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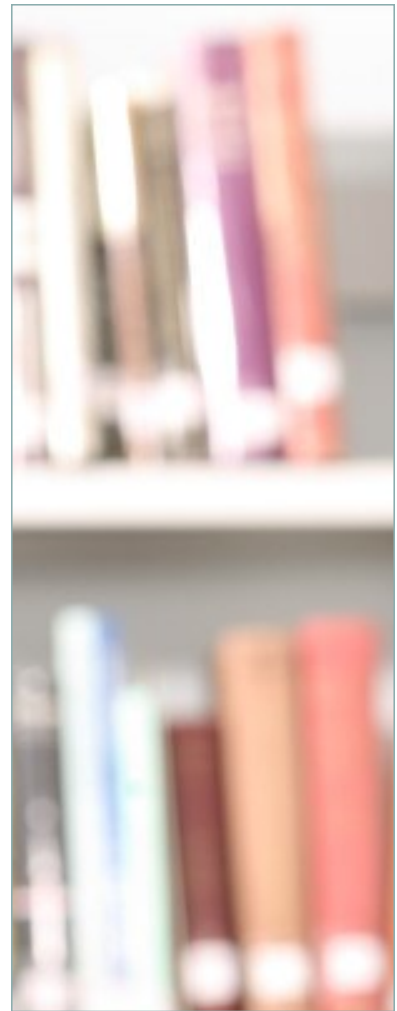
**Best Regards on a Healthy and Happy  
New Year**

**Mrs. Donovan, Principal**

**Mrs. Cruz, Asst. Principal**

**And all the Faculty & Staff at Driftwood  
Elementary School.**

**Feliz Año Nuevo**



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raiser. Joe Dimaggio is one of the greatest supporters of our school.

We look forward to seeing everyone at California Pizza Kitchen on Thursday, January 28, 2016. Flyers will be going home on that day. As with all restaurant fundraisers, you **must** bring the flyer in order for Driftwood to receive a portion of the check.

For our Spring fundraiser, PTO is excited to announce that we have partnered up with Yankee

Welcome back, everyone.

We would like to extend our warmest thanks to Joe Dimaggio for donating the candy canes for our December fundraiser.

Candle. Catalogs will be going home in early March. Orders will then be sent home in plenty of time for Mother's Day. This is our biggest fundraiser for the last half of the year. We appreciate everyone's participation. Sell, sell, sell!!!!

PTO welcomes everyone's input and ideas. We also welcome everyone to attend our monthly PTO meetings. Please feel free to email us at [driftwood-pto@hotmail.com](mailto:driftwood-pto@hotmail.com) or leave your contact information at the front desk.

Smiles,

Raquel Suarez, PTO President

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

*Nelson Mandela*

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## Music Department

I would like to start by saying that the drum club and chorus did a fantastic job performing in this years Winter Holiday concert.

The 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will be starting recorders at the end of January. Recorders are flute like instruments that belong in the Woodwind family. Recorders can be purchased at any music store or through the school for the coast of \$10. If you are unsure what a recorder looks like check out our Driftwood dragon below blowing out some fine notes. He is playing a typical recorder. K-2nd grades will be learning about the instrument families and rhythms.

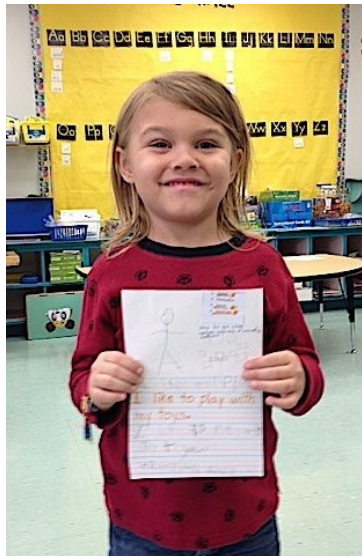


# Pre-K



HEAD START (Pre-K) is learning about WIND and WATER. We did an experiment that showed how wind pushes. We blew air through straws to move a piece of paper. We learned about strength of wind.

