



Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

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M-DCPS RECOGNIZES PERFORMANCE OF TOP PRINCIPALS AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Miami-Dade County Public Schools recognized outstanding principals and assistant principals at a performance pay ceremony held November 2, 2011, in the School Board Administration Building auditorium in downtown Miami.

School Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman joined Superintendent of Schools Alberto M. Carvalho in commending the top administrators for their accomplishments in increasing student achievement and for their hours of dedicated service.



School Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman at the Performance Pay Ceremony

Miami-Dade was already the first school district in the state to reward teachers for their performance under Race to the Top (RTTT). The state does not require performance pay plans by school districts until 2014. However, M-DCPS was able to achieve this goal thanks to the support of the United Teachers of Dade and the School Board members who have strongly maintained their commitment to local classrooms. This time, the school system was able to offer some financial support to those administrators who lead and inspire teachers to accomplish the goal of educating students.

District 4 School Highlights

- The Special Education Technology class at **Hialeah Middle School** used their skills, equipment and abilities to create special ornaments to send to our armed forces serving overseas. They contributed these ornaments to "Project Rudolph" which was created to give deployed service members a bit of holiday cheer. The design of the ornament is a three-dimensional hand in the shape of the "I Love You" sign used in American Sign Language. This shape is cut onto one side of a three-inch wooden disk and engraved with a quote on the other side. The students used various species of wood and finished it with a clear finish to give each ornament a unique look with their grain and color.
- **Palm Springs Middle School** was highlighted in the November edition of the Dream in Green newsletter for its efforts with the energy challenge. The school formed a Green Team in October and now coordinates efforts with the school's green committee which meets once a month. The environmental club students were also recognized in the newsletter for creating forty Energy Board Games that could be used to raise energy conservation awareness.
- **Hialeah Gardens Senior High School** was awarded a 21st Century Community Learning Center grant to serve 250 students through an innovative after school program targeting academic enrichment in reading/language arts and science and mathematics. Award winning teachers will lead students in small groups as they implement project-based learning activities, holistic service-learning experiences, and authentic community service projects.
- The Academy of Biomedical Careers at **American Senior High School** was recognized by the Nation Career Academy Coalition as a "Model Academy". Students will have an opportunity to articulate to post-secondary institutions leading to technical and professional degrees in the medical field, as well as industry certification as nursing assistants and first responders.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Upcoming Dates to Note:

School Board Meeting

December 14, 2011

Teacher Planning day

December 19, 2011

Winter Recess

December 20, 2011-
January 2, 2012

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



District 4 Schools Participated in Town of Miami Lakes Veteran's Day Parade

