

## Upcoming Activities September

- Sept 7<sup>th</sup> - Labor Day- NO SCHOOL
- Sept 9<sup>th</sup> - Twiglet Bank Opens @ 6:00 p.m
- Sept 9<sup>th</sup> - Spaghetti Dinner at 5:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria and Open House at 7:00 p.m.
- Sept 14<sup>th</sup> - Teacher Planning Day - NO SCHOOL
- Sept 16<sup>th</sup> - Pizza Sale - Ms. Bernal
- Sept 16<sup>th</sup> - Join Scouting Night
- Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> - Teacher Planning Day - NO SCHOOL
- Sept 24<sup>th</sup> - Interim Progress Reports Sent Home
- Sept 25<sup>rd</sup> - Jean Day \$1.00
- Sept 30<sup>th</sup> - Pizza Sale - Ms. Thompson



# David Fairchild Elementary PTA Fall 2015 Newsletter

## DFE 60th Anniversary



### Welcome Back

We are excited to have another

**"A"wesome** school year!

We hope you enjoy our

**David Fairchild Elementary Newsletter**

The PTA is looking forward to better connecting with our wonderful school community at David Fairchild Elementary.



## Open House & