



# The Fisher Flyer

Official Newsletter of Fisher Island Day School

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Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, & Staff,

Following are this week's [FIDS](#) updates.

**Re-Enrollment Contracts.** On Friday, January 18, 2019, Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 re-enrollment contracts will be sent to families who do not have any outstanding obligations to FIDS. We hope that you are interested in having your child return to FIDS in 2019 - 2020. If so, please complete the re-enrollment contract and return it, along with the required deposit, to Mrs. Lourdes Latour, Office Manager, no later than **Friday, February 15, 2019**. Please know that many classes are predicted to be at capacity next year, and we have been receiving numerous inquiries for new enrollments. In order to guarantee your child a space next year, the re-enrollment contract and deposit must be returned by the due date. After the due date, non-deposited slots will be offered to new applicants. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**Gala.** *Sueños Españoles (Spanish Dreams)*, FIDS's annual gala and charity auction, will take place on **Saturday, March 2, 2019**, in the Vanderbilt Mansion at the Fisher Island Club. VIP tables and tickets may be purchased by clicking [here](#).

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.** FIDS will be closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Mon., Jan. 21, 2019.

**STEM Home Challenge.** This year, we are limiting STEM Home Challenges to one for the entire year (excluding the STEM Fair project in April 2019). The 2018-2019 FIDS STEM Home Challenge poses the question:

**Can you design and build something that can carry a Ping-Pong ball from the top of a zip-line string to the bottom in four seconds or less?**

Here's how to participate:

- Participation is voluntary.
- Participating families may elect to submit a separate challenge per child or complete one "family" project. \*
- Design something that can carry a ping-pong on a zip line. You are free to choose your materials, as long as you build it yourself! Cardboard, cups, straws, tape, and skewers might be a good start.
- Projects must be student-inspired/made creations; do not use zip-line construction kits!
- Projects must be STEM-related and incorporate one or more of the 4 STEM pillars: Science, Technology, Engineering, and/or Mathematics. While you may want to give your design an artistic twist, **THIS IS NOT AN ARTS AND CRAFTS PROJECT!** Your zip line must be fully functioning!
- **Projects are due to your child's teacher by Tuesday, January 15, 2019.** Projects submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.
- Selected projects, **based on merit**, will be recognized at a subsequent Morning Meeting—date TBD.
- The selection of projects to be shared will be based on a combination of FIDS' STEM Team assessment of the projects, the students' presentation of the projects, and/or additional follow-up questions by staff adjudicators.



- Mrs. Rosa, our STEM Coordinator, is available to support students who may need guidance on getting started.
- Consult with your child's teacher for any specific class requirements.
- Early Learning, Pre-Kindergarten, and Jr. Kindergarten will complete the challenge as a class project.
- Use this challenge to be creative, have fun, and learn!

*\* Family projects will be shared once in one child's classroom, with all contributors included in the presentation.*

Thank you for your support in making every week at FIDS a wonderful learning experience for our children. Your partnership is greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

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Head of School  
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