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THE MIAMI-DADE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES TWO ITEMS PROPOSED BY BOARD CHAIR PERLA TABARES HANTMAN ENDORSING 2012 'WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL' SAFETY FLYER, ENCOURAGING STUDENT PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE SAFETY INITIATIVES AND DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 15 THROUGH OCTOBER 15 AS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The School Board unanimously approved two items proposed by Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman at its regularly scheduled meeting. The first agenda item endorsed the 2012 'Welcome Back to School' Safety Flyer for distribution during the first week of school. For the past six years, the Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST), a team of multi-jurisdictional agencies under the sponsorship of the Florida Department of Transportation, has partnered with the District to promote student pedestrian/bicycle safety in the community.

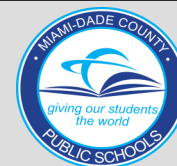
The second item designated September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month in Miami Dade County Public Schools as a way of recognizing the many contributions of Hispanics to American history.

The Board voted to:

- Endorse 2012 'Welcome Back to School' Safety Flyer, encouraging student pedestrian/bicycle safety initiatives
- Designate September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools as a way of recognizing the many contributions of Hispanics to American History.



School Board Chair addressing the audience at The Superintendent's Opening of Schools Address which took place on Friday, August 10, 2012, at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County.



Upcoming Dates to Note:

Labor Day

September 3, 2012

School Board Meeting

September 5, 2012



Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15 - October 15, 2012

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL PHOTOS



District 4 School Highlights

- **Ben Sheppard Elementary School** welcomed students into the newly formed STEM Academy for students entering grades 3-5. The academy will provide students with a challenging curriculum that will expose them to critical thinking through the extensive study of the nature of science, mathematics, and technology. This program will provide a feeder opportunity for students wishing to advance their interests in science, mathematics, and technology by attending the Jose Marti MAST 6-12 Academy after completion of fifth grade.
- **Lawton Chiles Middle School** - On August 19, 2012, Miami Dolphins Women's Organization and Sears Roebuck and Co. sponsored and hosted a shopping spree event held at the Broward Mall. Ten deserving students spent the day shopping for school clothing and supplies.
- **Henry H. Filer Middle School** is one of four schools in the District that will be implementing the Springboard Curriculum for the 2012-2013 school year. This curriculum is correlated with the College Board and prepares middle school students with the strategies that are necessary for success in the Advanced Academic programs, Advanced Placement classes and College Readiness. The program will be implemented in Language Arts and Math in grades 6-8.
- **Miami Lakes Educational Center** - Three students were the top winners in the Humane Society of Greater Miami's Be Kind to Animals Art Contest, a once a year event that honors the unique relationship between animals and humans.

