

Driftwood Elementary School

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Happy Thanksgiving



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our Pre-K, K, 1st and 2nd grade students enjoyed parading around in their costumes as the older children watched. This year all students had the opportunity to wear costumes and enjoy special activities.

Parents, this year our students will be out of school November 25th-27th, for Thanksgiving. Please make sure that students spend some of their time reading and engaged in educational activities. We have many links to educational websites listed on the Driftwood Elementary website.

Estimados Padres:

El desfile de disfraces fue un éxito. Los estudiantes de Pre-K, K, primero y segundo disfrutaron exhibiendo sus disfraces. Esta año, todos los niños de PK hasta quinto grado tuvieron la oportunidad de venir a la escuela disfrazado.

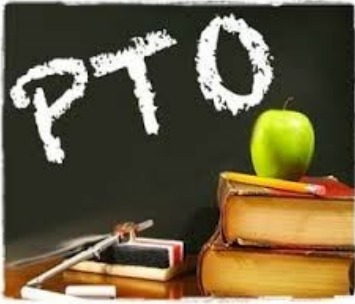
Este año los estudiantes no tienen clases del 25 de noviembre hasta el 27 de noviembre para celebrar "Thanksgiving". Durante este tiempo, es importante que los niños pasen tiempo leyendo. También pueden usar la computadora para jugar juegos educativos.

Happy Thanksgiving

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Happy Fall to everyone!

This year's PTO fundraisers are going very well and we appreciate everyone's support. Keep up the good work because we have a lot coming up.

The Charleston Wrap fundraiser was very successful. Assuming there are no unforeseen delays, the items will be going home with your children on Friday, November 13th.

Our annual McDonald's Night is scheduled for Thursday, November 12th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Our fabulous teachers will be working behind the counter taking orders and cooking. This is one of our most successful restaurant fundraisers and we want this year to be even better than in the past!

Our annual Boo Grams were an incredible hit again this year. Look out for Candy-Cane-Grams in December. Just like our Boo Grams, they are \$1 each. It is a great way to kick off the winter holidays.

Our treasurer, Darjon Renna, has been at the gazebo every Tuesday morning manning our School Store. Darjon will be ordering new and fun items. Have your children check them out!

The PTO's monthly Board meeting for December has not yet been scheduled. Please email us at driftwood-pto@hotmail.com or contact the front office for more information on when our next meeting will be held. Everyone is welcome to attend. We appreciate any input from all the parents, teachers and staff at Driftwood.

Smiles,

Raquel Suarez, PTO President

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

Nelson Mandela

THANKSGIVING JOKES AND RIDDLES

1. If the Pilgrims were alive today, what would they be most famous for?
2. What always comes at the end of Thanksgiving?
3. Which side of a turkey has the most feathers?
4. Why do turkeys lay eggs?
5. What smells the best at a Thanksgiving dinner?
6. What's the key to a great Thanksgiving dinner?



Pre-K

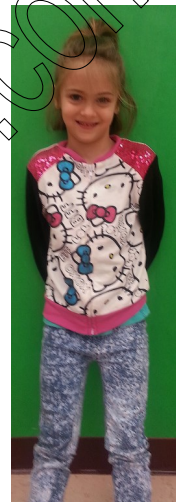


Our HeadStart students are working independently and cooperatively in our worktime areas. Each area helps build social emotional skills, math skills, and communication skills. We are so proud of all the effort each of our students have put forth to become a working school family!

Kindergarten



Aniya Suarez from Ms. Major's class drew herself playing with her sister.



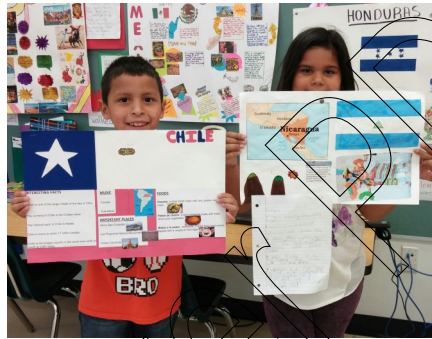
1st Grade



Lameshia Tarpley received four out of four stars on her personal narrative. She added details, used adjectives and edited her work.

