

Driftwood Elementary School



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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. I'd like to thank all who donated items for our Thanksgiving Drive. We were able to help many families have a better Thanksgiving Holiday.

As a reminder to parents our school hours for students are from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please make sure that students arrive on time and are picked up no later than 2:15 p.m.

We have started Reading camps for select students in 4th and 5th grades, from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. two days per week. If your child was selected to participate due to academic needs, please take advantage of this opportunity and have your child attend regularly.

Our Winter Program will be held on Wednesday, December 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. I hope you have the opportunity to attend and listen to our wonderful chorus. Mr. Leonardis, and the students have been working very hard to provide our school with an outstanding program.

Have a terrific month and as always, thank you for your continued support.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Sincerely,

Gladys Fernandez Donovan

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Principal



Estimados Padres:

Yo espero que todos hayan pasado bien el día de Acción de Gracia. Quiero darle las gracias a todos que donaron artículos para las canastas de comida. Fue posible ayudar a varias familias tener un mejor día festivo.

Quiero recordarles que las horas escolar son de 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Por favor asegure que sus niños llegan a su clase a tiempo y que lo recojan después de las clases antes de las 2:15 p.m.

Estamos dando ayuda en lectura para estudiantes del cuarto y quinto grado que necesitan mejorar, dos veces a la semana de 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Si su hijo o hija es uno de los estudiantes que necesitan ayuda, por favor deje que su hijo/a participe en esta ayuda.

Este año nuestro Programa de Invierno será el martes, 15 de diciembre, 2015 a las 7:00 p.m. Espero que usted tenga la oportunidad de asistir. Nuestro maestro de música el Señor Leonardis, ha estado trabajando muy duro para proveer nuestra escuela con un programa excepcional.

Espero que tengan una temporada festiva fantástica.

Atentamente,

Gladys Fernandez Donovan

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Directora



Happy Holidays

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Happy holidays, everyone.

PTO will be sending home Candy-Cane-Grams in early December, which will be due back on Tuesday, December 15th. They are \$1 each. They

will be handed out on the last day of school before Winter Break on Friday, December 18th. They are the perfect way to send a special message to your children's friends, teachers and staff before the holidays begin!!!!

For the holidays, books make a great present. Encourage your children to **READ, READ, READ** during

the Winter Break.

When we get back in January, PTO's fundraising efforts will continue with a Family Night at California Pizza Kitchen. CPK has been a great supporter of our school. Please mark in your calendars to have dinner at CPK on Thursday, January 28, 2016 (times to be announced).

The PTO Board will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, December 10th at 2:15 p.m. in the office. Everyone is welcome to come. We appreciate any input to make our fundraising efforts even better!!

Have a safe and wonderful Winter Break.

Smiles,

Raquel Suarez, President of PTO

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela

Music Department

Chorus and Drum club are in full swing. It is very important that your child practices the music and memorizes the words to all the songs. I am available in the music portable for chorus members who need extra help on Tuesdays and Thursday mornings from 7:05 am till 7:35am. Any member of drum club who needs extra help can come on Wednesdays and Friday mornings from 7:05 am till 7:35 am.

Our annual concert will be Tuesday December 15th . The two morning concerts will be for students and teachers. The parent's concert will be at 7pm. If any parent would like to volunteer and help with chorus on Tuesday from 2-3 pm please contact me.

We had a Jazz quartet come and perform for the 4th and 5th grades on November 24. They taught the students not only the history of Jazz but also how to incorporate math, and language arts with music. Everyone had a great time and learned a great deal about jazz.

First, second, and third grades are learning about rhythms.

Have a wonderful holiday season.

Mr. Leonardis.

