



The Fisher Flyer

Official Newsletter of Fisher Island Day School

February 6, 2020

Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, & Staff,

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

Random Acts of Kindness. Valentine's Day is a special day for the children and what better way to celebrate love than with a random act of kindness (R.A.K.). We hope to connect with the children on the concept of spreading kindness, which is one of the most valuable lessons we believe one can ever teach.



We will be asking each student or each family (the choice is yours) to share an act of kindness with a member of the community. This act should be random, wherein the community member does not expect anything. We kindly ask that each of you take **one** picture of your child/family creating, delivering, or completing the act. Pictures can be brought in upon completion. This class project is due Monday, February 11th—but of course, continued acts of kindness have no deadlines. We hope all of you will really enjoy the magic of kindness and the smiles it will bring to your children when they know they have made a difference.

Coronavirus. We are closely monitoring the situation pertaining to the Coronavirus and are following all protocols advised by the [Center for Disease Control](#) (CDC), which are consistent with standard practice at FIDS. Currently, there are no reported incidents of the Coronavirus at FIDS. Please refer to the attached fact sheet issued by the CDC for additional details. One of the important takeaways from the CDC fact sheet is to **"Stay at home when you are sick."**



School Picture Day (Class Group Shots). School Picture group shots are scheduled for **Wednesday, February 12, 2020**. This year, children will be photographed only if they are wearing their **formal school uniforms**. Please be prepared accordingly. In addition, we will be taking individual portraits of students who were not present when individual portraits were taken in October. Last year's group shots are on display in the school's foyer. Class group shots will be taken by [BluMango](#) studios.

Multicultural Children's Book Day. FIDS celebrated Multicultural Children's Book Day on Monday, February 3, 2020, as part of each classroom's library time. Thanks go to FIDS mom and author [Eugenia Chu](#) (Brandon) for festooning the Neff Family Library for the occasion.



Gong Xi Fa Cai! Happy Chinese New Year! We greatly appreciate the entire Fisher Island Day School community for making this year's Chinese New Year celebration—the Year of the Pig—memorable. As is the norm, our students did a phenomenal job. Thanks go to:

- Ms. Lee for her instruction and direction;
- Our entire faculty/staff for their assistance;
- Ms. Larionova for her help as assistant director;
- Our supportive and appreciative audience; and
- Our incredibly awesome and talented students!



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!**



Braxy Canales. On Tuesday, Ms. Braxy Canales, Bus Aide, sustained an injury while at work. She is currently on the mend and should be back at work soon.

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FISHER ISLAND DAY SCHOOL
2020 ANNUAL GALA & CHARITY AUCTION

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!

Parent Association Meeting/Gala Fashion Show. The Fisher Island Day School Parent Association (PA) will be hosting their February meeting and gala fashion show as follows:

What: PA Meeting & Fashion Show for "White Hot Miami" Gala
Where: Palazzo Della Luna
6800 Fisher Island Drive
When: Friday, February 21, 2020, 8:30 a.m.

This is a wonderful opportunity to glean fashion ideas for gala attire.

Dates on the Horizon.

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| • 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/Gala Fashion Show - Palazzo Della Luna |
| • Sat., March 7, 2020 | FIDS Gala: White Hot Miami |
| • Fri., March 20, 2020 | Field Day |
| • March 21 – 29, 2020 | Spring Recess |

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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