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The School Board of Miami-Dade County

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BOARD APPROVES THREE ITEMS PROPOSED BY BOARD CHAIR RECOGNIZING A SPECIAL TEACHER, NINE POSTER CONTEST WINNERS AND THE 2011 SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SAFETY CAMPAIGN CONTEST WINNERS

The School Board unanimously approved three items proposed by Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman.

The Board voted to:

- Recognize Ms. Ana Soto, a Social Studies teacher and Law Academy leader at Hialeah Senior High School, for winning the 2010-2011 "Un Maestro Especial" award from Univision 23.
- Recognize the nine student winners of *Clean Up and Green Up* poster contest sponsored by the Community Image Advisory Board and the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners.
- The board also voted to recognize six winners of the 2011 Senior High School Student Safety Campaign Contest sponsored by the Miami-Dade County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the School District to promote pedestrian and vehicle driver safety at the senior high level.



School Board Chair recognizes Bryan Ledesma, a student at South Hialeah Elementary School. Bryan was the first place winner for the *Clean Up and Green Up* Poster Contest .

• CLEAN UP AND GREEN UP POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

First Place Winners: Bryan Ledesma, Ghalya Lherisson and Elizabeth Morales

Second Place Winners: Anny Auris, David Baptiste and Chi Nguyen

Third Place Winners: Katelyn Mora, Daniel Singer and Jose Escobar

• 2011 SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SAFETY CAMPAIGN CONTEST WINNERS

Poster Contest: Anthony Demalas – First Place, Genesis Guardado -Second Place and Kelvin R. Nuñez – Third Place

PSA Contest: Amanda Borges and Natalie Avellanet- First Place, Johanny Hernandez, Second Place and Manuel López– Third Place

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR SPONSORS CELEBRATION OF CUBAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

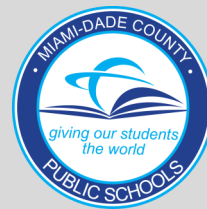


School Board Chair joins a group of participating students.

Ms. Hantman has sponsored the celebration of Cuban Independence Day "20 de Mayo" at M.A. Milam K-8 Center for the past eight years. On this commemorative day, Cuba ceased being a colony and joined the community of free democratic republics in the Western Hemisphere.

"As an educator and as Chair of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, it is my goal to promote the teaching of civic values and freedom. I believe that as adults, we have the duty to transmit to the younger generations our historical heritage and culture.

It is important that all students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools learn democratic principles. It is this knowledge that lays the solid foundation for becoming a responsible citizen and ensures a democratic future," said Ms. Hantman.



Upcoming Dates to Note:

June School Board Meeting
June 15, 2011

Last Day of School
June 9, 2011

District 4 Highlights

Ernest R. Graham Elementary School was recognized with an EMI Award (Educational Merit and Inspiration). The school received EMI Awards in the following categories: Mayra Alfaro for Principal of the Year, Karen Belusic for Assistant Principal of the Year, and Maria Socarras for Parent of the Year.

Hialeah Gardens Middle School's basketball team went 3-0 to be reigned champions of the Jr. Orange Bowl Tournament. Congratulations to Dylan Frye, Raul Frias, Yulian Gomez, Xebastian Aguilar, David Macineira, Aland Martinez, Richard Luis, Matthew Pineda, Juan De La Cruz, and Quevaris Williams for leading the team to the championship.

Hialeah Middle School students traveled to Orlando for the Music USA Spring Festival and received a Superior Rating and First Place in the Middle School Concert Band Category. They also won the Middle School Grand Champion Award for Instrumental Music.

Henry H. Filer Middle School was named winner of the Healthy Schools Program for the National Recognition Awards in the Bronze category. They will receive their award this summer.

CONGRATULATIONS!