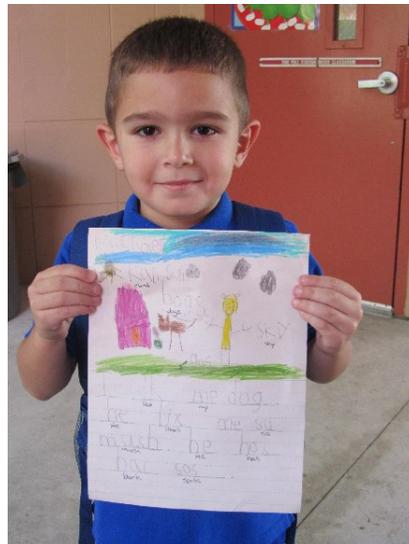


Pre-K



This is Shawn, Shawn comes to school ready to learn! He especially enjoys Mr. Kersh's Technology class!

Kindergarten



Michael Trujillo of Mrs. Uribe's class wrote a great story.

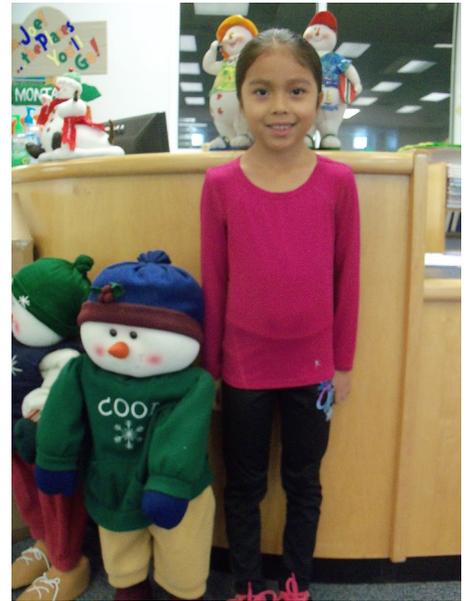
I like my dog so much. He has black spots.

Keep up the great work Michael.

1st Grade

Samantha 11-12-15

My favorite fruit is a banana. I love bananas. I have a banana plant. I love the taste of the banana. I like to make banana pie. Yummy!



2nd Grade

Ms. Martinez students' watched a short film about bullying and after a class discussion the students created anti-bullying posters. Here is some of their work.



3rd Grade

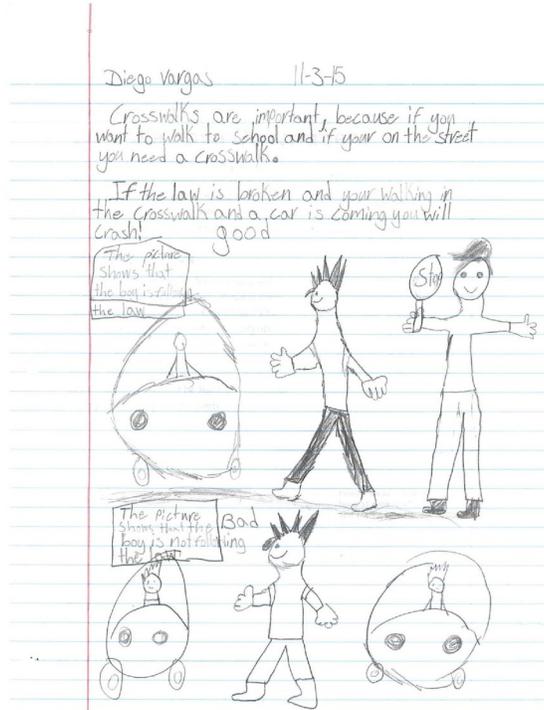
December After

Care News

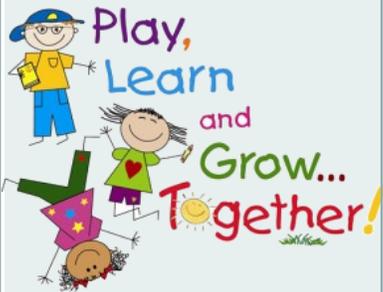
The holidays are right around the corner and the aftercare students are looking forward to making their holiday decorations for the cafeteria.

