



The Fisher Flyer

Official Newsletter of Fisher Island Day School

September 13, 2018

Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, & Staff,

Yom Kippur. On behalf of the entire Fisher Island Day School community, I wish you a blessed Yom Kippur. FIDS will be open for school on Wednesday, September 19, 2018; however, we respect all in our community who observe this holiday.

Parent Conferences. Back-to-school parent conferences will be held the week of September 24-28, 2018. If you have yet to schedule a time to meet with your child's teacher, please do so at this time.

Study Hall. As a service to FIDS families, we are offering daily Study Hall. FIDS's Study Hall provides the opportunity for students to do their homework, study independently, or read silently. The goal of FIDS's Study Hall is to provide an environment that encourages learning and focuses on study skills during after-school hours. Important details:

- **Who:** FIDS students in Grades K-7
- **What:** Study Hall
- **When:** Mon. – Fri. afternoons
- **Where:** Neff Family Library
- **How:**
 - There will be a teacher supervising students from 3:00 p.m. to 4:05 p.m.
 - The teacher will be available to assist students with any questions; however, this is not a tutoring class. Students should be able to work independently and quietly.
 - This is a free service provided to all students at FIDS. Study Hall ends promptly at 4:05 p.m. Students who are picked up later will be charged a late fee to be paid to the FIDS Study Hall teacher.
 - Off-Island students may ride the 4:05 p.m. bus back to the mainland.
 - Students should use their time wisely in Study Hall. We feel rules and guidelines help students make the best use of their time.

Study Hall Rules and Guidelines:

- Students should enter the library quietly and be respectful to the teacher and other students.
- Students should choose one place to sit and work independently.
- Students should be respectful of all library books and materials.

RenWeb Access. Attached to this newsletter, please find instructions for accessing our online parent portal, RenWeb. Access to RenWeb is required for parents whose children are in Grades 2-7.

Odyssey of the Mind. FIDS is pleased to have launched a team of [Odyssey of the Mind](#) (OotM) on Monday afternoons from 3:05 p.m. – 4:05 p.m. Odyssey of the Mind is an international creative problem-solving program that engages students in their learning by allowing their knowledge and ideas to come to life in an exciting, productive environment. Participants build self-confidence, develop life skills, create new friendships, and are able to recognize and explore their true potential. OotM proves that students can have fun while they learn. Enrollment is free and is limited to students in Grades 2 - 5. We will keep registration open for the interim. For additional information, or to register, please contact Ms. Mary Reiling, Director of Admissions/Development, mreiling@fids.org.



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OVER LAND AND SEA

by Jacqueline Roch

Saturday, September 15, 2018

4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Plein Aire Session

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Cocktail Reception

EXHIBIT OPEN DAILY

September 15 - December 30, 2018

PLACE

Biscayne Nature Center, Crandon Park

North Beach Entrance. \$7 County Parking Fee

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Over Land and Sea Art Exhibit. The artwork of Ms. Jacqueline Roch, FIDS's art teacher, is being featured in an exhibit at the [Biscayne Nature Center](http://www.biscaynenaturecenter.org), September 15 – December 30, 2018. An opening night cocktail reception will take place on Saturday, September 15, 2018, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Staff Profiles. Beginning today through the next few weeks, the Fisher Flyer will introduce you to new members of the FIDS team. This week we are pleased to introduce you to [Ms. Sarah Maruk](#), Junior-Kindergarten Lead Teacher: **Sarah Maruk** was delighted to join the Fisher Island Day School faculty in 2018 after serving as an associate teacher at St. Thomas Episcopal School in Miami for the past two years.

Sarah believes teaching is a calling that can directly impact children's futures. By creating a loving, secure, and inclusive classroom environment, she provides many opportunities for her students to develop new skills. Through positive, play-based learning, Sarah enhances her students' passion for discovery and learning. She has five years of experience teaching young children and has earned her teaching certificate with an early-childhood endorsement.



Sarah is a graduate of the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and Financial Management. She is currently completing her Master of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education at Florida International University.

School Uniforms. FIDS school uniforms are required attire for all students. **School Picture Day on Tuesday, October 16, 2018**, will be the first day all students will be required to wear their dress uniforms. Please plan accordingly, **paying particular attention to the footwear requirements**. Our school uniform provider is Land's End. Please click [here](#) for additional information.

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,



Michael Bell
Head of School

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