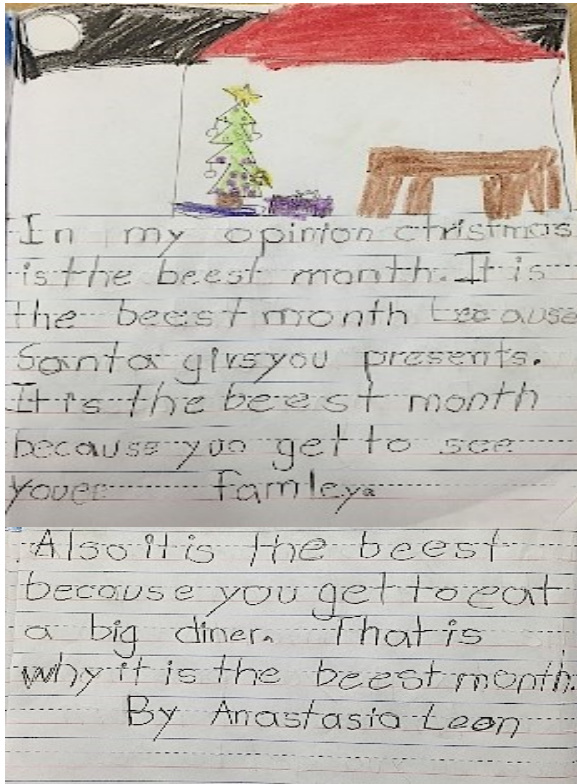
# Kindergarten



This is Christian Allen's with his writing sample. The prompt is "I like to"

Great work Christian, keep it up.

# 1st Grade



# 2nd Grade

Ms. Matthew's students' gave lots of thought to what their New Year's resolution should be. Carolina Bobidila and Gabriel Gutierrez share theirs with us.

Miss. Matthews' Second Grade  
New Year's Resolution  
My new years resolution is to go from level 16 to 24 in reading and to move to the next level in math. I will read every day. I will practice my fluency reading with my mom. I will pay extra attention during my teacher's lessons. I will practice chart daily. I will work on I ready and Reflex math every day at home. I will practice my time tables to reach my new years resolution. I will practice my place chart daily. I will study for my math tests. I know I will reach my new years resolution because I will follow all my goals in reading and math.

by Carolina Bobadilla

STUDENT PHOTOS TO FOLLOW NEXT MONTH.

Now year's Resolution  
My New Year's Resolution is to do well enough this year in second grade to move on to third grade. I will study hard in math, science, reading and Social Studies. I will practice all subjects 4 days a week at home. I will practice with my sister on winter break. I will practice very hard to get 100% on my end of the year test. I know I will move on to third grade and reach my new year's resolution.

by Gabriel Gutierrez  
Miss. Matthews' Second Grade

# 3rd Grade

## January After Care News

The students in aftercare did an awesome job decorating our Christmas tree with their homemade ornaments in December. During our holiday party the students made reindeer candy canes and reindeer cookies, which they enjoyed eating.

Our aftercare garden is growing! We now have tomatoes, green onions, kale, red peppers, dill and strawberries.

Happy New Year from  
Driftwood Aftercare Staff  
and Students!

Jada V. Gruezo  
Third Grade Constitution

I would like to keep Article 11 from our Third Grade Constitution because it is important for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students to have extra reading time. Reading is important to know because we are going to have lots of reading in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Article 11 will help all 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students become better at reading because students will have extra practice at summer reading camp.

I would like to change Article 1 from our Third Grade constitution, because if we have white uniforms it can get dirty fast. Uniforms can itch some skin of the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders can be allergic to uniforms if the material is not made of cotton. I want 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to be independent and wear there own clothes.

Jada v. Gruezo

# 4th Grade

While incorporating science and writing, Mrs. Guffey's 4th grade class wrote about what they learned about precious and semi-precious stones and minerals.

## Garnet

by: Leonardo Clavero.

I am red as lava.  
I see a lot of people happy.  
I smell smoke in the air.  
I hear boiling hot lava.  
I feel blazing hot.  
I know I cost a lot of money.  
I want someone to find me.  
I think I am beautiful.  
I wonder if someone will buy me  
I am a garnet!



STUDENT PHOTOS TO FOLLOW NEXT MONTH.