Our students are learning how to sew. They have already mastered the whip stitch, back stitch and how to sew on a button!

The weather is just perfect for starting our aftercare winter garden. The students planted green pea seeds for starters. Students were able to observe a live cotton plant in bloom and a cotton bale. Thanks Ms. Griffin!



4th Grade



Franklin
11/3/15

Regrouping

$$\begin{array}{r} 533 \\ \times 65 \\ \hline 2665 \end{array}$$

Very Nice!
I like the way you handled numbers!

Partial products

$$\begin{array}{r} 533 \\ \times 65 \\ \hline 3195 \\ + 31980 \\ \hline 34665 \end{array}$$

Regrouping

$$\begin{array}{r} 54 \\ 987 \\ \times 6 \\ \hline 5922 \end{array}$$

Partial Product

$$\begin{array}{r} 54 \\ 987 \\ \times 6 \\ \hline 324 \\ 5922 \end{array}$$

Carlos Almonzo
11/3/15

Distributive property

$$5 \times 533 = 5 \times (500 + 30 + 3) = (5 \times 500) + (5 \times 30) + (5 \times 3) = 2500 + 150 + 15 = 2665$$

Place Value

| | | | |
|-----|----|---|---|
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 500 | 30 | 3 | |

$$\begin{array}{r} 2500 \\ 150 \\ + 15 \\ \hline 2665 \end{array}$$

Distributive Property

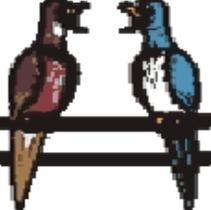
$$6 \times 987 = 6 \times (900 + 80 + 7) = (6 \times 900) + (6 \times 80) + (6 \times 7) = 5400 + 480 + 42 = 5922$$

Place Value

| | | | | |
|------|-----|----|---|---|
| 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5400 | 480 | 42 | | |

$$\begin{array}{r} 5400 \\ 480 \\ + 42 \\ \hline 5922 \end{array}$$


From Ms. Schlitz class Frank Cid and Carlos Almonzo produced 4 different types of multiplication problems; Regrouping, Partial Product, Distributive Property, and Place Value



5th Grade

After weeks of lessons learning about the economy, job applications, promissory notes, and banking procedures, the fifth graders visited J. A. Biztown. Each class had four to five businesses to staff and run. The students (and chaperones) had a wonderful time putting all they had learned in to action!



MATH NEWS

BUILDING MATH FLUENCY IS KEY TO MATH SUCCESS

Math fluency can be defined as having the ability to add, subtract, multiply and divide accurately, quickly and without effort. Students who are able to achieve this skill with automaticity will be able to master math problems in their future or in their long term memory with great success. Building math fluency skills in students in grades K-5 will ensure students' future math success in middle school, high school and beyond. Studies show that fluency in math leads to: higher order mathematics, less confusion, better performance in other subjects such as geography and science, and less math anxiety in students (K5 learning.com).

Here at Driftwood ES, we have put a program in place to help your students build math fluency skills. Our online program such as reflexmath.com helps to build students math fluency skills in grades K-5. Students can work on addition and subtraction skills in grades 1 & 2 and multiplication and division skills in grades 3 and above. Students need to log on and achieve "green light" status to ensure that they are becoming more fluent in math operations. Milestones are achieved once students have learned new math facts and gain fluency of the math facts. We encourage all Driftwood parents to make sure their boys and girls are logged on to reflexmath.com at home at least three times a week to ensure their progress in math fact fluency.

MATH
1 + 1 = 2
MAKES YOUR
LIFE ADD UP!