2nd Grade

Students from Ms. Martinez's and Mrs. Gonzalez's classes proudly celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month



3rd Grade

October After Care News

This month our aftercare students are busy working on October themed projects. Pumpkins, scarecrows, bats, and spiders are hanging in the cafeteria. They enjoyed making their own rice crispy treats. We had everything from alligator, fish, caterpillars, cars to volcanoes to name a few.

Next month we will begin planting our garden. The students really enjoy watching everything grow.

Mrs. Cooper, one of our aftercare employees, is moving to Orlando. She will be missed by all. We wish her well!



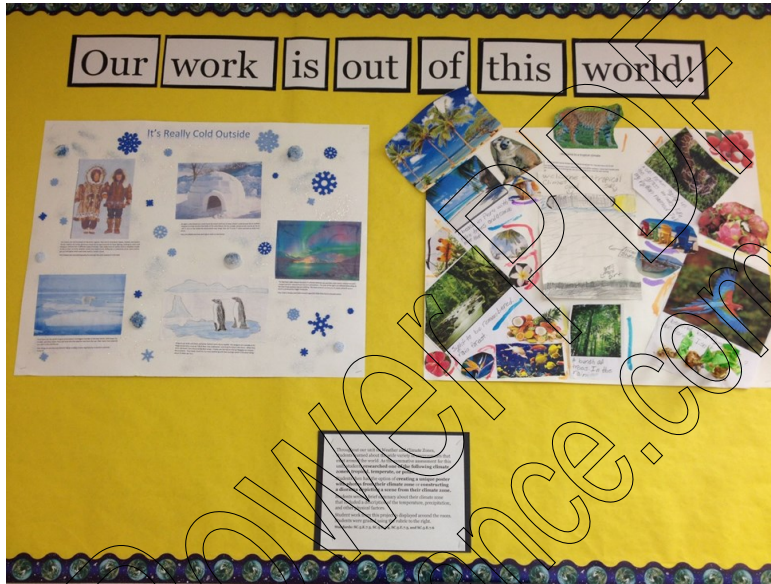
4th Grade



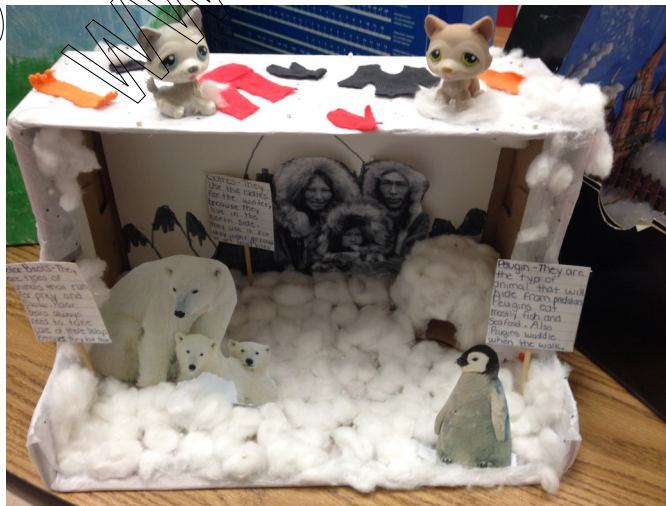
5th Grade

As the capstone project for our science unit on Weather and Climate, fifth grade students researched one of three climate zones: temperate, tropical, or polar. Students conducted their research using print and digital resources.

After researching their climate zone, students had the option to create a diorama or a poster depicting life their climate zone. All students had to write a one-paragraph summary about their climate zone describing the physical and cultural factors, with all sources cited.



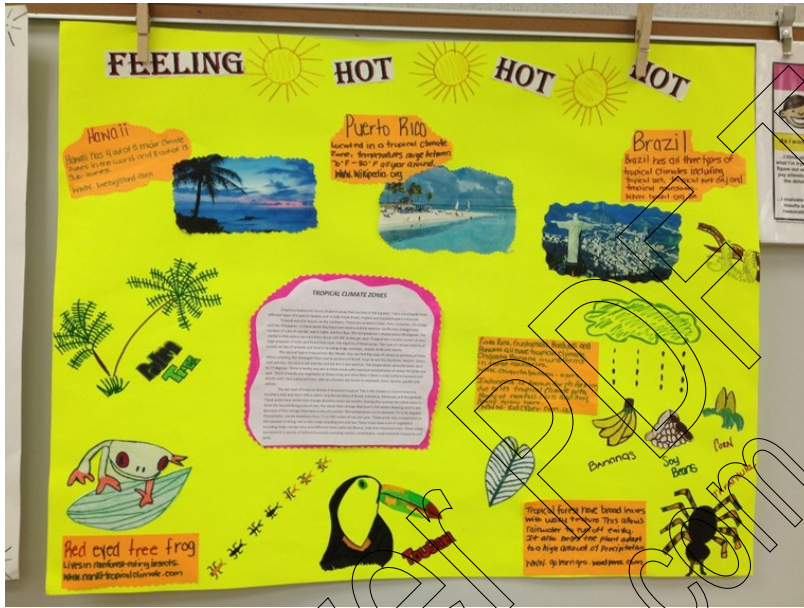
From left: "It's Really Cold Outside" polar climate zone poster by Sebastian Castro; tropical climate zone poster by Ciera Maples.