I Am...

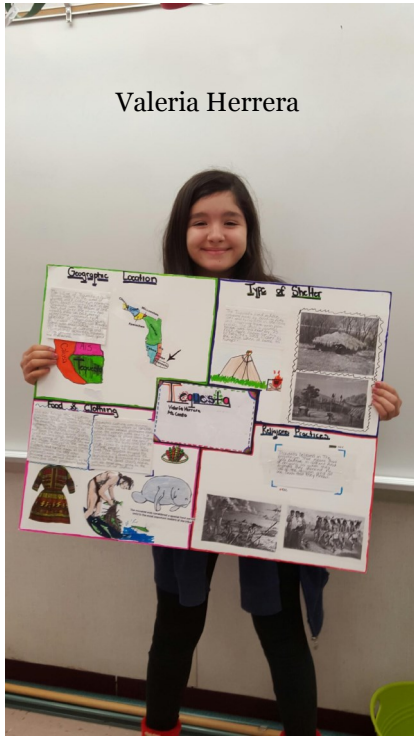
I am really rare.  
I see miners looking for me.  
I smell flowers above me.  
I hear drops of water.  
I feel the pressure of the ground.  
I know I'm special.  
I want to be bright.  
I think I'm gorgeous.  
I wonder who I'm to others.  
I am a wonderful red ruby.

by: Cielo Ruiz.

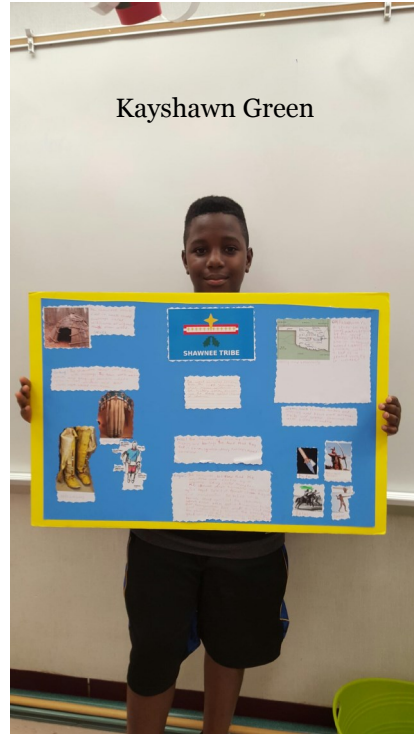
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Fifth grade students were busy during the month of November researching Native American tribes. Students explored the tribes' cultural ceremonies, shelter, clothing, and food supplies.

