



The Fisher Flyer

Official Newsletter of Fisher Island Day School

January 23, 2020

Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, & Staff,

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

FIDS's Parent Association Inaugural Family Fun Fest.

- Date: Friday, January 24, 2020
- Time: 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Place: Fisher Island Day School
- Parking: Directions will be provided upon RSVP.
- RSVP: ASAP to [Deborah Van Stone](#) or 305-531-2350)

FIDS families are encouraged to join the FIDS community for an evening of family fun, picnic-style food, games, and wine and beer.

Details:

- Grades Pre-K through 8 will be provided extended after-school activities—e.g., Fun Friday, Study Hall, etc.—until 4:30 p.m. so that parents can meet their children upon arrival at the Fest.
- Beginning at 4:30 p.m., all children must be accompanied by a parent. Children whose parents are not attending should plan to go home on the 4:15 p.m. bus.
- Attendance is limited to current FIDS families.



FIDS's Drama Club Attends *Aladdin*. FIDS's drama club went to see the musical, *Aladdin*, on Sunday, January 19, 2020, at the [Broward Center for the Performing Arts](#). On Friday, May 15, 2020, FIDS's drama club will perform *Aladdin Jr.* under the direction of [Miami Children's Theater](#). Thanks go to [Ms. Natalia Larionova](#) and our parent chaperones for coordinating this informative experience for our students. At FIDS, we deliver an incomparable educational experience!

Re-Enrollment Contracts. Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 re-enrollment contracts were sent via email on Wednesday, January 15, 2020. If you did not receive your re-enrollment contract, please contact [Ms. Mary Reiling](#), Director of Admissions/Development. We hope that you are interested in having your child return to FIDS in 2020 - 2021. If so, please complete the re-enrollment contract and return it, along with the required deposit, to [Mrs. Deborah Van Stone](#), Office Manager, no later than **Monday, February 10, 2020**. Please know that many classes are predicted to be at capacity next year, and we have been receiving numerous inquiries for new enrollments.



Spelling Bee. FIDS's Spelling Bee competition for Grades 1-5 will take place on Friday, February 7, 2020. Due to space limitations, the audience will be limited to FIDS students. In addition, the Spelling Bee will be broadcast live. For security purposes, a separate email will be sent to parents with the web link to view the live telecast. Grade-level and school-level winners will be honored at subsequent morning meetings; at which time, the parents of our winning students will be invited to attend. **One year from now we will be able to accommodate the Spelling Bee in our new gymnasium!**



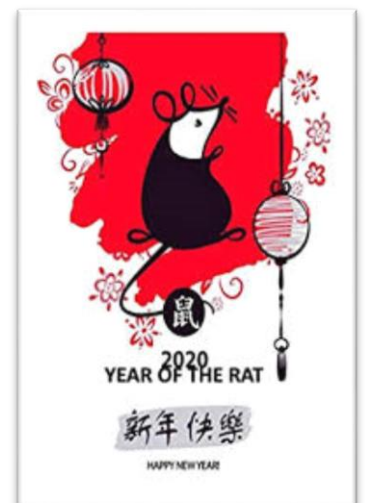
Gala Sponsorships & Tickets Now On Sale. *White Hot Miami*, FIDS's annual gala and charity auction, will take place on **Saturday, March 7, 2020**, at the Fisher Island Club. VIP tables and tickets may be purchased by clicking [here](#). Organize your gala tables now! We also need auction items (e.g., vacation homes, beauty packages, restaurants, unique experiences, wine, jewelry, and fashion). Appended to this newsletter, please find an auction donation form. Complete and submit a separate form for each donated item. Thank you for your support!

Dates on the Horizon.

- Friday, Jan. 24, 2020 Report Cards Issued – Second Grading Period (Parents of students in Grades 2-8 should click [here](#) for instructions to access online report cards)
After-School Family Fun Fest & Picnic (4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)
- Friday, Jan. 31, 2020 Chinese Festival
- Feb. 3 – 7, 2020 Required Mid-Year Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Wed., Feb. 12, 2020 School Picture Day: Group Shots by Class
- Fri., Feb. 14, 2020 Teacher Workday-No School for Students
- Mon., Feb. 17, 2020 President's Day Holiday-No School
- Fri., Feb. 21, 2020 Parent Association Meeting - Palazzo Della Luna

Chinese New Year. FIDS's annual Chinese Festival—Year of the Rat—will take place on Friday, January 31, 2020, 11:00 a.m. at the Vanderbilt Theater (nee Café Tangier). January 31, 2020, will be a full day of school for students.

- Date: Friday, January 31, 2020
- Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Place: Vanderbilt Theater (nee Café Tangier)
- RSVP: No later than Wednesday, January 29, 2020, to your child's homeroom teacher.
- Parking: Please refer to the directions below.



