



The Fisher Flyer

Official Newsletter of Fisher Island Day School

March 14, 2019

Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, & Staff,

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

- Friday, Mar. 22, 2019 Field Day, 11:00 a.m. (see below)
- Mar. 23-31, 2019 Spring Recess
- Fri., Apr. 5, 2019 Third Quarter Report Cards Issued

Field Day—Friday, March 22, 2019. FIDS's annual Field Day will take place on Friday, March 22, 2019. Please note that as FIDS has grown in enrollment, it is now necessary to hold two sessions of events which are developmentally appropriate for the age groups involved. Students will only be permitted to participate (including as spectators) in their respective age-group events.



PRIMARY SCHOOL (Grades EL – Kindergarten)

- **ACTIVITIES** – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Primary School students are the only ones who will participate in the activities. Parents of primary schoolers may enjoy the activities as spectators/cheerleaders.
- **LUNCH** – 12:00 noon – 12:30 p.m.
- **DISMISSAL** – 12:30 p.m. (Students with siblings in Lower/Middle School may return to their classrooms until the older siblings are dismissed at 2:00 p.m.)

LOWER/MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 1 –7)

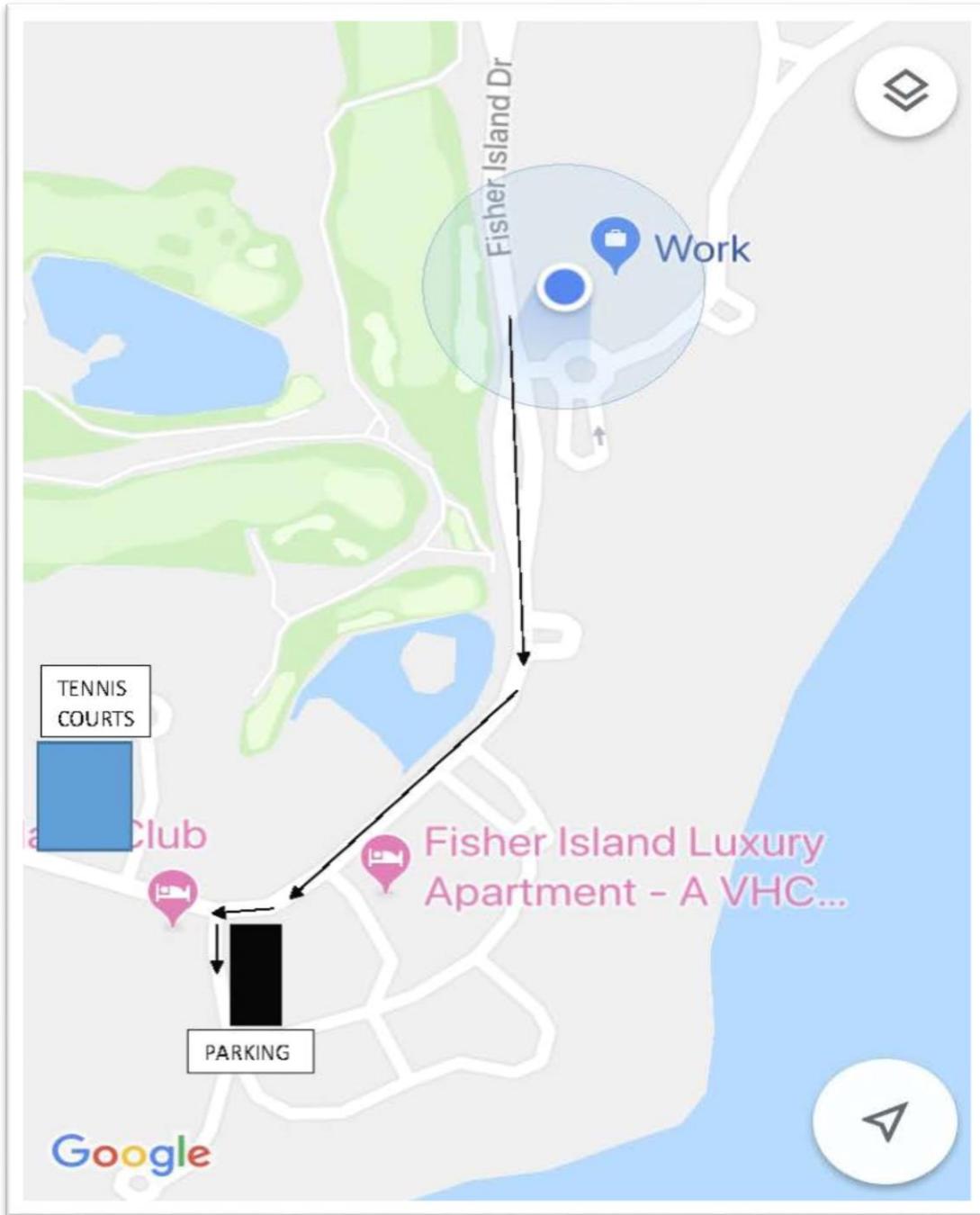
- **LUNCH** – 11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
- **ORGANIZATION** – 5th Graders will be the team captains and select their teams. Lower and Middle School students will compete with their teachers and parents in the events.
- **ACTIVITIES** – 12:00 noon – 1:45 p.m. – Lower/Middle School students and the teachers/parents will compete against each other.
- **DISMISSAL** – 2:00 p.m.