A polar climate zone diorama by Valeria Herrera



5th Grade



"Feeling Hot, Hot, Hot" tropical climate zone poster by Korey Randall



A temperate climate zone diorama by Leticia Martinez



MATH NEWS

Haxton's Math Meditation

Math vocabulary is essential to student achievement. However, the language of mathematics present many challenges to our boys and girls, both English-only speakers and English language learners alike. Why is that? Well, one reason is because words used in math have unique and specific meanings. For example, table and leg may be already present in a student's vocabulary but may not include the math concepts that are associated with these words. Words such as average and reflection have precise mathematical definitions. Another reason why math language can be problematic is, some words are uniquely related to math (e.g. integer and algorithm); however, some math terms are word combinations that take on a specific meaning in mathematics. For example, the word value by itself has one meaning; absolute value has a far different meaning.

To assist students with making a connection between their current understanding of the idea/concept with the formal vocabulary term, teachers should:

Point out the confusion to students in using the same term to mean two different things.

Introduce the mathematical vocabulary terms

Encourage the use of speaking "mathematically" to ensure clear communication of the word's intent.

The best way to model the use of students making a connection between the formal mathematical vocabulary term with their current understanding of the idea or concept is through the use of a Frayer model. Next month, we will discuss how using a Frayer model with students can increase their math vocabulary knowledge and help students make mathematical connections.

MATH
 $1 + 1 = 2$
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Life ADD UP!

College Day @ Driftwood

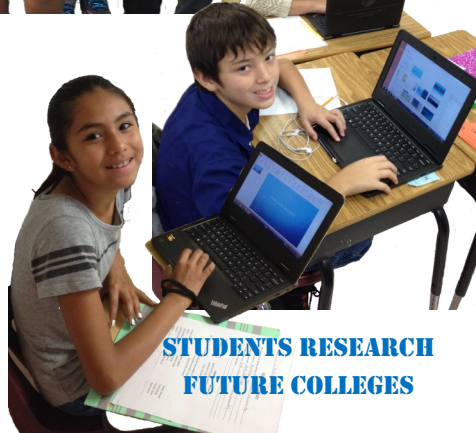


TEACHERS SHOW OF THEIR COLLEGES

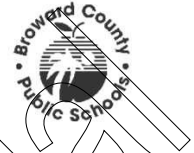
STUDENTS SHOW THEIR FAVORITE SCHOOLS



SOME EVEN KNOW WHAT THEY PLAN ON DOING AFTER SCHOOL



STUDENTS RESEARCH FUTURE COLLEGES



HOT DOCS

Helping Our Toddlers, Developing Our Children's Skills

Do you ever feel frustrated with your child? Have you experienced problems with getting your child to sleep, eat, get dressed, take a bath, follow directions, calm down, sit quietly, get into the car, go on errands with you and allow you to change their diaper?

HOT DOCS is a 7-week training for parents of children ages 2-5 years, developed by the University of South Florida Pediatrics Department. This program teaches a problem-solving method to figure out the function or the "why" of kids' problem behaviors. Learn specific prevention strategies and techniques for modifying your child's behavior. The skills we teach in HOT DOCS are applicable to people of all ages, but the examples, stories and videos used focus on children up to five years old. *It is recommended parents attend all seven workshops in sequence, because each workshop builds on skills from previous workshops; however, parents may attend any of the workshops in the series.*

HOT DOCS 6:30-8:30pm Hollywood Park Elementary - Cafeteria 901 N. 69 th Way Hollywood, 33024	HOT DOCS 9:30-11:30am Children's Diagnostic and Treatment Center 1401 S Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316
2015 dates: (Tuesdays) October 6 October 13 October 20 October 27 November 3 November 10 and November 17	2015 dates (Fridays) October 2 October 9 October 16 October 23 October 30 November 6 and November 13

Parents only, childcare is not provided.

