



Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

The School Board of Miami-Dade County

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THE MIAMI-DADE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES FOUR ITEMS PROPOSED BY BOARD CHAIR PERLA TABARES HANTMAN RECOGNIZING EDUCATORS, A NATIONAL SAFETY INITIATIVE, COMMEMORATING CUBA'S INDEPENDENCE AND HONORING A COMMUNITY MEMBER

The School Board unanimously approved four items proposed by Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman at its regular meeting.

The School Board voted to:

- Recognize May 8, 2012 as National Teacher Day.
- Endorse the National "Click It or Ticket" Safety Campaign, May 21 – June 3, 2012.
- Commemorate the 110th Anniversary of the Independence of Cuba from Spain – May 20, 2012
- Recognize Martha Flores for her outstanding commitment and dedication to our community.



Miami-Dade School Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman was the keynote speaker at Miami Lakes Chamber of Commerce Annual Educational Day Luncheon on April 4, 2012

Speaking about the items, Ms. Hantman said, "Miami-Dade County Public Schools appreciates and values its teaching professionals, who are passionate about student success in the classroom and beyond. While in support of the national 2012 Click It or Ticket campaign, Ms. Hantman acknowledged that increased enforcement of seat belt laws coupled with public awareness has proven to be an effective method to decrease fatal crashes." In addition Ms. Hantman stated, "The commemoration of the 110th anniversary of the independence of Cuba from Spain provides an opportunity for Cuban Americans to reflect on their heritage and share it with the community." Finally, in recognizing Ms. Martha Flores, Ms. Hantman thanked her for her long time commitment of using her popular radio show to voice important educational, social, and critical issues of interest to our community .



Upcoming Dates to Note:

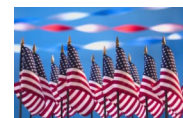
Secondary Early Release Day
May 3, 2012

Mother's Day
May 13, 2012

School Board Meeting
May 16, 2012

110th Anniversary of Cuba's Independence
May 20, 2012

Memorial Day (Holiday)
May 28, 2012



Dedication of the Bob Graham Living Educational Exhibit at the Bob Graham Education Center in Miami Lakes



District 4 School Highlights

- **Jose Marti MAST 6-12 Academy** will be living up to their school motto, "Where Learning Means More Doing". This science based school will begin the first phase of their plan to build a real natural habitat forest on May 18th. With a little help from a National Wildlife Federation grant and the expertise of Richard Lyons Nursery in South Dade, students will be planting over 100 trees in their own backyard of the school. In the future, students will benefit from the study of plants and animals as the forest grows over the years.
- **Henry H. Filer Middle School's** Dance Team recently competed against numerous other dance teams from across the nation. Led by Desiree Sardo, Dance Teacher, this team obtained first place in the nation for the ninth year in a row. The students participated in three categories: solo, trio, and school group. This incredible team earned first place at each event.
- **Hialeah Senior High School** — Junior Natalie Antunez is one of five recipients nation-wide of the Leonore Annenberg Scholarship Fund, a project of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania. The scholarship includes tuition, books, living expenses, travel, a new computer, and may be used at any school Natalie selects. The criteria used in the selection process includes outstanding academic performance, community service, and a demonstration of outstanding character.
- **Hialeah Gardens Senior High School** was a recipient of the Grammy Signature Schools Enterprise Award, which recognizes their efforts to expand music education opportunities. The GRAMMY Signature Schools program was created in 1998 and recognizes top U.S. public high schools that are making an outstanding commitment to music education during an academic school year.

