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### MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS NAMED BROAD PRIZE FINALIST FOR THE FOURTH TIME

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) was named a finalist for The Broad Prize for Urban Education, an annual award that honors urban school districts across the country that are making the greatest progress in raising student achievement. This marks the fourth time that M-DCPS has been recognized, after being a finalist in 2006, 2007 and 2008.

The Broad Prize honors urban school districts that demonstrate the greatest overall performance and improvement in student achievement while reducing achievement gaps among ethnic groups and between high- and low- income students.

M-DCPS students outperformed students in many major U.S. cities in the 2009 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Trial Urban District Report (TUDA) in science, mathematics and reading.

The winner of The Broad Prize, was announced September 20, 2011, in Washington, D.C. As one of the finalists, M-DCPS received \$150,000 in college scholarships.



School Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman in Washington, D.C. at the Broad Prize Ceremony



### Upcoming Dates to Note:

**School Board Meeting**  
October 19, 2011

**Teen Driver Safety Week**  
October 16-22

**International Walk to School Celebration at Flamingo Elementary School**  
October 25, 2011

**Teacher Planning Day**  
October 28, 2011

**HAVE A SAFE HALLOWEEN!**



### ACTIVITIES DURING THE MONTH

## District 4 School Highlights

- **Bob Graham Education Center** was awarded the Five Star School Award for the 2010 - 2011 school year. This award is given by the Florida Department of Education and identifies schools with outstanding business partners, PTAs, volunteers, student services and The Educational Excellence School Advisory Council (EESAC). It recognizes building teamwork within the school and the community. Only 25 schools in the state were given the award.
- For the second year in a row, students at **Twin Lakes Elementary School** have the opportunity to participate in a special program through the Florida Youth Symphony. Every Wednesday after school, approximately 30 students receive guitar lessons at no cost from a professionally trained teacher that comes to the school. Students are provided with guitars free of charge to use during the time they will be participating in these guitar lessons. Funding for the guitar teacher and guitars comes through a grant secured by the Florida Youth Symphony.
- **American Senior High School** is hosting 5 Saturday FCAT Success Tutorial Sessions starting September 10 through October 8, 2011, for all FCAT Retake students. Each session is held from 8 AM to 11 AM. Snacks are provided as well.
- **Miami Lakes K-8 Center** hosted Grandparent's Day this month. Over 300 grandparents and great grandparents were treated to a delicious breakfast, and then were invited to visit the classrooms of their grandchildren. The teachers and students welcomed the grandparents with poetry, songs, and creative activities that involved the grandparents during their special day.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



Perla Tabares Hantman visits classroom at Coral Way K-8 Center during the Legislative Delegation Yellow Bus Tour



Ms. Hantman and Superintendent Carvalho with Commissioner of Education Gerard Robinson during his visit to our District