



Historic Cutler Bay Middle School Receives 21st Century Renovation

**Your tax
dollars at work**

On November 6, 2012, Miami-Dade County Public Schools asked county voters to invest in their schools by approving the issuance of a \$1.2 billion General Obligation (GO) Bond for renovating facilities, updating technology, building school replacements, expanding student capacity, and enhancing facility safety. The community let their voices be heard, and nearly 70% of those voting supported the measure.

Cutler Bay residents are seeing their tax dollars at work each time they pass Cutler Bay Middle School. Located at 19400 Gulfstream Road, the 56-year-old school is undergoing a massive reconstruction. Once completed, the campus will feature completely new construction along with a renovated Auditorium, Cafeteria/Kitchen and Music Lab. Classrooms will also be updated with cutting edge classroom technology and safety features. *“Many of our residents have fond memories of growing up in Cutler Bay and attending the [Cutler Bay] Middle School. The school’s rich history is evident when walking the halls. Unfortunately, the outdated facility puts our youth at a disadvantage because they are not able to experience the same 21st century learning environment as their peers who attend newer schools”* stated Mayor Peggy Bell. The approximately \$13.5 million-dollar project is scheduled to be completed in November 2017.

For more information about Miami-Dade County Public Schools’ GO Bond projects visit <http://bondsforschools.dadeschools.net/>. For more information about Cutler Bay Middle School visit <http://crmschool.org/> or call (305)235-4761.



Cutler Bay SHS earns an 'A'

Cutler Bay Senior High has reached a great achievement! For the 2nd year in a row, our new High School has received a school grade of an 'A' from the Florida Department of Education. This remarkable success has set the bar high for all students to strive for excellence. For more information visit <http://cutlerbayhigh.org/>.



Whigham Making a W.A.V.E.

The Whigham Aquatic Visionary Explorers (WAVE) Academy is offering a great opportunity for students in 2nd- 5th grade. This STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) based curriculum serves as springboard for students who may be interested in the marine science programs offered at the Town's middle and high school. For more information, visit <http://whighamdolphins.weebly.com/>.



Bel-Aire's Planting Affair

After finding great success last school year, Bel-Aire elementary is entering its second year as participants in the Plant a Thousand Gardens Program. The school has received grand funding from the Collaborative Nutrition Initiative to expand their school garden, and educate students about how/where plants grow and important nutrition education. For more information about Bel-Aire's grant work, visit their website at <http://baeschool.weebly.com/>.



CRE's S.T.E.M of Success

Cutler Ridge Elem. was honored to receive the School District's S.T.E.M. Silver Award. The school was recognized by the Miami-Dade Public School Board on November 8th. The program has allowed for students the opportunity to expand outside of the normal classroom setting and explore new avenues in science, technology, engineering, and math. For more information visit <http://www.crelementary.org/>.



Granting Gulfstream Greatness

Gulfstream has received grants from both Best Buy (\$25,000), and the David

Fairchild Challenge. These grants will allow the school to enhance their technology and further their student-gardening program. They are also receiving garden kits to plant throughout the school from Whole Foods. Additionally, Mr. Jose Felix Rodriguez from the Town's Communities for a Lifetime Committee served as the school's Principal for a Day this year. For more information visit <http://gulfstreamelm.dadeschools.net/>.

Whispering Math into Students

Whispering Pines Elem. is embarking on a new challenge known as Reflex Math. Reflex Math is an online

learning program on which students build fluency by learning about fact families of Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, and Division.

Students who work and achieve 100% fluency on the site by January 9th will receive a reward from the school. For more information visit <http://wpeschool.org/>.



Cutler Bay Middle Awarding the Principal

Cutler Bay Middle is experiencing a great change, both in infrastructure and culture. A vast

amount of this change can be attributed to the principal, Mr. Paul Pfeiffer and his team of dedicated educators. On Nov. 14, Mr. Pfeiffer and several teachers were presented with a plaque from school's Criminal Justice Booster Club. Mayor Peggy Bell presented the school with a Proclamation and a local business owner donated \$1,000 to the program. For more information visit <http://crmschool.org/>.



This newsletter is produced by the Town of Cutler Bay in collaboration with our local public schools.

Our Town Council is dedicated to supporting our local schools and doing our part to ensure a quality education for all children.

The purpose of the newsletter is to increase our resident's awareness about the wonderful activities and accomplishments of the schools that serve our children daily.

For additional information, contact LaKeesha Morris, Grants Coordinator at (305)234-4262 or lmorris@cutlerbay-fl.gov.

Dates to Remember

Cutler Bay High School

- December 7 - Magnet Information Night 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
- December 16 - Community Service Hours Due for High School Seniors
- December 22 - SharkPAC Holiday Show

Cutler Ridge Elementary

- December 15, 16 - E.L.L New Students to the country. Cultural Experience Field Trips
- December 6 - CRE Holiday Show at Christ Fellowship Church.

Whigham Elementary

- No Activities for December

Whispering Pines Elementary

- December 5 – Reflex Math Challenge Midpoint
- December 13 – Gecko Chorale Holiday Show

Winter Break

All Miami-Dade Public Schools will be closed from Monday, December 26, 2016 – Friday, January 6, 2017.

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season!!!

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