This workshop is FREE! No Registration Required! For more information, contact Carol Beitler, FDLRS Program Specialist-Parent Services at 754-321-3400 or via email carol.beitler@browardschools.com
ESE Parent Workshop Information is available on the ESE website
<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/studentssupport/ease/html/WORKSHOP.htm>

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Counselor's Corner

Thanksgiving is the time to count our blessings and Driftwood is truly blessed to have tremendous support from all of our wonderful partners, students, parents, volunteers and mentors. We are proud that you are teaming up with us to help the children at Driftwood be successful and we appreciate all your assistance, not only at special events, but every day.

The month of October focused on the character trait of **responsibility** and our Champions of Character winners have parents who are instilling positive character traits that will help their children be successful in the future. The students were chosen because they meet obligations by being reliable, accountable, and dependable to themselves and others. Special recognition goes to Sophia Schiaffino in Ms. Kollitides's class and Matthew Bryan in Mr. Koller's class who were chosen as our school champions for this month. Congratulations also goes out to our teacher and staff winners of Character Mrs. Leff and Mrs. Mohler. We are proud of ALL our responsible champions!

The character trait we will be focusing on during the month of November is **CITIZENSHIP**. The winners of this award will be those who know, understand and display a high regard for rules, laws, government, and heritage and for those who have served and sacrificed for community and country.

Citizenship is also tied to bullying and violence prevention. So many of our national heroes – those people whose knowledge, understanding, service and high regard for the rules, have shaped our community and country. Locally, we have Debbie Johnston, a science teacher from Cape Coral Florida, who initiated the campaign to protect students from bullying, and through her citizenship efforts got Florida to pass the Jeffrey Johnston Stand Up for All Students Act. Better known on the national level for his community service is Martin Luther King, Jr. His efforts toward violence prevention and equality for all have stood the test of time and remain an example on how to overcome oppression without resorting to revenge, aggression and retaliation.

So, parents teach your children the importance of citizenship. Encourage them to respect and abide by the rules at school, at home and in the community. Participate in a community service project, such as bringing donations in for our Thanksgiving Food Drive which will be held November 2 – 20th. Teach them also that with every right there is a responsibility to use that right in an appropriate and respectful manner. Francis Bacon stated: "The strength of a nation lies in the character of its citizens."

During the month of October students learned about different colleges and careers. Fifth grade students are preparing for their Junior Achievement Biz Town field trip. Several students had a chance to share their dreams and research with students and staff via Channel 15 announcements. A round of applause goes to Mrs. Pomper and Ms. Haxton for sharing inspiring information about their respective alma maters Florida Atlantic University and Florida A&M University. Also, a big thank you goes out Mrs. Quinones for being our mystery career book reader, helping us learn that we can be ANYTHING!

The Just Say No Club is up and running just in time for Red

Ribbon Week. During the month of October, Just Say No Club members learned how to stand up against peer pressure. They nominated candidates, listened to speeches and elected officers for this school year. The Officers elected were: **President** Sanai Fourcand, **Vice-President** Jade Castillo, **Secretary** Julissa Cabrera, and **Treasurer** Nylamarie Belle. The club also sponsored a contest where club members wrote about and illustrated how they were heroes at home, in school and in the community. Third grade essay winners: **1st Place** Dunia Castro **2nd Place** Kaleb Corbin **3rd Place** James Garcia **Honorable Mention** Jayden Stacy. Fourth grade essay

winners: **1st Place** Jade Castillo **2nd** Carlos Almanza **3rd Place** Julissa Cabrera & **Honorable Mention** Ryan Stacy. Third grade poster winners: **1st Place** Carianna Cotto, **2nd Place** Emani Cartwright, **3rd Place** Deborah Venerio & **Honorable Mention** Alicemaday Valdes. Fourth grade poster winners: **1st Place** Kevin Iglesias, **2nd** Alyssa Cabrera **3rd Place** Alexa Medina and **Honorable Mention** James Kelly and Jennipher Barco. All of these hard working champions did a great job and showed that kids can be Super Heroes!

