



The Fisher Flyer

Official Newsletter of Fisher Island Day School

November 8, 2018

Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, & Staff,

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

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

- **Chloe Parsons-Cohn**, Kindergarten (primary school);
- **Amayelle Sock**, Grade 1 (lower school); and
- **Isabella Durango**, Grade 5 (middle school).

We are proud of Chloe, Amayelle, and Isa for exemplifying FIDS's three Rs: Respecting Others, Respecting Your Community, and Responsibility.



Calendar at a Glance. There is much going on at FIDS between now and the New Year. Stay tuned!

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| • Fri., Nov. 16, 2018 | PA Mtg.-Hay Residence | • Nov. 21-25, 2018 | Thanksgiving Recess |
| • Nov. 16-20, 2018 | Books & Books © Fair | • Sun., Dec. 2, 2018 | Jingle Run |
| • Tue., Nov. 20, 2018 | Grandparents' Day | • Fri., Dec. 21, 2018 | Holiday Show |

Accelerated Reader (AR). Students in Grades K-7 participate in the Accelerated Reader (AR) program. This program supports reading comprehension and allows students to earn points by taking quizzes on literature they have read, both at home and at school. Each grade-level teacher sets individual goals with the students per marking period, and those students who surpass their goal earn the Star Reader Award. Congratulations go to the following students for their hard work and dedication toward reading for Quarter 1:

- Kindergarten: Alana Goldstein, Darcy Khan, Jonathan MacKenzie, Chloe Parsons-Cohn, Miura Singh, & Robert Vole
- First Grade: Stella Bastos, Maximilian Camino, Nicholas Chaparro, Tyler Ficklin, Khaled Kotob, Rifat Kotob, Holden Lustbader, Leighton Lustbader, Jordan Shara, & Amayelle Sock
- Second Grade: Alexa Camp, Summer Hay, Elena Kucherenko, Donald MacKenzie, Max Mehrabi, Victor Morel, Reed Neff, Maxwell Silverman, & Kris Singh
- Third Grade: Zoey Khan, Reggie Manzano, Jack McMahan, Mitra Mehrabi, Leo Temnikov, & Isabella Volé
- Fourth Grade: Alexa Charouhis, Brandon Heller, Sahara Johnson, Liam Neff, & Alana Stuart
- Fifth Grade: Chloe Camp, Nina Dominguez, Theo Gorey, Leila Posey, Alita Temnikova, Elsa Trebotich, & Carola Zapata
- Sixth Grade: Amalia Neff
- Seventh Grade: Jesse Hay

Game Time. Congratulations to Coach D and the FIDS Sharks soccer teams on their victories over Key Point Christian Academy last Saturday:

- Little Soccer – 5-2
- Big Soccer – 6-2



Parent Association Meeting. The November Parent Association (PA) Meeting will be held as follows:

- Date: Friday, November 16, 2018
- Time: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- Place: Home of Tamarra & Darren Hay
The Courts, 140 Jefferson Avenue, Unit 14021
Miami Beach, FL 33139
- Bus Service: Bus service from FIDS departs at 8:30 a.m.

Please plan on attending to support the valuable efforts of our PA, led by Co-Chairs, Ms. Tamarra Hay (Jesse & Summer) and Ms. Yvette Triana (Shae). Please be reminded that membership in our PA is a benefit you receive by virtue of having your child enrolled at FIDS. Both moms and dads are invited to attend! The agenda will focus on planning for the Gala and Jingle Run. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

STEM Home Challenge. This year, we are limiting STEM Home Challenges to one for the entire year (excluding the STEM Fair project in April 2019). The 2018-2019 FIDS STEM Home Challenge poses the question:

Can you design and build something that can carry a Ping-Pong ball from the top of a zip-line string to the bottom in four seconds or less?