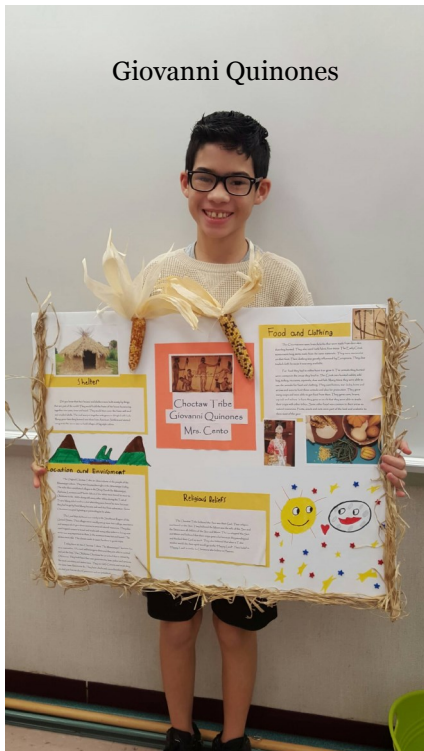
Valeria Herrera



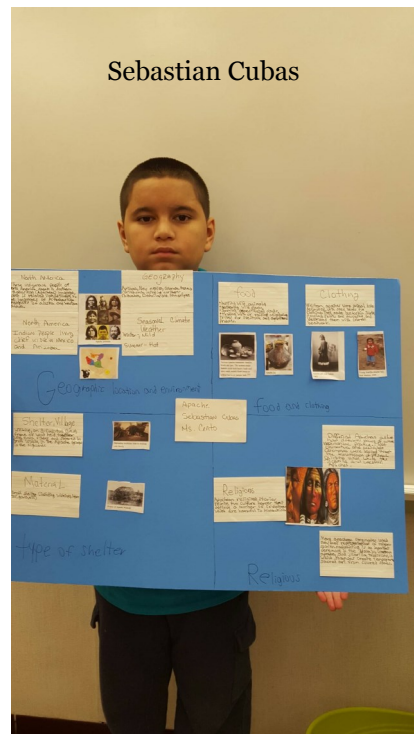
Kayshawn Green



Giovanni Quinones



Sebastian Cubas



## MATH NEWS

### BUILDING MATH FLUENCY IS KEY TO MATH SUCCESS

This month, Driftwood Elementary School is continuing to improve our math facts fluency in grades 2-5. We reached the milestone of 1,000,000 facts solved at our school. What great achievement! Math fact fluency is based on three pertinent stages: (1) procedural knowledge of figuring out facts, (2) strategies for remembering facts based on relationships, (3) automaticity in math facts. Automaticity is achieved when a student can directly achieve the right answer, without any intervening thought process. Achieving automaticity is critical for our students in order for them to concentrate on higher order math skills. Our reflexmath.com program is helping our boys and girls become more fluent in their basic math facts and develop this automaticity. We are also building automaticity in our place value standards in math with our "number of the day" daily activity on WDES. Keep up the good work Driftwood Elementary! Let's see if we can reach 2,000,000 facts solved by the end of this school year!

Ms. Haxton

**MATH**  
M<sub>1</sub> + 1 = 2  
Makes YOUR  
Life ADD UP!

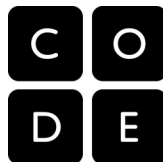


# Computer Technology

## Hour of Code

### Wrap-up

For the third year in a row Driftwood Elementary has participated in Computer Science Week's Hour of Code. Broward County Schools was one of the first five counties in the country to endorse this essential program to our children's future. They were taught the basics of computer programming at their level. For the first time some students were able to develop simple apps capable of being used on anyone's smartphone. Quite an accomplishment for children not yet out of elementary school. Their future looks bright in the field of computer science and job prospects in that field look even brighter.



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## Counselor's Corner

The Champion of Character winners for the month of December are students who are thoughtful, caring, helpful and compassionate. They truly exemplify the character trait of kindness. Our student school champions are Dothan Osceola in Mrs. Cento's fifth grade class and Mya Gutierrez in Ms. Schlitz's fourth grade class. Our staff winner is Head Start teacher Mrs. Munoz. Congratulations to Mrs. Munoz, Dothan, Mya and all of our December Champions of Character winners!

January's character trait is respect. We will be looking for students who show consideration, understanding, and regard for people, places and things. This trait is extremely important, especially in the school setting because it affects the teacher, all the students and their belongings. Respectful students can make a classroom great! Parents, some ways you can encourage your children to show respect are by following school and classroom rules, listening to others and speaking politely, treating everyone fairly, as well as taking care of books, clothes and other possessions. Children can also be taught to respect the environment by recycling and taking care of animals.

### Attention Fifth Grade Students Magnet Programs

This month fifth grade students participated in an assembly to learn about academic programs available for middle school. Presenters from New River Middle Marine Science Magnet Program, Driftwood Middle Academy of Health & Wellness, Parkway Middle School of the Arts, Dillard Middle Digital Entrepreneurship, McNicol Middle Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) and Attucks Middle Cambridge Global Communications Academy all shared information about each school's specialized curriculum.

The Broward County Public School district is a nationally recognized leader in the quality and diversity of education we offer students. Magnet Programs offer educational choices in Broward County Public Schools. While similar courses and programs may be available in comprehensive schools, Magnet Programs attract students by offering unique opportunities for in-depth experiences and study in specific areas of interest. Each Magnet Program emphasizes a specialized theme. The goal is to create educational interests, celebrate cultural and ethnic diversity, and foster student achievement.

