



# The Fisher Flyer

Official Newsletter of Fisher Island Day School

April 11, 2019

Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, & Staff,

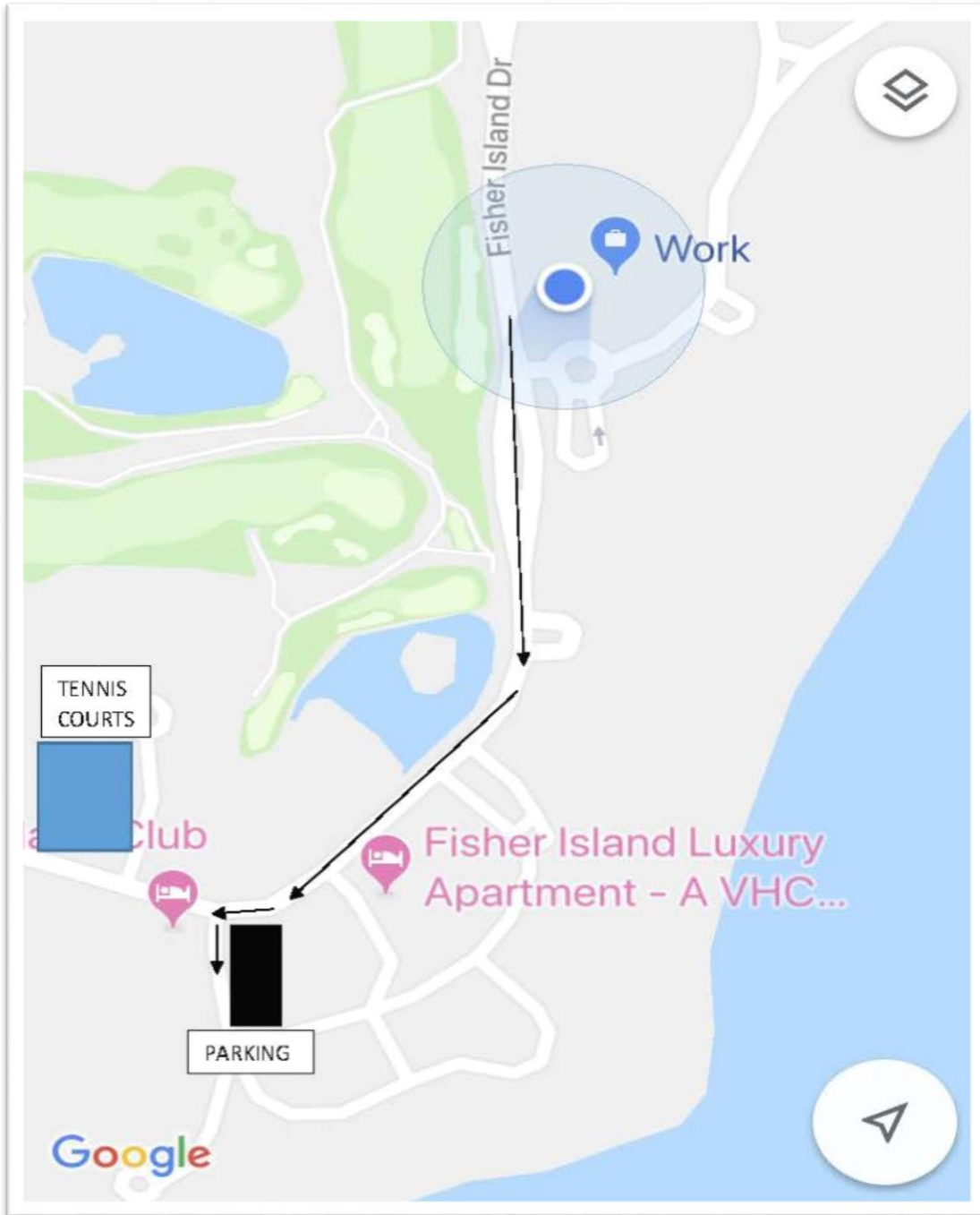
Following are this week's [FIDS](#) updates.

**STEM FAIR—Thursday, April 18, 2019.** The 2019 FIDS STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics) Fair will take place on Thursday, April 18, 2019, from 9:45 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. Our students have been working incredibly hard. The past two months have been filled with questioning, testing, and discovery. We are so excited for you to witness the scientific journey each student or class has taken! Student presentations are organized into four sessions. Between sessions, parents are welcome to explore the Pop-Up STEM Fair and enjoy light refreshments. Thursday, April 18, will be a full day of school for students. Below is the general schedule.