Computer Technology

Hour of Code is Back

December 7 - 11, 2015

All our students K-5 will be participating in Computer Science Education Week. They will learn what computer coding is all about through the use hands on computer tutorials designed by people like Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg, and other in the computer industry. They paired up with code.org to teach all students that computer coding is not as hard or nerdy as it seems. Furthermore, there will be a considerable shortage of computer science engineers in the near future. Is there any better way to begin a future career than by having fun?:



Counselor's Corner

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all of our parents, students and staff who participated in our annual Holiday Food Drive. It was a success and we were able to help many families in need. Students from Mr. Wetcher's class assisted with the collection and organization of donations. These fifth grade students will make great employees in the future. They worked hard and in a very professional and competent manner while learning the benefits of good citizenship by helping others. We had a three way tie between Ms. Whitaker's fourth grade class, Ms. Guffey's first grade class and Mrs. Coleman's third grade class for bringing in the most food. Each of the winning classes will receive a celebration with treats provided by Driftwood PTO.

Champions

I am proud to announce the Champions of Character winners for the month of November. These patriotic students let their good citizenship shine and help make Driftwood Elementary School a better place! Our student school winners are Nixie Wyckoff and Angel Mamposo. Our teacher of character for citizenship is Ms. Martinez. She was chosen because of the many activities she did in November to promote citizenship in her classroom. Her students performed the Citizenship Rap on Channel 15 and made friendship quilts, but most notable was the honoring of Veterans with the "White Table" on Veteran's Day. In attendance were Air Force personnel Sgt. Shields and Airman Estrella. Marine War Veteran Sgt. John Motes also attended and showed the class the equipment the Marines used when he served.

Congratulations to Nixie, Angel, Ms. Martinez and all of our November Champions of Character winners!

Anti-Bullying Week

November 9– 14th

Anti-Bullying week is an annual, violence prevention observance celebrated by Broward County Public Schools. This week was created to raise awareness and provide opportunities for schools and communities to enhance their bullying prevention efforts. Violence-free, safe school environments set the foundation for learning, achievement and cognitive growth.

During Anti-bullying week Driftwood students had the opportunity to participate in many prevention activities. Students learned valuable information from fifth grade students who presented, "Stop Picking on Me." Presenters were Corey Randall, Sarah Nunez and Nixie Wyckoff. All students attended The Humanity Project's innovative and acclaimed Anti-bullying Through The Arts assembly, which was designed to touch both the hearts and minds of young students. The students enjoyed watching Ms. Coleman, Ms. Kefalas, Mrs. Nunez and Mrs. Ilich perform. In addition, students learned some real life strategies while watching the video "Bullies Are a Pain in the Brain. Staff and students also wore white to stand against bullying and were entertained by the book and music, "Don't Laugh at Me."

DRIFTWOOD IS PROUD TO BE A SAFE AND BULLY FREE SCHOOL¹¹¹





Mrs. Quinones
Reading Corner

I would like to share some tips for families to improve your child's writing

Parents can make a big difference in helping children develop writing skills by encouraging writing activities that are simple and fun. The following are some activities parents can use to promote writing at home.

*Letters- Have your child write letters to family and friends.

*Messages- Write notes to your child and encourage them to write to you in return.

*Journals- Have your child keep a journal and encourage your child to write in the journal as often as possible.

*Thank You Notes- Encourage your child to write a "Thank You" note for gifts or other special favors.

*Lists- Have your child write down their "Holiday List"

Happy Writing!



“Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.”

Maimonides

November's Champion of Character

Pre-K / Kindergarten

Mrs. Munoz-Shawn Pimental
Mrs. Biesel- Samantha Wunschel
Mrs. Hill-Francisco Merejo
Mrs. Major-Emma Gonzales
Mrs. Uribe-Isabella Olivares
Mrs. Ilich-Nathaniel Belcher

First Grade

Mrs. Estrada- Michael Velit
Ms. Guffey-Tyler Osceola
Mrs. Hess-Bryana Quintana
Ms. Loffredo-Devan Campbell
Ms. Morra-Fervin Escobar

