



The Fisher Flyer

Official Newsletter of Fisher Island Day School

February 13, 2020

Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, & Staff,

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

[Scripps National Spelling Bee](#). On Friday, February 7, 2020, students in Grades 1 through 5 participated in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Thanks go to all students who participated in our first spelling bee. Following are the winners, by class:



Grade	Winner
First	Alana Goldstein
Second	Max Meruelo
Third	Max Mehrabi
Fourth	Elizabeth Morgenstern
Fifth	Stella Armstrong

Congratulations are extended to all of our winners. Stella Armstrong will represent FIDS at the 80th Annual Miami Herald Spelling Bee on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at the Miami Airport Convention Center. We appreciate the efforts of Ms. Kim Cunningham, Grade 4/5 Teacher, for coordinating this event, Ms. Catalina Rubio, Spanish Teacher/Librarian, for decorating the library, and the support from our teachers and the entire school community.

FIDS Closed for Teacher Workday and Holiday. Please be reminded that FIDS will be closed as follows:

- Friday, February 14, 2020 – Teacher Workday/No Students
- Monday, February 17, 2020 – President’s Day Holiday



National Engineering Week. Next week—Tuesday, February 18 – Friday, February 21, 2020—is National Engineering Week. Select grade levels will explore the world of engineering in interactive and meaningful ways. Students will learn from Fisher Island staff about ferry operations and venture through the Port Miami Tunnel to learn how such a complex structure was designed and built. Students will then journey through each step of the design process, work on an engineering project, participate in a robotics activity with *Snapology*, and compete in an engineering challenge. We wish our students the best as they build their engineering skills! Thanks go to Mrs. Samantha Rosa, STEM Coordinator, for planning this inventive week.



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. *We would like to have the RAK board in the foyer filled as soon as possible —but of course, continued acts of kindness have no deadlines, and pictures will be added as they are received.* 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.

Braxy Canales. We are pleased to announce that Braxy Canales returned to work on Wednesday, February 12, 2020.



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.

FIDS Alum Wins First Place Broward Science and Engineering Fair. Congratulations to FIDS alum, Jesse Hay for receiving First Place in the Broward Science and Engineering Fair. Building on his STEM project from last year at FIDS, Jesse's work focused on creating biodegradable, environment-friendly alternatives to plastic. His first-place project will take him to the 65th State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida in March 2020. Congratulations to FIDS alum, Jesse Hay.

Dates on the Horizon.

- 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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