



Town Exceeds its Fundraising Goal

At the 2017 Relay for Life of Palmetto Bay, Pinecrest & Cutler Bay which took place Saturday, March 18, 2017, students of the Town's iPrep Executive Internship Program collaborated with Cutler Bay's Parks & Recreation Department to participate in the annual Relay for Life hosted by the American Cancer Society. This year's theme of *TV Shows* proved to be a great hit around Coral Reef Park in the Village of Palmetto Bay. Attracting over a thousand residents of all ages, from all three host municipalities, the event itself was a major success.

For more information, contact the Town at [\(305\) 234-4262](tel:3052344262) or visit our website at www.cutlerbay-fl.gov.

Cutler Bay Senior High Shines on NBC 6 Brag About Your School



On Monday, March 27, 2017 Cutler Bay Senior High School was featured on NBC 6 News' "Brag About Your School". The story highlighted the school's academics, activities, new developments, and community involvement. Students demonstrated and interacted with the show's host Ari Odzer. With only 600 students, Cutler Bay Senior High was coined by Mr. Odzer as a "boutique school".

"I believe it's the small feel, the small atmosphere that makes us special, but at the same time we have all the activities a large high school would have," said Lucas Delatorre, Cutler Bay's principal.

To watch the story visit: <http://www.nbcmiami.com/news/local/NBC-6-Brag-About-Your-School---Cutler-Bay-Senior-High-School-417182713.html>

Whispering Pines: **Town Resident, Ikpomwonsa Osaghae, Awarded Disney Service Grant**



Left to Right: Osasumwen Osaghae, Martina Osaghae, Ikpomwonsa Osaghae, Mayor Peggy R. Bell, Town Manager Rafael Casals, Major Leonard Ricelli

Ikpomwonsa Osaghae, also known as "Ik," is a fifth grader in the gifted program at Whispering Pines Elementary School and the youngest of five (5) siblings; born to Osasumwen Osaghae and Martina Osaghae, longtime residents of the Cantamar community in Cutler Bay. Ik entered a community service grant contest sponsored by the Disney Corporation in hopes of increasing the safety in the Cantamar neighborhood. The Disney Summer of Service Grant offers young change-makers funds to turn creative ideas into active projects that will positively impact their communities. Ik is one of 340 winners of the \$500 grant to implement their community service projects

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

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

The purpose of this newsletter is to increase 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.



Whigham Elementary: Students Celebrates in Black History Month with Musical Performances.



During the month of March, Whigham Elementary Students reflected upon and celebrated Black History Month with a series of performances. The School's students performed dances, songs, and recited poems while being cheered on by their classmates and teachers, who eagerly watched and participated. Black History Month began originally as a week in 1926 by African American scholar Carter G. Woodson. The Month/Week was established with the intent of Honoring significant contributions of African Americans. Whigham Elementary helped to do just that, keeping the legacy alive by spreading it to our future.

Cutler Bay Middle School's C.O.A.S.T. Academy Participates 2017 "Baynanza" Biscayne Bay Clean-Up Day



On April 22, 2017, residents and neighbors joined forces for the 2017 "Baynanza" Biscayne Bay Clean-Up Day in Miami-Dade County. Among the thousands of volunteers throughout the County, Cutler Bay Middle School's C.O.A.S.T. Academy students work diligently to pick up trash and debris found onsite at Black Point Marina. In addition to the 60+ students, Council Member Michael P. Callahan also participated at the event, hoping to show the students that every person can make Cutler Bay a safer and healthier place to live, work and play.

The C.O.A.S.T. Academy at Cutler Bay Middle School aims to advance marine and environmental conservation through scientific research, literacy and mathematics education, leading to responsible stewardship and the sustainability of our natural marine resources.



The Town of Cutler Bay is a proud partner of The Children's Trust. Funding from the Trust allows the Town to provide free after-school and summer programming. The Children's Trust is a dedicated source of revenue established by voter referendum to improve the lives of children and families in Miami-Dade County.

The last day of school is June 8, 2017, and the Trust hopes to help parents find affordable local summer camps for children and teens that stimulate academic, athletic, cultural and social learning in a nurturing and supervised environment. This year the Town is offering Summer Camps for elementary and middle school youth. For more information contact Cutler Ridge Park at 305-233-5472.

Beginning April 15, parents can find the perfect summer program for their child by downloading The Children's Trust Programs Guide app. The Children's Trust mobile app is available for download at the App Store (iOS) and Google Play (Android), as well as online at www.thechildrenstrust.org. Information about available programs may also be obtained by calling the 211 helpline.

Important Dates to Remember

- May 15 – Early Release
- May 29th – Legal Holiday, No School
- June 8 – Last Day of School

**2017 Graduation
Ceremony**

Cutler Bay Senior High

**Wed, June 7, 2017
10 am**

**South Miami-Dade
Cultural Arts Center**

Bel-Aire Elementary School

Principal: Prudence Mingo
10205 SW 194th St Cutler Bay, FL
33157 (305) 233-5401

Cutler Ridge Elementary

Principal: Adrienne L. Wright- Mullins
20210 Coral Sea Road Cutler Bay, Florida
33189 (305) 235-4611

Dr. Edward L. Whigham Elementary

Principal: Cynara Suarez
21545 SW 87 Avenue Cutler Bay, Florida 33189
(305) 234-4840

Gulfstream Elementary School

Principal: Yubeda Miah
20900 SW 97 Avenue Cutler Bay, Florida 33189
(305) 235-6811

Cutler Bay Senior High

Principal: Lucas De La Torre
8601 SW 212 ST Cutler Bay, FL
33189 (305) 235-1581

Cutler Bay Middle School

Principal: Paul A Pfeiffer
19400 Gulfstream Road Cutler Bay, Florida 33157
305-235-4761

Dr. Edward L. Whigham PLC-E

Principal: Cynara Suarez
8035 SW 196 Street Cutler Bay, Florida 33189
(305) 252-5050

Whispering Pines Elementary School

Principal: Tamela L. Brown
18929 SW 89 Road Cutler Bay, Fl
33157 (305) 238-7382