Red Ribbon Week was celebrated October 26 – 30th. Students learned a lot of valuable information about drugs and the negative effects they have on an individual's life and on their body. The Just Say NO Club members presented information on Channel 15 and each grade level participated with a special project. Students received complimentary passes to Galaxy Skateway when they pledged to be DRUG FREE.

A big shout out goes to Officer Rios for arranging a special assembly with Detective Boklean, the DEA dogs and their trainer. Students and staff both enjoyed learning about where illegal drugs come from and the important part that these intelligent dogs play in keeping our communities safe.

Did you see how beautiful our school looked decorated with our winners' work, red ribbons, posters and banners? A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Suarez for her assistance with Red Ribbon Week activities.





Mrs. Quinones
Reading Corner

I would like to share some tips for families to create successful readers.

1. Choose a Quiet Time and Place

Set aside a quiet time with no distractions. Find a comfortable place to sit together.

2. Help Your Child Select Books

Consider titles that are appropriate based on their interests and reading ability.

3. Expand Language and Vocabulary

Explain new words to your child. Encourage them to use them.

4. Build Reading Stamina

Reread familiar books with your child and allow them to read and work on their fluency.



“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

**October's
Champion of Character**

Pre-K / Kindergarten

Mrs. Munoz-Ayannah Hough
Mrs. Biesel- Jaser Bakis
Mrs. Hill-Neveah Lamb
Mrs. Major-Dustin Osceola
Mrs. Uribe-Amarilis Escobar

First Grade

Mrs. Estrada- Bryan Renaga
Ms. Guffey-Jaiden Degree
Mrs. Hess-Wyatt Allen
Ms. Loffredo-Lanie Tucker
Ms. Morra-Savannah Hanks

Second Grade

Ms. Ackley-Josue Vazquez
Mrs. Gonzalez-Jordan Potts
Mrs. Jones-Marcos Perez
Ms. Matthews-Carolina Bobadilla
Ms. Martinez-Alivia Ochoa
Ms. Rosati-Melinda Baviria

Third Grade

Mrs. Akel-Kevin Garcia
Mrs. Coleman-Brandon Bone
Ms. London-Brianna Longo
Mrs. Loubriel-Kedeline Henricy

Fourth Grade

Mrs. Guffey-Aaniyah Jonson
Mrs. Kefalas-Natalie Morales
Ms. Schlitz-Angel Mamposo
Ms. Whitaker-Yajaira Lemus

Fifth Grade

Ms. Kolitides-Sophia Schiaffino
Mrs. Cento-Helena Presutti
Mrs. Warren-Matthew Bryan
Mr. Wetcher-Emmanuel Castillo

Mrs. Lewis-Sofia Guarisma
Mrs. Warren-Camryn Kelly
Mr. Boylan- Jesus Recarte

Students of the Month

Sophia Schiaffino
Matthew Bryan

Teacher of Character

Mrs. Leff

Staff of Character

Mrs. Mohler



Red Ribbon Week



Even the teachers got involved



Just Say No Officers



Mrs. Gonzalez's Class



BSO gives a presentation



4th Grade Essay Winners



Mrs. Hill's Class



3rd Grade Essay Winners



Mrs. Martinez's Class



Red Ribbon Week goes to the dogs.



"Just Say No" essay Winners



Aftercare Class





"Just Say No" decorating



Aftercare Class

NOVEMBER



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	3	4	5	6 4th Grade Field Trip "The Science of Magic" Parker Playhouse
9 5th grade Field Trip "JA Biztown" 	10	11 No School – Veterans Day 	12 Report Cards McDonald's Night 5:00 – 7:00 PM Stirling Road and Davie Road Ext	13 Fundraiser goes home
16	17 4th Grade Field Trip "Sacagawea" Parker Playhouse 	18	19 Interim Reports Papa John's Family Night  5th grade Field Trip "The Lightning Thief" Parker Playhouse	20 \$ Driftwood Aftercare Payment Due 19th & 20th Awards Assembly 3rd – 8:30 AM, 4th – 9:00 AM, 5th – 9:30 AM
23	24	25 No School Thanksgiving	26 No School Thanksgiving	27 No School Thanksgiving
Happy Thanksgiving 				
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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 NW 22nd Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311
Phone: 954-733-6476
<http://www.ch-sh.org>

**Broward County's District Parent Involvement
Website**

<https://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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