



The Fisher Flyer

Official Newsletter of Fisher Island Day School

October 4, 2018

Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, & Staff,

Good Character Awards. Congratulations go to our *Good Character Award* recipients for the month of September:

- **Bruce Butler**, Junior Kindergarten (primary school);
- **Stella Bastos**, Grade 1 (lower school); and
- **Gemma Bucci**, Grade 6 (middle school).

We are proud of Bruce, Stella, and Gemma for exemplifying FIDS's three Rs: Respecting Others, Respecting Your Community, and Responsibility.



Calendar at a Glance.

- Fri., Oct. 12, 2018 Parent Association Meeting – Neff Family Library
- Tue., Oct. 16, 2018 School Picture Day in Dress (Formal) Uniform
- Wed., Oct. 17, 2018 School Picture Day – “No Uniform”
- Wed., Oct. 31, 2018 In-Classroom Halloween Celebrations, 2:15 p.m.



Staff Profiles. During 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. Allison Albright](#), Middle School Lead Teacher. Allie Albright joined the faculty at Fisher Island Day School in 2018 after recently moving to Miami from Washington, D.C. Her varied teaching experiences include: teaching English and math in Zambia and Tanzania; working in an after-school program for autistic children; coaching soccer, basketball, and cross-country racing; teaching English as a Second Language; and tutoring with a focus on the HSPT, SSAT, ACT achievement tests, and the PSAT.

Allie provides a positive and inclusive environment in her classroom. She strives to instill a love of learning in her students by encouraging them to challenge themselves through critical thinking and exploration. Allie's diverse educational background enables her to adapt to the different needs of each student, and her energy makes her classroom an enjoyable place where children can learn and become inspired. Allie was born in Vermont and grew up in Virginia. She enjoys traveling with her family and is always looking for a new adventure. She loves the outdoors, art, sports of any kind, and her son, Bodhi.

Allie obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Richmond in International Studies with a minor in Studio Art. She completed her Masters of Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Concordia University with a concentration in the field of Equity, Ethics, and Justice.

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.

Following are the Formal (Dress) uniform standards for the photographs that will be taken on Tuesday, October 16, 2018. Please pay particular attention to the footwear requirement—the children must wear closed shoes (no sneakers)—for Formal (Dress) uniform. If you do not have a Formal (Dress) uniform for your children, please have them wear their regular uniforms.



Girls-Formal

- Blouse (choose any from below):
 - Peter-Pan collar polo (long or short sleeve);
 - Short-sleeve Peter-Pan collar broadcloth blouse; and/or
 - Long-sleeve white pinpoint shirt with FIDS logo (long or short sleeve).
- Girl's navy cross-tie
- Plaid box-pleat skirt (2 options)
- Navy-blue button-front cardigan sweater with FIDS logo
- Closed shoes (no sneakers)



Boys-Formal

- Navy blazer with FIDS logo
- White pinpoint shirt with FIDS logo (long or short sleeve)
- Navy and red-striped necktie
- Tan khaki or chino slacks (no camouflage, cargo pants, shorts, or jeans/denim)
- Closed shoes (no sneakers)

Halloween. Following is information regarding Halloween. To wit:

- **Wednesday, October 31, 2018,** will be a regular, learning-filled day for students. Students – along with faculty and staff – should arrive at school attired according to school dress-code standards. (Costumes may be brought to school in a labeled bag.)
- We will have a costume parade commencing at approximately 2:00 p.m. Early Learning will have a separate parade and classroom celebration prior to their midday dismissal. Coach D will coordinate the parameters for the parade.
- **Costumes that are scary, sexually suggestive, and/or political in nature are not permitted.**
- **Faux weaponry is not permitted.**
- If masks are worn, they may only be worn during the parade.
- At approximately 2:30 p.m., each homeroom will have an in-classroom celebration, hosted by Room Parents under the direction of the homeroom teacher. In-class celebrations must be contained within individual classrooms.
- FIDS nutritional guidelines remain in place for Halloween; serving sizes should be the equivalent of an “afternoon snack.”
- Participation in the costume-portion is optional.

We believe the above will allow us to celebrate the holiday, while maintaining the academic integrity of our instructional program. Parents may join in the fun by wearing costumes—but please remember—this is a celebration for our kids! Let's put them first. Thank you for your support.

“Grab & Go” Snack Option. In addition to the daily afternoon snack provided to your child, Chef Richard has added a “Grab and Go” snack table in the courtyard beginning at 2:45 p.m. This a self-select option for students who may still be hungry following their scheduled afternoon snack.

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,

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

Follow me on Twitter @FIDSHOS