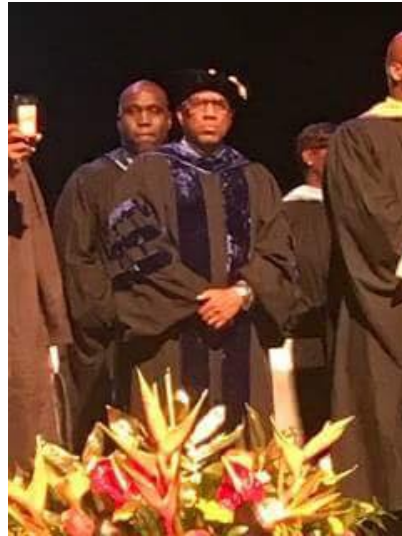
Ramadan Open House



Peace, love, joy, and unity filled the room with Dr. Imam Samra at the Islamic Center of Greater Miami in Miami Gardens.

Dr. Gallon along with members from diverse faiths and backgrounds came out to support the Ramadan Open House.

2017 Graduation Ceremonies



Dr. Gallon was happy to support several schools at their commencement ceremonies.

He is proud of all of the 2017 Graduates and wishes them the best in their future endeavors.

Friendship Baptist Church Baccalaureate Ceremony

Dr. Gallon was humbled and honored to serve as the 2017 Baccalaureate Speaker at Friendship Baptist Church.

Thanks to Pastor Reverend Dr. Gaston Smith for the invitation and members of the "Ship" for their warm hospitality and love.

Also, kudos to the Class of 1963 of Miami Northwestern for their attendance and support of our youth.

Congratulations to the Class of 2017 Honorees!



Haitian American Surrogates

Dr. Gallon met with the Haitian American Surrogates as they came to discuss ways they can support education in District 1 and throughout the community.



Cisley Scott M-DCPS Assistant Principal of the Year



Dr. Gallon was happy to celebrate and honor Ms. Cisely Scott and her achievements as Miami-Dade County Public School's 2017 Assistant Principal of the Year.

Meeting with Key Stakeholders in District 1



Dr. Gallon met with key District 1 stakeholders to discuss collective solutions to improving education in District 1.

Miami-Dade County Youth Fair & Exposition Scholarship Winners



Several students from District 1 were awarded a \$1000 scholarship from the Miami-Dade County Youth Fair & Exposition for their dedication to academics, their school, and their communities. Dr. Gallon congratulates them all.

Scholarship Recipients:

- Geneva Auguste (North Miami Senior)
- Jazmin Edwards (North Miami Senior)
- David Vazquez (North Miami Senior)
- Demitri Pressley (Miami Norland Senior)
- Romello Walton (Miami Norland Senior)



What is your Child doing this Summer in District 1?

Below is a list of Summer Camps being offered

Joella C. Good Elementary- 6350 NW 188th Terrace, Hialeah, FL 33015 (305) 625-2008
Dates: 6-12-2017/8-4-2017
Times: 7:00 am - 6:00 pm
Cost: \$90/\$100 (free or reduce lunch pay \$90 weekly)
Field trips are an additional fee.

NorthDade Middle School- 1840 NW 157th St, Opa-locka, FL 33054 (305) 624-8415
1. CHALLENGE 2 CHANGE
June 19- July 14
8:30am - 4:30pm
FREE

2. ALM Sports
June 12 - August 11
7:30am - 6:00pm
\$60 per week

3. Florida Education Fund/Opa-Locka CDC
June 19-July 28
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
FREE

Natural Bridge Elementary- 1650 NE 141st St, North Miami, FL 33181 (305) 891-8649
YMCA
June 12, 2017 to August 18, 2017
7:00 AM to 6:00 PM
\$100.00 weekly

Northland Middle- 1235 NW 192nd Terrace, Miami Gardens, FL 33169(305) 653-1210

Technology Summer Camp

June 12 -August 4

Cost Free

8: 00- 4:30

NorthCounty K-8 Center- 3250 NW 207th Street Miami Gardens, FL 33056 (305)624-9648

Opa-locka Community Development Corporation

CodeMasters: Game and Web Design Summer Camp

June 19-July 28

8:30-2:30

No Cost

Miami Gardens Elementary School- 4444 NW 195th St, Miami Gardens, FL 33055 (305)625-5321

Sponsor Name: Susan Gonzalez

Dates: June 12, 2017-July 28, 2017

Times: 8:15AM- 5:30PM

Cost: Free (21st Century Learning Grant) Grades 2-5

Crestview Elementary- 2201 NW 187th St, Miami Gardens, FL 33056 (305) 624-1495

Has a full day 1 week camp. Hosted by the Sheriffs Youth Ranches. Additional information as requested is below.

Sponsor Name: Representative Pritchett

Dates: 6/12-6/16

Times: 9-3:30

Cost: FREE

Andover Middle- 121 NE 207th St, Miami Gardens, FL 33179 (305)654-2727

Sponsor Name: Mathema

Dates: 06/12/17 – 07/24/17

Times: 9:00 – 3:00

Cost: \$45.00/wkly

Golden Glades Elementary- 16520 NW 28th Ave, Opa-locka, FL 33054 (305) 624-9641

Sponsor Name: 21st Century community learning grant

Dates: 6-12 to 7-21

Times: 8am-4pm

Cost: Free

North Glade Elementary- 5000 NW 177th St, Opa-locka, FL 33055 (305) 624-2076

YMCA

July 12th- August 4th

\$100a week

\$60a week with scholarship

Rooms 1, 2, 3, 9, and 10

ALM Sports

June 12th - August 11th

\$60 per week

\$65 per week for a second child

Rooms 16 and 17

Linda Lentin K-8 Center- 14312 NE 2nd Ct, Miami, FL 33161 (305) 891-4011

Principal Operated Summer Camp & TFA Summer Camp

Date: June 19 - July 21, 2017

Times: 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20.00/day

Barbara Hawkins Elementary- 19010 NW 37th Ave, Miami Gardens, FL 33056 (305) 624-2615

Sponsor Name: Big Ideas

Dates: June 12-July 28

Times: 8:30a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

At the present time they are full

Rainbow Park Elementary- 15355 NW 19th Ave, Opa-locka, FL 33054 (305) 688-4631

Not hosting a summer camp but, we do have the Summer Breakspot Food truck sponsored by the Department of Food and Nutrition. Free lunch for students 18 years and under from 12-1 throughout the summer.

*For more information contact camp site.

