

# CONNECTION

A NEWSLETTER FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARENTS

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## MIAMI DOLPHINS SUPPORT VALUES MATTER MIAMI

Values Matter Miami is Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (M-DCPS) innovative values education program. This initiative focuses on teaching students the importance of the District's nine core values of citizenship, cooperation, fairness, honesty, integrity, kindness, pursuit of excellence, respect, and responsibility.

The Miami Dolphins is partnering with M-DCPS for the 2019-2020 Values Matter Miami campaign. This partnership will assist our District in extending the reach of this highly successful initiative and will garner new excitement in the promotion and celebration of the nine core values.

As part of this campaign, schools nominate students and staff members who exemplify the designated value each month. In addition to possible selection for recognition at our annual Values Matter Miami award ceremony, this year student nominees will also be selected for recognition by the Miami Dolphins. As a Miami Dolphins Values Matter Miami monthly award recipient, students will receive a Miami Dolphins celebration, which will include members of the Miami Dolphins visiting the student's school and leading a Values Matter Miami Core Value celebration in that student's honor. The student will also receive tickets to and recognition at a Miami

Dolphins home game.

The Miami Dolphins are also supporting Values Matter Miami through the "My Cause, My Cleats" initiative. Students are encouraged to participate in the Values Matter Miami Cleat Design Contest. The winning student will have their design worn by a Miami Dolphins player at the December 1st home game.

Additionally, the Miami Dolphins have partnered with our District to create public service announcements about the campaign and each of the nine core values. You may access the initial PSA through this [link](#).

# GOOD HEALTH EQUALS GOOD ATTENDANCE!



Let's start with immunizations and what you need to know. Incoming Kindergarten and new students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools need the following vaccines for school entry and attendance:

- Four or five doses of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTaP) vaccine
- Three doses of hepatitis B (Hep B) vaccine
- Three, four or five doses of polio (IPV) vaccine
- Two doses of measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine
- Two doses of varicella vaccine for kindergarten and grades one through eleven
- One dose of varicella for grade twelve

All 7th Graders are required to have the following vaccines for school entry and attendance:

- One dose of tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) in grades seven through twelve
- An updated DH 680 form to include Tdap, must be obtained for submission to the school

Free vaccines are currently available at the following locations.

To make an appointment, please call (786) 845-0550.

- Health District Center  
1350 NW 14th Street 2nd Floor  
Miami, Florida 33125  
Monday-Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

- West Perrine Center  
18255 Homestead Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33157  
Monday-Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

- Little Haiti Health Center  
300 NE 80th Terrace 2nd Floor  
Miami, Florida 33138  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

For more information, please visit [www.immunizeflorida.org](http://www.immunizeflorida.org)

## PARENT E-TIPS

**Primary:**  
**Get Your Child Organized**  
<http://bit.ly/2ZxLfra>

**Secondary:**  
**Speak with your Teen's Teachers**  
<http://bit.ly/2ZtPesD>

## IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

**September 30**  
Teacher Planning Day

**October 9**  
Teacher Planning Day

**October 25**  
Teacher Planning Day

## HELP FOR OUR NEIGHBORS IN THE BAHAMAS



The damage caused by Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas has been catastrophic and we continue to keep those affected by this horrific storm in our prayers. Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has a rich tradition of goodwill and humanitarianism which extends beyond our community. As we have

done in the past, we are collecting funds, non-perishable items, and supplies to support relief efforts for those impacted by this storm, and we encourage our employees and families to participate. Monetary contributions will be collected through the Foundation for New Education Initiatives and sent to Operation Helping Hands. Donations will support the immediate and long-term needs of the people in the Bahamas. Families may also bring non-perishable items and supplies to their school's upcoming Open House.

These relief efforts will culminate in a benefit concert on September 28 at 6 p.m. at Miami Arts Studio 6-12 at Zelda Glazer. To purchase tickets, visit [www.bit.ly/MDCPS4BAHAMAS](http://www.bit.ly/MDCPS4BAHAMAS).

To learn more about how you can help the Bahamas or to make a monetary contribution, please visit [www.dadeschools.net](http://www.dadeschools.net) or [www.giveourstudentstheworld.org](http://www.giveourstudentstheworld.org).

Join the M-DCPS family in coming together to demonstrate our spirit of giving and generosity for those who need it most.



## SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Oct. 2  
11 a.m.  
Regular Meeting

Nov. 20  
10 a.m.  
Organization Meeting  
11 a.m.  
Regular Meeting

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is continuing its partnership with the 1Million Project Foundation to provide eligible high school students who do not have internet access at home with a free smartphone and free high-speed data through the 1Million Project (1MP). Eligible students must be enrolled in an M-DCPS high school in grades 9-12, be 13 years old or older, and not have high speed internet at home.

The 1MP defines not having high-speed internet at home as:

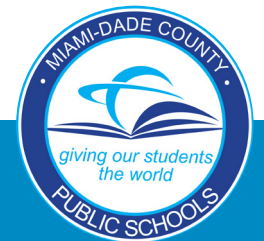
- No home internet access at all
- Multiple students in the same household, working from a single computer

- Internet is available at home, but at a very low bandwidth (i.e., dial-up speeds) and is not adequate for completing homework assignments

Eligible students will receive an Android smartphone for use while they are enrolled in an M-DCPS high school, free hotspot capability while on the Sprint network, 10 GB per month of free high-speed LTE data, unlimited data at 2G speeds, unlimited Voice and Text (no international long distance calls), and unlimited domestic calls/texts while on the Sprint network. Eligible students must complete the required parent consent form, have their parents sign it, and turn in the signed form to the designated

school personnel or a school administrator.

For additional information regarding the 1Million Project, please visit the M-DCPS 1MP website located at <http://digital.dadeschools.net/sprint.asp>. Additionally, parents and students can visit the 1MP Student Resources webpage located at <http://www.1millionproject.org/student-resources> for information regarding the mobile device, using the wireless data, and turning the smartphone into a mobile hotspot so it can be used with district-issued mobile devices.



[www.dadeschools.net](http://www.dadeschools.net)

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