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Team 9, The Dueling Dragon Newsletter



Dear Parents,

I hope your Holidays were wonderful! Many of you were able to participate in the Holiday Dinner, it was a great success. Over twenty families attended. Thank you for your generosity and support!

The next couple of weeks are very important because **FCAT** will be taking place. It is very important that your children sleep well and have a good breakfast. Included in this newsletter are important dates for the FCAT. Please have these dates handy so that your child is well-prepared for this very important test.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. As always, thank you for your continued support!!!!

Mrs. A. Rodriguez, BMT

A Message from the Teachers

Ms. Fair would like to let you know...

During this nine week session, students will be concentrating on classifying angles, polygons, triangles, quadrilaterals, etc., as well as, assessing linear relationships. Students will continue FCAT preparation via FCAT workbooks and sharpen up textbooks.

Mr. Ribot would like to say...

These nine weeks will be dedicated to projects, projects, projects... U.S. History will be completing projects on famous Generals from the Revolutionary War. Civics classes will pick U.S. Presidents to write their research papers on. Finally, my Geography class will pick a country they want to visit and complete a project on that country.

QUEST Staff

- Carla Rivas**, Assistant Principal
- Ronit Branciforte**, Program Specialist
- Alina Rodriguez**, Behavior Management Teacher
- Jeanette Gonzalez**, SED Clinician
- Jennifer Blackmore**, Art Therapist
- Gene Muldavin**, EH Counselor

SED Teachers

- Nelson Villegas**
Science, Social Personal, and Social Studies
- Erica Franco**
Language Arts, Math, and Reading

EH Teachers

- Janice Fair**
Reading and Math
- Juan Ribot**
Social Studies and Social Personal
- TBA**
Science and Reading
- Aliette Alcala**
Language Arts and Reading

Paraprofessionals

- Peggy Jenkins**, SED
- Osmy Jorin**, SED
- Laura Salmeron**, EH
- Leslie Robles**, EH

A Message from the Teachers(Cont.)

Ms. Alcalá would like to say...

FCAT is HERE!!! Please remember to check that your child is completing their homework and most important reading 30 minutes daily.

Ms. Franco would like you to know...

These nine weeks we will be working on several new things and reviewing for the FCAT. **ALL** of my students have assignments posted on Riverdeep (a Language Arts/Reading and Math website, that is free to all Miami-Dade County Public School students). To access this website, please log on to: <http://riverdeep.dadeschools.net/>. The login and password is their student ID. Also all students have access to FCAT Explorer (a website that has **REAL** FCAT questions in Math and Language Arts/Reading so that the students can prepare themselves for the test). To access this website, please log on to <http://www.fcatexplorer.com/>. The students have their login and password, which *should* be the same, written in their agenda. All of my students will receive an extra credit **A** for the nine weeks as encouragement for completing assignments, test, and time spent on each program.

Mr. Villegas says...

In the third nine weeks our students will be learning about our nation's history, from the early pioneers and founders of our country, the wars that have defined our nation, and the creation of the government we have today. They will also be diving into the worlds of earthquakes, volcanoes, and space exploration in science.

Counseling News

An important component that our Q.U.E.S.T. Program offers is clinical services. All our students work with a clinician. If you are interested in speaking to your child's clinician or would like to get further information, please contact us.

Mr. Muldavin, EH Clinician

Ms. Gonzalez, SED Clinician

ext. 2717

Ms. Blackmore, Art Therapist

ext. 2715

Upcoming Events

Progress Reports will go out February 1st

Early Release will be on February 16th and March 16th. Students will be dismissed at 1:30.

Field Trip to the Miami-Dade County Fair and Expo on Friday, March 24th

FCAT

These are the dates that the FCAT will be taking place:

February 7th: 8th Grade Writing Test

March 13th: 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Reading Test

March 14th: 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Mathematics Test

March 20th: 8th Grade Science Test

March 22nd: 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade NRT Reading and Mathematics Test

Keep Shining!!!!

The following students received awards for the **Second Quarter**:

Eric Rojas

Laura Monnier-Bogat

Friedrich Rasch

Luis Alonso

Mathias Grossy

Luis Algarin-Gill

Briana Williams

Lazaro Oliver

Joshua Merrit

Kenneth McEwen

Jonathan Verrier

Sean Marcel

Christian Crocker

Jeremy Knowles

Kyle Stewart

Raidel Godoy

Ashley Trejo

Zachary Roca

Lazaro Perez

Juan Reyes

Eddie Espinosa

Joshua Suero

Amanda Cruz

Paulee Serrano

Alex Rodriguez-Baez