Here's how to participate:

- Participation is voluntary.
- Participating families may elect to submit a separate challenge per child or complete one "family" project. *
- Design something that can carry a ping-pong on a zip line. You are free to choose your own materials, as long as you build it yourself! Cardboard, cups, straws, tape, and skewers might be a good start.
- Projects must be student-made creations; do not use zip-line construction kits!
- Projects must be STEM-related and incorporate one or more of the 4 STEM pillars: Science, Technology, Engineering, and/or Mathematics. While you may want to give your design an artistic twist, **THIS IS NOT AN ARTS AND CRAFTS PROJECT!** Your zip line must be fully functioning!
- **Projects are due to your child's teacher by Tuesday, January 15, 2019.** Projects submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.
- Selected projects, **based on merit**, will be recognized at Morning Meeting on Friday, January 18, 2019.
- The selection of projects to be shared will be based on a combination of FIDS's STEM Team assessment of the projects, the student's presentation of the project, and/or additional follow-up questions by staff adjudicators.
- Mrs. Rosa, our STEM Coordinator, is available to support students who may need guidance on getting started.
- Consult with your child's teacher for any specific class requirements.
- Early Learning, Pre-Kindergarten, and Jr. Kindergarten will complete the challenge as a class project.
- Use this challenge to be creative, have fun, and learn!



** Family projects will be shared once in one child's classroom, with all contributors included in the presentation.*

Grandparents' Day. This year, Grandparents' Day is on **Tuesday, November 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** We look forward to this special day, which includes student performances, classroom visits, the [Books & Books](#)© Book Fair, and a Thanksgiving lunch with all the trimmings. We are happy to include our students' grandparents as part of our Fisher Island Day School family. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Jingle Run. Pull out your running shoes! Fisher Island Day School's Parent Association is hosting the 2nd Annual "Jingle Run" 5K race on Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. The 5K race and related events will provide fun for the entire family. In addition to offering interested participants a full-fledged, timed 5K race, families can enjoy brunch bites, bounce houses, face-painting, kids' crafts, and "Mini Dashes" for the children. Please click [here](#) for registration info.

School Portraits. The photographer from BluMango informed me that some of the initial images had not uploaded correctly to their website. This has since been corrected. You may want to revisit their site—using the password you were previously provided—to look at the recent uploads. Visit www.blumangostudios.com or click [here](#). **Please be reminded that there is a 10% discount on all orders placed by tomorrow, November 9, 2018.**

Natalia Larionova Earns Master's Degree. Ms. Natalia Larionova, Early Learning Teacher, completed her Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Concordia University. This is Ms. Larionova's second graduate degree, with her first being a Master of Education in Physical Education. Congratulations, Ms. Larionova!



FIDS's First Quinceañera. As a culminating activity for Hispanic Heritage month, FIDS's middle schoolers participated in their first Quinceañera. Under the direction of Ms. Catalina Rubio, Spanish Teacher, our middle schoolers learned about and practiced the rituals associated with this rite of passage. Most importantly, the activity helped hone our middle schoolers' Spanish conversational skills through accompanying narration and presentation components. Kudos go to Ms. Rubio and her students!

Quarter 1 Report Cards for Grades 2-7. Quarter 1 report cards will be available for parents via RenWeb (students in Grades 2-7 only) until Friday, November 16, 2018. Please contact Mrs. Mollie Small—305-531-2350 or msmall@fids.org—should you need access to this information after that time. Quarter 2 report cards will be issued on Friday, January 25, 2019.

Getting In; Getting Out. Appended to this newsletter, please find an informational flyer on car safety. FYI.

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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Getting In; Getting Out...



In: Check Behind The Car

- **BEFORE GETTING IN THE CAR AND STARTING THE ENGINE,** walk around the car and **CHECK FOR KIDS, TOYS, AND PETS!**
- Make sure there is **NOTHING UNDER OR BEHIND YOUR CAR** that could attract a young child.
- **PICK UP TOYS, BIKES, CHALK OR ANY TYPE OF EQUIPMENT** around the driveway so that these items don't entice kids to play.

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Out: Check the Back Seat

- In just **10 MINUTES**, a car's temperature can increase by **19°**
- Before getting out of your car, check the back seat ... **DON'T FORGET YOUR CHILD!**
- **NEVER** leave your child alone in a car and **CALL 911 IF YOU SEE ANY CHILD LOCKED IN A CAR!**
- Place something in the back seat that you will need at work, school, or home (your laptop; your lunch).

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