All Guests

Thank you for adhering to the following directions as your cooperation will allow the entire FIDS community to enjoy the Chinese New Year Performance:

- Students should report to school at the regular arrival time on Friday. We will not be holding Morning Meeting.
- **There is no parking at or visiting of FIDS before or after the Chinese New Year Performance.** Parents should proceed directly to the assigned parking area for the show. After the show, students and teachers will return to school.
- Please follow any directions provided by Fisher Island security staff with regards to parking and traffic.
- **The Chinese New Year Performance will commence promptly at 11:00 a.m.**

Island Residents

Island residents should arrive via golf carts and park as directed outside of Vanderbilt Theater.

Non-Island Residents

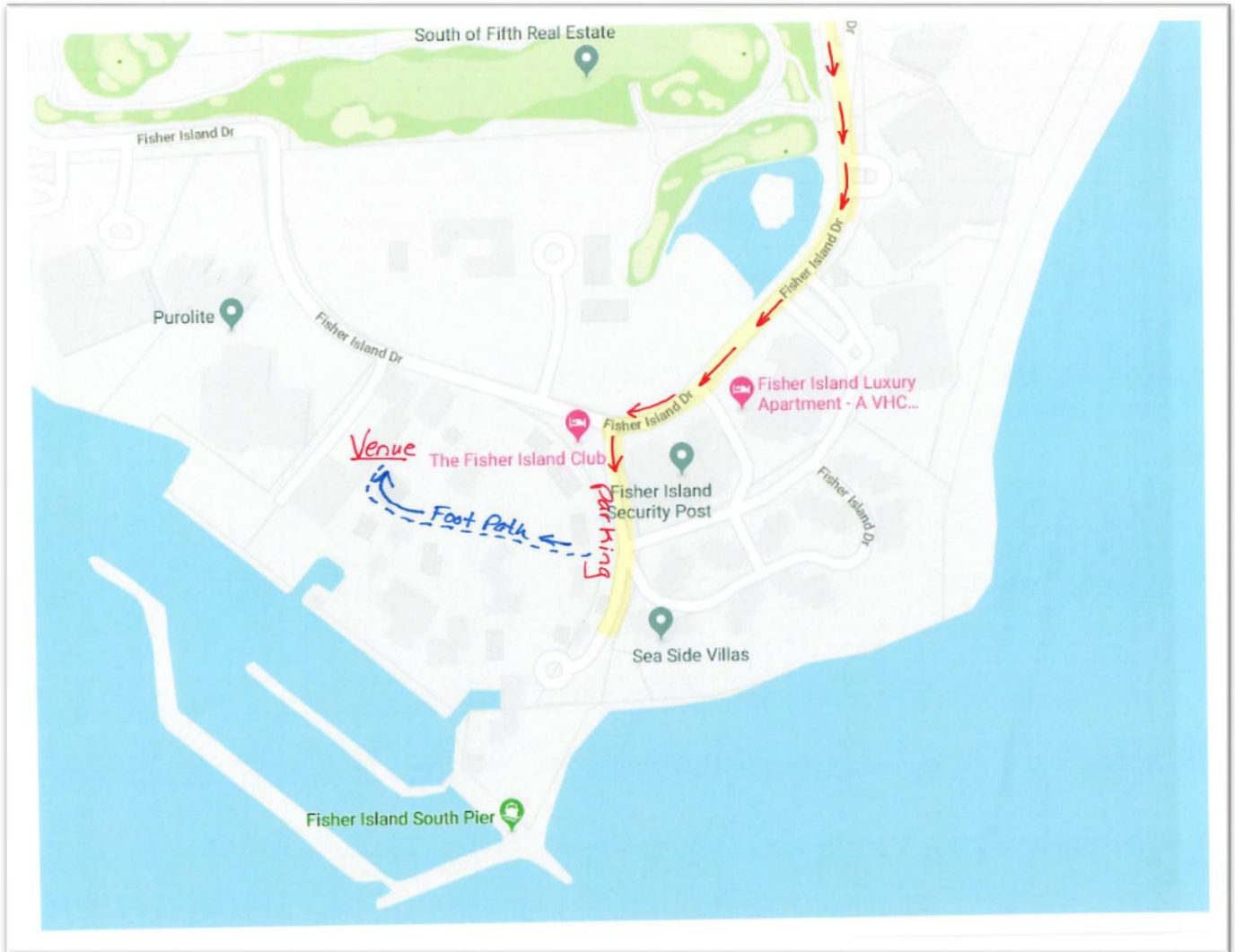
Due to limited parking and ferry queues, please adhere to the following:

- Carpooling is recommended; no more than one vehicle per family.
- **Ferry clearances will be provided based on RSVPs received by Wednesday, January 26.**
- Please refer to the attached maps on pages 3-4 for directions to the parking area assigned for attendees.
- If the assigned parking area becomes full, you may be redirected to an alternate lot. Please follow the directions provided by Fisher Island security.

Chinese New Year Performance Route to Parking



Chinese New Year Performance Route to Parking (Detailed)



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,

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