PARKING/SHUTTLE: Parents will park in the same lot that we used for the Holiday and the Chinese New Year shows; FIDS will provide continuous golf-cart shuttle service between the designated lot and Vanderbilt Park, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, and again beginning at 1:45 p.m. (See diagram on next page.)

ATTIRE AND PROTECTION: Students will be divided into three teams: RED, WHITE, & BLUE. (Team CAPTAINS, LEADERS, AND MEMBERS will be announced at tomorrow's morning meeting.) Students will receive their team tee-shirts on the day of the event. Students should wear comfortable shorts and sneakers to accompany their team tee-shirts. (Hats are also highly recommended.) We also suggest that parents liberally apply their choice of sunscreen and insect repellent prior to sending children to school. Uniforms are not mandatory for Field Day.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: **THERE WILL BE NO ACTIVE HOURS ON FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2019.** If you have any questions, please call Mr. Durango at 305-531.2350 (W) or email him at jdurango@fids.org.

Field Day Parking:



Gala Photographs. Gala photographs are available at the following link:

<https://blumangostudios.com/>

- Click on [view/order](#)
- Enter the password: ***gala***



Closing of Mansur Parking Lot. Due to construction of the new ferry terminal and parking garage, the Mansur Parking Lot (where we park the FIDS buses) is closing on Friday evening, March 22, 2019. The Mansur Parking Lot will remain closed for approximately 18 months.

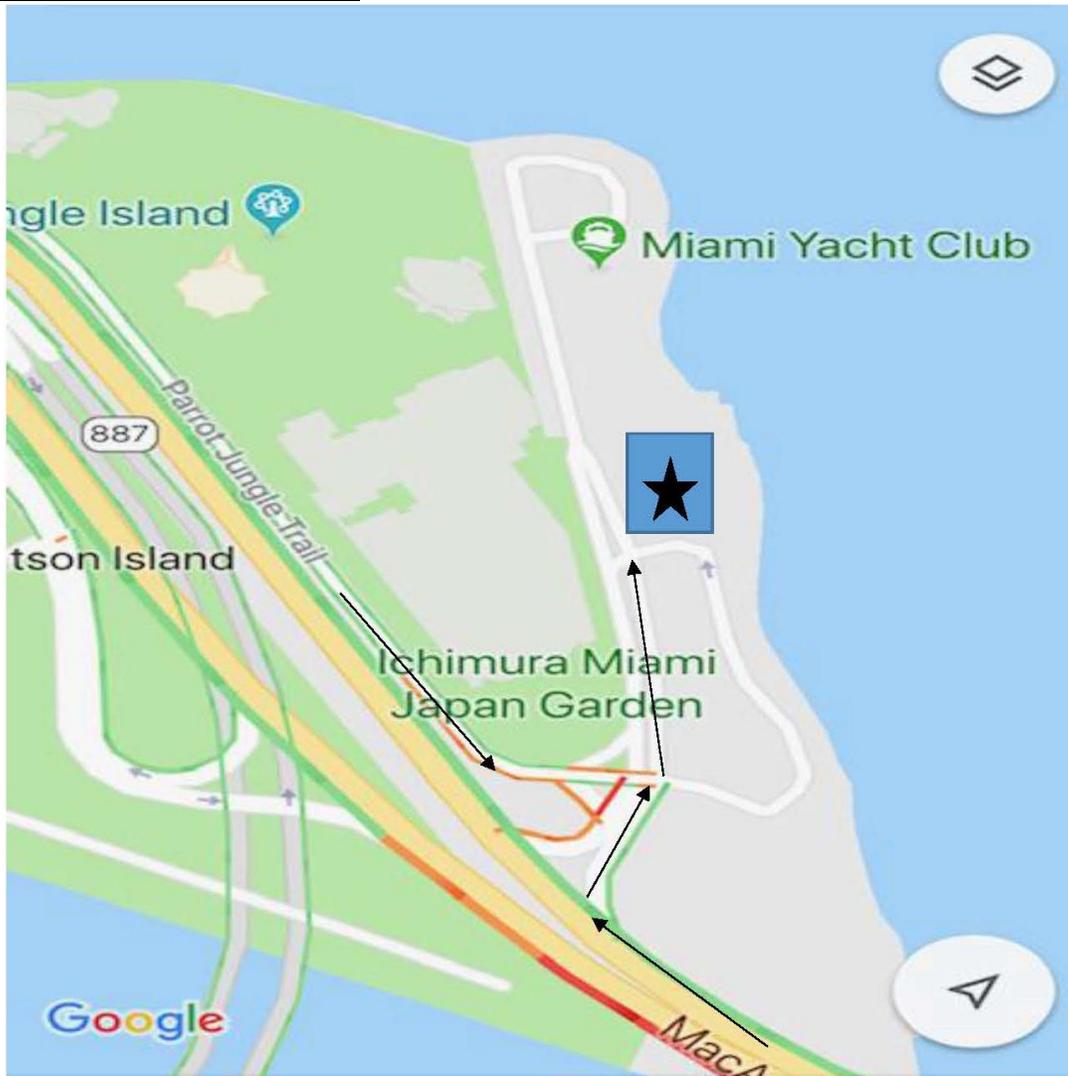
Upon completion of the ferry terminal and garage, we will benefit by having an easier means to access FIDS from the mainland. In the interim, following are the alternate plans for families who use the Mansur Parking Lot to access FIDS's bus service:

