



The Fisher Flyer

Official Newsletter of Fisher Island Day School

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Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, & Staff,

Heartfelt greetings to our Fisher Island Day School (FIDS) community, wherever you may be enjoying your summer! We—at FIDS—have been busy making magic this summer by fulfilling the following:

- **Expansion Project:** Our construction fence has been erected on the north side of FIDS's campus, and preliminary work has commenced on our school's expansion. We are very excited about the benefits this expansion will provide to the entire FIDS community. Having undergone an expansion in 2013, we are adept at mitigating the impact of construction on our academic and extracurricular programs. We thank you in advance for your support.
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- **Athletics/Extracurricular Programs.** In addition to teaching Kindergarten, [Ms. Renee Burke](#) has been named FIDS's Athletic Director. Having recently graduated with a Master's Degree in Sports Administration from the University of Miami and participating as an all-around athlete from her days as a student at Ransom Everglades, Renee is positioned to take FIDS's athletic program to the next level. Congratulations to Ms. Burke! More details to follow.
 - **New Look/New Logo.** As FIDS has matured from a PK2 – Grade 5 school to a PK2 – Grade 8 institution, our new logo design serves to honor our past while embracing our bright future. Thanks go to the many families who cast their votes for FIDS new logo and last year's awards ceremony. As you can see, FIDS's new logo is part of the banner header for The Fisher Flyer.
 - **General Maintenance.** Our beloved FIDS is being polished, shined, and sanitized as we bear down on the first day of school. FIDS's maintenance and housekeeping staff are working diligently to assure our schoolhouse is ready to greet our community on August 26th.
 - **Accreditation Preparation.** FIDS will be undergoing its five-year accreditation evaluation this fall. We have been busy putting the finishing touches on the required documentation this summer.
 - **Personal Journeys.** Congratulations go to the following faculty:
 - [Ms. Natalia Larionova](#) married Mr. Karen Krotov on July 16, 2019 in Moscow.
 - [Ms. Sarah Maruk](#) completed her Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Florida International University.

First Day of School. Students start the new school year on Monday, August 26, 2019. Our school day begins promptly at 8:15 a.m. Please plan on arriving no later than 8:00 a.m. Please refer to the [FIDS calendar](#) for important dates throughout the 2019-2020 school year.

Faculty and Staff Assignments. There have been minimal changes to our faculty and staff and their respective assignments for the 2019-2020 school year. Please refer to the [Faculty/Staff Profiles](#) on our website for information about our esteemed faculty and their respective assignments for the 2019-2020 school year. One of the first individuals you will have the privilege of meeting is our new office manager, [Ms. Deborah Van Stone](#). Please take a moment to introduce yourself so that she can begin matching faces with names.

Ducks-In-A-Row. I know that many of you like to use the summer to get your “ducks in a row” for the new school year. We applaud you for that! To assist your efforts, please refer to the [Forms/Resources](#) section of FIDS’s website, which contains useful information to help get you situated for the new school year. We have already personally reached out to each new family who will be joining FIDS in 2019-2020.

New School Uniforms. In addition to FIDS’s new logo, we are rolling-out updated school uniform options for 2019-2020. The new standard will retain much of the existing selections and will introduce several new options appropriate for the range of grade levels we now serve. **We anticipate that FIDS’s Land’s End site will be live on or about Monday, August 5, 2019.** We will update you accordingly. Thank you for your patience. It will be worth the wait! Before you start pitching old uniforms, please note the following important information:

1. Many of the new items and styles are the same items that were on FIDS’s previous list.
2. For the 2019-2020 school year, **we will allow both the old and new logo to co-exist**. You will no longer be able to purchase uniform items with the old logo; however, if the uniform item has not changed, children can still wear it with the old logo for this school year.
3. All students must have at least one red logoed uniform top (or polo dress if applicable to grade level) to wear on field trips. This does not include the FIDS Sharks shirt.
4. We have included navy and white leggings and tights as an option for girls to wear under their uniforms. These leggings and tights may not be worn as stand-alone attire—only underneath jumpers, dresses, shorts, skorts, or skirts. Creative interpretations of leggings and tights are not permitted.
5. If children get chilly during the day, they should wear one of the Cooler Weather logoed uniform items available from Land’s End. Creative interpretations of outerwear are not permitted; e.g., college sweatshirt.
6. Cargo shorts and pants are not permitted.
7. **Certain items, such as cargo shorts and sweat pants, have been retired from FIDS’s selection.**
8. Non-logoed uniform shorts and pants may be purchased from Land’s End or a retailer of your choice, as long as they conform to the color standards.
9. You are not required to purchase every item/color available for your child’s grade level. We have provided a variety of options to appeal to various personal preferences.
10. The most significant changes to FIDS’s uniforms have occurred in the formal wear for selected students and at middle-school level. Please pay particular attention to these areas when ordering.
11. Due to space limitations, FIDS cannot accept donations of old uniforms at this time. Thank you for your understanding.

Passing of Linette Guerra Pastor. It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of former FIDS parent, Linette Guerra Pastor (Tobias), who passed away suddenly this week. I have no details on funeral arrangements at this time.

Bests regards,



Michael Bell, Head of School