Second Grade

Ms. Ackley-Ashley Heras
Mrs. Gonzalez-Sarai Muchette
Mrs. Jones-Gabriela Yambo
Ms. Matthews-Brandon Bostwick
Ms. Martinez-Maria Escobar
Ms. Rosati-Victoria McFarland

Third Grade

Mrs. Akel-Baby Doyle
Mrs. Coleman-Kayla Collins
Ms. London-Jayden Stacy
Mrs. Loubriel-Alicemaday Valdes

Fourth Grade

Mrs. Guffey-Benrice Petit-Homme
Mrs. Kefalas-Jacdiel Lambert
Ms. Schlitz-Rishikesh Phatate
Ms. Whitaker-Jannah Mohammed

Fifth Grade

Ms. Koltides-Amaya Clop
Mrs. Cento-Simara Marquez
Mr. Koller-Nixie Wycoff
Mr. Wetcher-

Mrs. Lewis-Elijah Renna
Mrs. Leonardis-Angel Mamposo
Mr. Boylan- Jennifer Hernandez

Students of the Month

Nixie Wycoff
Angel Mamposo

Teacher of Character

Mrs. Martinez



| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|--|---|--|--|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Candy Grams go on SALE |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 PTO Meeting 2:20 PM  | 11 |
| 14 Last day to order Candy Grams | 15 School Music Concert 7:00 PM  | 16 | 17 | 18 Candy Grams go Home Kindergarten Holiday Program  |
| 21 Winter Break December 21 – January 3 | 22 Winter Break December 21 – January 3 | 23 Winter Break December 21 – January 3 | 24 Winter Break December 21 – January 3 | 25 Winter Break December 21 – January 3 |
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Gift Card Fundraiser In Support Of:

DRIFTWOOD ELEMENTARY
PIO

Start Date:

November 8th, 2015

End Date:

December 18th, 2015

Purchase Online Only At:

https://merchant.wgiftcard.com/wlc/virtual/cpk_fundraisin_g/194_driftwoodelementaryp/cpk

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Asst. Principal:
Lourdes Cruz

HOME OF THE DRAGONS

Title 1 Parent Information / Website Locations

Driftwood Elementary's "School Improvement Plan (SIP)"

which contains the school's **Title I School Parent Involvement Plan (PIP)**

<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/driftwoodelem/>

The **District Parental Involvement Plan**

http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/PARENT_INVOLEMENT.html

District Parent Involvement Policy 1165

<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/sbbcpolicies/>

Paper copies of all of the above documents are available for your review on the Parent Shelf in the front office and at all of the SAC Meetings.

If you would like to request your own copy, please contact Mrs. Estrada through the front office, your child's agenda or email: ligia.estrada@browardschools.com

School Public Accountability Report (SPAR), FCAT Scores and Reports, School Grades, AYP Reports:

<http://schoolgrades.fldoe.org/>

Title I Parent Training & Other Available Resources

School Board of Broward County Title I Center for Parent Involvement

<http://title1.browardschools.com>

Parent Training

- School/District/Community
- Workshops
- Title I Parent Training Academy (see below)
- MegaSkills Training
- Schoolwide Workshops
- Title I Parent Center
- Computer Literacy Training

Compassionate Hearts – Serving Hands, Inc.

2300 NW22nd Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311
Phone: 954-733-6476
<http://www.ch-sh.org>

Broward County's District Parent Involvement Website

<http://www.getinvolvedineducation.com/parents/>

The Florida Parental Information and Resource Center

University of South Florida (Florida PIRC at USF)
3500 East Fletcher Avenue, Suite #301
Tampa, FL 33613
Phone: 813-974-5458
<http://www.floridapartnership.usf.edu/>

Family Network on Disabilities, Inc. (FND)

Phone: 727-523-1130
Toll: 800-825-5736
<http://fndfl.org/>

Florida School Choice Parent Resource Center

<http://www.knowyourchoices.org/>

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