



The Fisher Flyer

Official Newsletter of Fisher Island Day School

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Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, & Staff,

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

Adieu Braxy Canales. On Friday, October 9, 2020, the FIDS community said farewell to Ms. Braxy Canales, Bus Driver/Aide. Braxy had worked at FIDS since 2018 and left our employ to commence a new job in the private sector. Please join me in thanking Braxy for her service and wishing her the best in her new endeavor.

New Ferry Terminal/Garage. On Thursday, October 8, 2020, FIDS's bus drivers took part in a dry run at Fisher Island's new, state-of-the-art ferry terminal/garage. On Tuesday, October 13, 2020, FIDS's transit fleet commenced operations to/from the new terminal. This sea-change in operations—no pun intended—is not without its kinks. Please expect a few hiccups as the staff from the Fisher Island Community Association (FICA) streamlines the processes. In approximately one month, the resident ferry terminal will reopen, which will alleviate some of the congestion at the new ferry terminal/garage. Thank you for your patience as we build a better island and school community.



Virtual Field Trip: Sea Turtle Conservation Program. On October 27th and 28th, FIDS students will have an opportunity to participate in a virtual field trip to learn more about the [Miami Dade Sea Turtle Conservation Program](#). Ms. Leanne Hauptman will lead each session geared toward the age of our students. They will learn about sea turtles, what the sea turtle conservation program does, how the students can help protect and conserve sea turtles, etc. A special thank you goes to Mr. Nicolas Azar, Vice President, FICA Operations, who facilitated this opportunity since Fisher Island beach-is a nesting place for sea turtles.

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 30th, 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 30th 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. If you wish to lend support, please reach out to your respective room parents.



MacArthur Causeway Closure. Due to a Presidential visit this evening, there will be a complete closure of the MacArthur Causeway (I-395), both eastbound and westbound, from 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. This closure will not impact operations at FIDS. We kindly ask that all stakeholders depart FIDS's campus no later than 5:00 p.m. this evening.

Best regards,



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