

SUPERINTENDENT'S WEEKLY UPDATE

October 30, 2009

Florida Attorney General Commends Washington Collado For His Commitment to Education

As part of National Hispanic Heritage Month, Attorney General Bill McCollum commends Washington Collado, principal at Lyons Creek Middle School, for his commitment to education. Collado was born in the Dominican Republic in a small town called Janico. He grew up surrounded by educators; his mother, and eight of his uncles and aunts were all teachers. Collado began his career in education in 1986, teaching Spanish and English in New York high schools. In 1992, he moved to Florida, where he continued teaching in Miami-Dade County. In 1998, he joined Broward County Public Schools to write and design curriculum, with particular knowledge of the contributions of Latinos, African Americans and women in United States history. Collado was promoted to assistant principal at Coconut Creek High School and later appointed principal at Lyons Creek Middle School, where he continues to serve. Throughout his career, Collado has devoted his time to encouraging parents to increase their involvement in the school system. For more than 13 years, he has participated of the “El Gran Domingo” radio show helping parents and students to be successful and reach higher potentials. He is also a weekly columnist for *El Nuevo Herald* and has written numerous educational articles for other newspapers and magazines.

Junior Achievement Partners with Broward County Public Schools

Junior Achievement World in partnership with Broward County Public Schools is providing an opportunity for all 5th and 8th grade students to attend BizTown and Finance Park. Fifth grade students will learn about entrepreneurship, financial literacy, economics, free enterprise and foundation of business. Upon completion of the nearly 20 hours of curriculum, students will have an opportunity to visit BizTown for a firsthand experience on running a business as a CEO, CFO or an employee. Students will also learn the inner workings of city government. Eighth grade students will learn about the economic benefits of education, explore career options, learn job-hunting skills and practice personal and family financial management. At the end of their classroom learning experience, students will visit Junior Achievement Finance Park to participate in simulation of

life experiences, and will have to create and manage a balanced family budget.

Junior achievement is providing our students with real life experience, something they will take with them for many years. Junior Achievement is located at the Broward College North Campus.

Students Will Learn More About College Options at the Annual National College Fair

The Greater Fort Lauderdale National College Fair will take place on Thursday, November 5, from 5 to 8:30 p.m. and on Friday, November 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center. Attending a college fair is an excellent way for students and their parents to gather information about colleges and universities. The fair allows students and parents to meet one-on-one with admission representatives from a wide range of national and international, public and private, two-year and four-year colleges and universities. Participants will learn about admission requirements, financial aid, course offerings, and campus environment, as well as other information pertinent to the college-selection process. Requesting information from multiple colleges and universities at the fair this year has been made easy through pre-registration online at (www.gotomyncf.com). District Guidance staff under the leadership of Ralph Aiello and Alan Negin has spearheaded local efforts.

Broward Enterprise Education Portal (BEEP) Setting District Records

BEEP's Student and Teacher Portals both recorded record highs for the month of September. In September 2008, the Teacher Portal was authenticated with username and password 22,541 times. In September 2009, this number increased to 97,497. In September 2008, the online textbook area of the Student Portal was accessed 13,795 times. In September 2009, that number increased to 55,208 times. Also, in September 2008, the Student Portal was accessed 44,545 times and increased to 134,371 times in September 2009.

Broward County's Character Trait for October is Responsibility:
RESPONSIBILITY: *Meeting obligations by being reliable, accountable and dependable to self.*