9:45 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.	Visitor Arrival/Parking/Shuttle	
10:05 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. Session One	<b>Room Location:</b>	<b>Presenters:</b>
	• Early Learning, First, & Second	• Grade-level presentations
	• Fourth	• Alexa, Eric, & Alana
	• Fifth	• Nina, Cayden, & Margot
10:40 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Transition	
10:45 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. Session Two	<b>Room Location:</b>	<b>Presenters:</b>
	• Pre-K & Jr. K	• Grade-level presentations
	• Fourth	• Vladimir, Matthew, & Anastasia
	• Fifth	• Chloe, Isabella, & Elsa
	• Library (selected 6-7 students)	• Alejandro, Jesse, Amalia, Mark, & Angie
11:20 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.	Transition	
11:25 a.m. – 12:00 noon Session Three	<b>Room Location:</b>	<b>Presenters:</b>
	• Kindergarten	• Grade-level presentation
	• Fourth	• Brandon, Saharah, & Liam
	• Fifth	• Dominik, Alita, & Shae
12:00 noon – 12:05 p.m.	Transition	
12:05 p.m. – 12:40 p.m. Session Four	<b>Room Location:</b>	<b>Presenters:</b>
	• Third	• Grade-level presentation
	• Fourth	• Stella, Katya, & Sasha
	• Fifth	• Theo, Leila, & Carola
	• Library (selected 6-7 students)	• Maria, Gemma, Julius, & Leah

*Visitor refreshments will be available in the Cañedo Family Classroom (Sixth Grade).*

**Parking/Shuttle for STEM Fair:** Off-island parents arriving by car will park in the same lot that we used for the Holiday Show, Chinese New Year Show, and Field Day; FIDS will provide continuous golf-cart shuttle service between the designated lot and FIDS, 9:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. (See diagram on next page.)



## Important Dates on the Horizon.

- Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> Carrollton Mandarin Festival (Chinese Honor Students)
- Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> STEM Fair (see details on pages 1-2)
- Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> Good Friday (no school)
- Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> Evening PA Meeting @ Red Steakhouse, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Lite Bites)  
119 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 22139
- Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> FIDS Art Showcase Opening at Biscayne Nature Center, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, FL 33149
- Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> Final P.A. Meeting, FIDS, Time TBD  
School Dance, Grades 3 - 7, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., TBA  
*Lion King* by FIDS Drama Club, Vanderbilt Theater, 5:00 p.m.
- Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>
- Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> Philanthropist's Dinner, Details TBD
- Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> Awards Ceremonies/Last Day of School/Early Dismissal

**Soccer Tournament.** Congratulations to FIDS's soccer teams and Coach D for their tournament play on Saturday, April 6, 2019:

- FIDS's Little Soccer tied South Pointe Elementary School, 2-2
- FIDS's Little Soccer prevailed over Key Point Christian Academy, 1-0
- FIDS's Big Soccer lost to South Pointe Elementary School, 3-5
- FIDS's Big Soccer prevailed over Key Point Christian Academy, 3-2



**FIDS's Odyssey-of-the-Mind Team Competed at State.** On Saturday, April 6, 2019, FIDS's inaugural [Odyssey of the Mind](#) team competed in the State Competition at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. Our team competed with 288 other teams from throughout Florida. Although we were not among the top five teams that advanced to Nationals, we placed within the top ten of the competition.

Kudos to team FIDS and their sponsors: 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 were Ms. Andrea Khan (parent volunteer) and Ms. Devon Rivkind, Kindergarten Assistant Teacher. Please join me in congratulating FIDS's Odyssey of the Mind team for their successes.

**FIDS's Jesse Hay in the News.** FIDS seventh grader Jesse Hay was recently interviewed by Sharks4Kids online ezine, Sharks Kids. Click [here](#) to read the interview. Congratulations to Jesse.



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

Grade Levels	Testing Dates
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.

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Carrollton Mandarin Festival.** On Saturday, April 13, 2019, FIDS's Chinese Honor Students will compete in various competitions at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Carrollton Mandarin Festival, held at Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Results will be announced in next week's newsletter. Please join me in wishing our Chinese Honor Students much success in the competition.

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 written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Michael Bell, Head of School

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