- **South-of-Fifth Bus Service.** There will be no changes to the South-of-Fifth bus service and existing bus stops. Due to ongoing construction on the MacArthur Causeway, periodic delays are the norm.
- **Mansur Parking Lot.** Beginning Monday, April 1, 2019, the Mansur Parking Lot will be closed. **Parents who heretofore accessed the Mansur Parking Lot for drop-off and/or pick-up should proceed to Jungle Island, 1111 Parrot Jungle Trail, Miami, FL 33132.** Please refer to the attached map for directions to the exact drop-off and pick-up location. We will be loading/unloading the bus in the parking lot directly north of the Jungle Island parking garage. **Parents should not enter the Jungle Island parking garage to meet the bus.** Please note that the planned departure time for the morning bus to depart Jungle Island is 7:40 a.m. The return times in the afternoon to Jungle Island are gauged to be approximately 15-20 minutes later than the typical drop-off times at Mansur. Please plan accordingly, and we ask for everyone's forbearance as we adapt to our new system.
 - **Directions from I-95:** Take I-395 East (MacArthur Causeway) exit 2D. Cross over the bridge, and make the first right after the bridge onto Parrot Jungle Trail. Follow the road around and under the bridge to the parking lot on the north side.
 - **Directions from Miami Beach:** Take I-395 West (MacArthur Causeway); make the first right turn after Palm Island (next to the Miami Yacht Club). Follow the road to the parking lot on the north side.
- **Additional South-of-Fifth Bus Stop (afternoon buses only).** To accommodate non-island bus riders who reside on Miami Beach, but who are outside of the South-of-Fifth bus route, we are adding an additional drop-off bus stop on the **afternoon** routes. The additional stop will be located on the corner of Washington Avenue and Inlet Boulevard (entrance to the Smith & Wollensky metered parking lot). The approximate drop-off times in the afternoon are as follows:
 - Midday Bus – 12:45 p.m.
 - 3:05 p.m. Bus – 3:45 p.m.
 - 4:05 p.m. Bus – 4:45 p.m.

As our morning buses are currently at capacity, we are unable to add a stop to the South-of-Fifth bus route in the morning.

- **Other.** The Jungle Island Drop-Off/Pick-Up location will take the place of the Mansur Parking Lot should we need a reunification point for off-island families in the event of an emergency.

Jungle Island Bus Drop-Off/Pick-Up Location:



STEM FAIR—Thursday, April 18, 2019. As spring rapidly approaches, the FIDS community is excited to begin our annual deep dive into scientific exploration and discovery! The 2019 FIDS STEM Fair/Expo will take place on Thursday, April 18, 2019. Early Learning through Grade 3 will complete classroom projects, while Grades 4 - 7 will complete individual projects. Each year, the STEM Fair/Expo evolves to challenge FIDS students in new ways as they diligently and passionately pursue scientific understanding. This year's STEM projects are organized to cultivate increasingly rigorous inquiry at each grade level. Please stay tuned as students will receive due dates for the various steps of their given project—as well as the opportunity to work on their projects during selected portions of the school week—under the guidance of their respective classroom teachers.

Grade Level	Area of Focus
Early Learning - Kindergarten	Classroom Open-Exploration Project
Grade 1	Classroom Focused-Exploration Project
Grades 2 - 3	Classroom STEM Project
Grade 4	Individual STEM Projects
Grades 5 - 7	Engineering Projects

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

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Bell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning.

Michael Bell

Head of School

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