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**Upcoming Dates to Note:**

**School Board Meeting**  
December 10, 2014

**Winter Recess**  
December 22, 2014 -  
January 2, 2015



**Swearing In Ceremony**  
Held on  
**November 18, 2014, at**  
**the School Board Ad-**  
**ministration Building**

School Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman was honored on Saturday, November 15 at the 2014 Ray of Hope Gala to benefit South Florida Autism Charter Schools, Inc. Ms. Hantman was recognized for her outstanding contributions to education and the safety and well-being of the children of South Florida. South Florida Autism Charter Schools, Inc. provides education and services to students diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders.



**DISTRICT 4 HIGHLIGHTS**

- **John G. DuPuis Elementary** - Miami-Dade Schools K-9 Unit visited John G. DuPuis Elementary School on November 3, 2014, to begin the Gun Safety Awareness Campaign. Students in K-through 3rd grade participated and were given important tips on what to do if they encounter a gun.



- **M.A. Milam K-8 Center** - On Saturday, November 1, 2014, M.A. Milam K-8 Center's Troupe 88685 participated in the Junior Thespian District Festival. The students competed in the following categories: Monologues, Duet Acting, and Pantomime. The school's talented actors earned six Superior Awards and three Excellent Awards. All of the students qualified for the State competition to be held in February 2015.
- **Hialeah Gardens Senior High School** - The boys' swim team finished first in the District for the fourth time in a row. Led by Coach Nehme, the boys continued their success in regionals with a second place finish. Arthur Cordoves and Sebastian Valencia were the first boys in school history to qualify for the State swim meet in an individual event.
- **Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School** - On Saturday, November 1, 2014, the Marching Band earned first place in Class 1A at the final regional competition, giving them their Second Class championship of the season. Senior Kevin Baluja earned Best in Class 1A Drum Major, while the band took home Best in Class Visuals and General Effect.

