



The Fisher Flyer

Official Newsletter of Fisher Island Day School

April 4, 2019

Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, & Staff,

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

Important Dates on the Horizon.

- Friday, April 5th Third Quarter Report Cards Issued
- Saturday, April 6th Odyssey of the Mind State Competition, University of Central Florida Soccer Tournament, Flamingo Park (see details below)
- Thursday, April 18th STEM Fair, Details TBD
- Friday, April 19th Good Friday (no school)
- Thursday, April 25th Evening PA Meeting @ Red Steakhouse, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Friday, May 3rd School Dance, Grades 3 - 7, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., TBA
- Friday, May 10th Final P.A. Meeting, FIDS, Time TBD
- Thursday, May 30th Philanthropist's Dinner, Details TBD
- Friday, May 31st Awards Ceremonies

STEM FAIR—Thursday, April 18, 2019. 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. Students received 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

Soccer Tournament. Please come out this Saturday, April 6, 2019, to cheer-on FIDS's soccer teams in the following matches:

- 10:00 a.m. FIDS's Little Soccer v. South Pointe Elementary School
- 11:00 a.m. FIDS's Little Soccer v. Key Point Christian Academy
- 11:30 a.m. FIDS's Big Soccer v. South Pointe Elementary School
- 12:30 p.m. FIDS's Big Soccer v. Key Point Christian Academy



All matches will take place at Flamingo Park, 1200 Meridian Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33139.



FIDS's Odyssey-of-the-Mind Team Advances to State Competition. On Saturday, April 6, 2019, FIDS's inaugural [Odyssey of the Mind](#) team will advance to the State Competition at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. FIDS's team includes: from Grade 3 – Zoey Khan, Mitra Mehrabi, Eli Morgenstern, & Isabella Volé; from Grade 4 – Anastasia Petukhova & Stella Armstrong; and Nina Dominguez from Grade 5. (Nina served as student-consultant on the robotic portion.)

Our team sponsors are Ms. Andrea Khan (parent volunteer) and Ms. Devon Rivkind, Kindergarten Assistant Teacher. Thanks go to our team members and sponsors. Please join me in wishing FIDS's Odyssey of the Mind team the best at State this weekend.

ERB (Educational Records Bureau) Testing Dates. The annual administration of the [ERB](#) Comprehensive Testing Program will occur as follows:

Grade Levels	Testing Dates
3	April 8 - 12
1 & 2	April 15 - 19
6 & 7	April 22 - 26
4 & 5	April 29 - May 3
Make-Up	May 6 - 10

To ensure a successful administration of the test, please adhere to the following:

- Unless your child is ill, please make sure he/she attends school each day during the testing window. Students who are absent will be required to make up the subtests they miss, prolonging the standardized-testing process.
- Preceding the test dates, make sure your child has a good night's sleep each night and a nutritious breakfast each morning.
- Test taking is one of life's realities. Please present the test as an important opportunity for your child to demonstrate his/her knowledge and talent. Encourage them to do their best, but not to the point of creating fear or anxiety.

Field Day. Congrats to Team Red for taking First Place in this year's field day. They were followed by Team Blue in Second Place and Team White in Third Place. Thanks to go to Mr. John Durango (Coach D) for organizing the fun and for all who participated in this year's events.

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,

Michael Bell, Head of School

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