



# The Fisher Flyer

Official Newsletter of Fisher Island Day School

October 1, 2020

Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, & Staff,

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



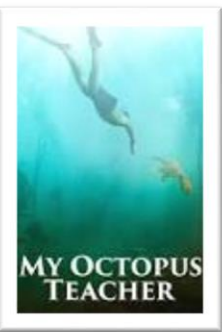
**October 15, 2020: Virtual Instruction Day.** On Thursday, October 15, 2020, there will be a Presidential Debate held at the Adrienne Arsht Center in downtown Miami. As part of the United States Secret Service's security plan, the MacArthur Causeway—as well as State Road 395, both eastbound and westbound—will be closed on Thursday, October 15, at 8:00 a.m., through Friday, October 16, at 1:00 a.m.

Due to the closure of MacArthur Causeway, access to Fisher Island will be limited to essential personnel on Thursday, October 15, 2020. As such, **FIDS will be in full-school virtual instruction mode on Thursday, October 15, 2020.** Additional information will be sent to you under separate cover, including Zoom log-in information. We will adhere to the regular school schedule for this **one day of virtual instruction.** We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause; however, we believe this plan will be less disruptive than any other option. In the interim, please plan accordingly. FIDS will reopen for in-person, on-campus instruction on Friday, October 16, 2020.

**Geek-Out. Coral City Camera!** The Coral City Camera (CCC) is an underwater camera streaming live from an urban coral reef in Miami, Florida. The Coral City Camera is located in about 10' (3m) of water on the northeastern tip of PortMiami on Dodge Island in Miami. As you have traversed Government Cut on the Fisher Island ferry, you have passed within a few hundred feet of the camera site. Despite the heavy vessel traffic in Government Cut, it is amazing to see the abundance of marine life that shares space with the many ships, ferries, and pleasure craft. The CCC is a public art and scientific research project by [Coral Morphologic](#).



**Parent Conferences.** Required Fall Parent Conferences are being held through the end of this week. While your child's grade-level homeroom teacher will provide you with dates and time slots available during the week, you can plan for each conference to run about 20 minutes. Conferences held before and after school have the option to be an in-person conference or via Zoom, while those held during the school day will be hosted via Zoom. Please sign-up for a conference if you have not done so already.



**My Octopus Teacher.** The other evening, I had the pleasure of watching [My Octopus Teacher](#) on Netflix. The documentary film captures a year its producer/star, Craig Foster, spent with a wild [octopus](#). Foster followed the octopus for most of the octopus's life. I heartily recommend this documentary for family viewing with children 7 years of age and older.

**Gratitude: Socially Distant Cocktail Parties.** Thanks go to FIDS's Parent Association Co-Chairs, Lauren Coleman and Morgan Shara, for hosting the recently held and highly successful, socially distant cocktail parties the past two Wednesdays. We enjoyed the opportunity to finally see our FIDS family together again under one roof.

**Introducing FIDS's 2020-2021 Room Parents.** We are pleased to announce and **THANK** FIDS's line up of volunteer room parents for the 2020-2021 school year. Please note that we still need one additional room parent for Early Learning.

Grade Level	Room Parent 1		Room Parent 2
Early Learning	Crystal Silverman		<b>VACANCY</b>
Pre-Kindergarten	Staci Hafner		Andrea Kahn
Jr. Kindergarten	Karla Abaunza		Karolina Kurkova
Kindergarten	Maria Bastos	Lauren Coleman	Yuliia Faist
First	Lauren Coleman		Natalia Sliger
Second	Evelyn MacKenzie		Ellen Singh
Third	Maria Bastos	Racha Kotob	Monica Otero
Fourth	Evelyn MacKenzie		Ellen Singh
Fifth	Nina Fabbri		Morgan Shara
Sixth-Eighth	Cheryl Camp		Yvette Triana



**Halloween: Freaky Fun Friday.** This year, Halloween (October 31, 2020) falls on a Saturday. At this point, who knows if trick-or-treating and other Halloween-related activities will even be permitted? Do not despair! On Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, our room parents will host in-person, afternoon class parties in each grade-level classroom. Due to ongoing social distancing restrictions, we will not be comingling students across grade levels or hosting parades; neither will we be allowing visitors, other than the hosting room parents. That said, we promise a fun-filled, age-appropriate celebration this Halloween!

In lieu of costumes, children are allowed to come to school on October 30<sup>th</sup> dressed in fun, comfortable clothes of their choice that won't interfere with their school day. Consider it as a "**non-uniform with flair day**"—e.g., pajamas, clothes of your choice, sports jerseys, themed tee-shirts, decade themes, etc. Shoes must conform to FIDS's school-uniform guidelines. We look forward to a happy healthy Halloween for all! The classroom parties will be coordinated and led by the respective room parents and teachers. Additional details to come soon!

Best regards,

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