



The Fisher Flyer

Official Newsletter of Fisher Island Day School

January 31, 2019

Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, & Staff,

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

Important Dates/Events on the Horizon:

- Thursday, Jan. 31, 2019 FIDS Sharks v. Miami Shores Parks & Recreation, 5:15 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 1, 2019 Spelling Bee (Grades 1-5), Live Telecast!
- Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019 FIDS Sharks v. Miami Shores Parks & Recreation, 5:15 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 8, 2019 Parent Association Meeting (South Pointe Tavern—40 South Pointe Drive)
- Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019 School Picture Day – Class Group Shots
- Friday, Feb. 15, 2019 Chinese New Year Student Show, 11:00 a.m.
2019 - 2020 Re-Enrollment Contracts/Deposits Due

Accelerated Reader. Students in Grades K-7 participate in the Accelerated Reader (AR) program. This program supports reading comprehension and allows students to earn points by taking quizzes on literature they have read, both at home and at school. Each grade-level teacher sets individual goals with the students per marking period, and those students who surpass their goal earn the Star Reader Award. Congratulations to the following students for their hard work and their dedication to reading for Quarter 2:

- **Kindergarten:** Alana Goldstein, Darcy Khan, Jonathan MacKenzie, Marina Manzano, Chloe Parsons-Cohn, Maksim Petukhov, Miura Singh, Robert Vole
- **First Grade:** Nicolas Chaparro, Tyler Ficklin, Rifat Kotob, Holden Lustbader, Amayelle Sock, Leighton Lustbader
- **Second Grade:** Alexa Camp, Victor Morel, Donald MacKenzie, Elena Kucherenko, Maxwell Silverman, Max Mehrabi, Reed Neff, Johnny Durango, Summer Hay, Kris Singh
- **Third Grade:** Tobin Drury, Zoey Khan, Greyson Lustbader, Reggie Manzano, Mitra Mehrabi, Max Rosenow, Dylan Shara, Leo Temnikov, Isabella Vole
- **Fourth Grade:** Vladimir Anosov, Matthew Kucherenko, Jekaterina Moskvina, Anastasia Petukhova, Eric Sharp
- **Fifth Grade:** Nina Dominguez, Isabella Durango, Leila Posey, Alita Temnikova, Elsa Trebotich
- **Sixth Grade:** Julius Johnson, Tristan Nimmo
- **Seventh Grade:** Jesse Hay

Game Time. Please come out to show your support of the FIDS Sharks at the following basketball games:

- FIDS Sharks v. Miami Shores Park & Rec.
- Thursday, January 31, 2019
- 5:15 p.m. Tip-Off
- 9617 Park Drive
Miami Shores, FL 33138
- FIDS Sharks v. Miami Shores Park & Rec.
- Thursday, February 7, 2019
- 5:15 p.m. Tip-Off
- 9617 Park Drive
Miami Shores, FL 33138

FIDS Team Bus will depart FIDS @ 3:00 p.m. on game days.

Spelling Bee. FIDS's Spelling Bee competition for Grades 1-5 will take place tomorrow, Friday, February 1, 2019. Due to space limitations, the audience will be limited to FIDS students. In addition, the Spelling Bee will be broadcast live. For security purposes, a separate email will be sent to parents with the web link to view the live telecast. Grade-level and school-level winners will be honored at subsequent morning meetings, at which time, the parents of our winning students will be invited to attend.

Random Acts of Kindness. Valentine's Day is a special day for the children and what better way to celebrate love than with a random act of kindness (R.A.K.). We hope to connect with the children on the concept of spreading kindness, which is one of the most valuable lessons we believe one can ever teach.

We will be asking each student or each family (the choice is yours) to share kindness with a member of the community. This act should be random, wherein the community member does not expect anything. We kindly ask that each of you take **one** picture of your child/family creating, delivering, or completing the act. Pictures can be brought in upon completion. This class project is due Monday, February 11th, but of course continued acts of kindness have no deadlines. We hope all of you will really enjoy the magic of kindness and the smiles it will bring to your children when they know they have made a difference.

February Parent Association Meeting. Following are the details of February's Parent Association (PA) Meeting, hosted by Melissa and Jared Lustbader (Greyson, Holden, & Leighton):

- Date: Friday, February 8, 2019
- Time: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- Place: South Pointe Tavern
40 South Pointe Drive, Unit 109
Miami Beach, FL 33139
- Other: Coffee and pastries will be served.



For those on the island looking for a ride to the meeting, Genaro will depart school at 8:35 a.m., drive the bus to South Pointe Tavern, and bring you back right afterwards. Please attend to show your support of our PA Co-Chairs, Tamarra Hay (Jesse & Summer) and Yvette Triana (Shae).

FIDS Achieves ALICE Certification. On Wednesday, January 30, 2019, FIDS faculty and staff completed their final training in [ALICE \(Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate\)](#). The ALICE training provided preparation and a plan on how to more proactively handle the threat of an aggressive-intruder or active-shooter event. ALICE Training option-based tactics have become the accepted response, versus the traditional "lockdown only" approach.



Gala. *Sueños Españoles (Spanish Dreams)*, FIDS's annual gala and charity auction, will take place on **Saturday, March 2, 2019**, at the Fisher Island Club. VIP tables and tickets may be purchased by clicking [here](#). We have already sold 62% of our capacity. Organize your gala tables now! We also need auction items (e.g., vacation homes, beauty packages, restaurants, unique experiences, wine, jewelry, and fashion). Appended to this newsletter, please find an auction donation form. Complete and submit a separate form for each donated item. Thank you for your support!

Best regards,

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