### Magnet Programs:

- \* Expand educational choices for students
- \* Promote diversity within our schools
- \* Set high expectations for all students to improve student achievement
- \* Prepare students for further education and the world of work
- \* Develop positive school climates with academic emphasis
- \* Provide real-life and hands-on experiences
- \* Offer mentorship and internship opportunities

**The deadline for applying to a magnet school is February 10, 2016.**

For more information regarding magnet programs please contact: Broward County Public School Innovative Programs

Phone: 754-321-2480 Fax: 754-321-2489

[www.browardschoolsinnovativeprograms.com](http://www.browardschoolsinnovativeprograms.com)

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Mrs. Quinones  
Reading Corner

On January 14th, all parents are invited to attend our “Family Literacy Night” at Driftwood Elementary. It is a special time to meet your child’s teacher once again and learn more about the curriculum and assessments that your child/children may be taking in the months to come. It is also a great time to come and learn reading strategies that you can use to help your child at home. Childcare will be provided for those of you who may need these services. Please check your child’s backpack for more information.

Mrs. Quinones



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

***Maimonides***

**December  
Champion of Character**

**Pre-K / Kindergarten**

Mrs. Munoz-Camila  
Mrs. Biesel- Jeremy Hernandez  
Mrs. Hill-Alecia Scott  
Mrs. Major-Markell Barnyard  
Mrs. Uribe-Ashton Walters  
Mrs. Ilich-Ashton Andre

**First Grade**

Mrs. Estrada- Talen Jumper  
Ms. Guffey-Machi Thompson  
Mrs. Hess-Jacoby Booker  
Ms. Loffredo-Zaniyah Foster  
Ms. Morra-Simoneth Gomez

**Second Grade**

Ms. Ackley-Nathalie Rodriguez  
Mrs. Gonzalez-Maria Perez  
Mrs. Jones-Adran Bonell  
Ms. Matthews-Jeremiah Osceola  
Ms. Martinez-Tyler Stacy  
Ms. Rosati-Julyssa Bromley

**Third Grade**

Mrs. Akel-Nadal Jackson  
Mrs. Coleman-Quinlyria Wilson  
Ms. London-Ronaldo Ramos  
Mrs. Loubriel-Juliette Eizmandez

**Fourth Grade**

Mrs. Guffey-Steven Chaparro  
Mrs. Kefalas-Liamar Lemus  
Ms. Schlitz-Mya Gutierrez  
Alyssa Cabrera  
Ms. Whitaker-John Casco

**Fifth Grade**

Ms. Koltides-Hunter Newton  
Mrs. Cento-Dothan Osceola  
Mr. Koller-Melanie Gaviria  
Mr. Wetcher- Nicola Montero  
Brianna Ayus

Mrs. Lewis-ateo Londono  
Mrs. Leonardis-Laila Lucero  
Mr. Kersh- Susan Diaz

**Students of the Month**

Dothan Osceola  
Mya Gutierrez

**Teacher of Character**

Mrs. Munoz



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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4	5 Aftercare Payment Collection	6 Aftercare Payment Collection	7 Early Release NOON	8 No School Teacher Planning
11 3rd Quarter Begins  1st Grade Field Trip Lady Bug Action Broward Center	12	13 K Field Trip Lady Bug Action Broward Center	14 1st Grade visits with the Horses  Reading /Literacy Night All Grade 6:30 – 8 pm.	15
18 No School  Martin Luther King Day	19	20	21  Papa John Pizza Night	22  2nd Grade Field Trip Why Mosquitoes Buzz Broward Center
25	26	27	28 Report Cards Issued  California Kitchen Pizza Night	29

Driftwood Elementary is very proud to announce that Mia Suarez (bottom row far right) won 1st place amongst all 2nd graders in Broward County who entered the Haiku writing contest. There were close to 500 entries. Additionally, congratulations to all the students in Ms. Rosati's class whose Haikus were excellent enough to enter the competition. Finally, kudos to Ms. Rosati for taking on this challenging style of poetry and enjoying much success with your students.



Bottom row from left: Jordan Pagan, Victoria McFarland, Melinda Gaviria, and Mia Suarez. Top row from left: Daniella Camejo, Leilani Bickel, Jeremiah Costello, Bryana Ramos, and Seley Vasquez.

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Principal:  
Gladys Donovan



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](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](mailto: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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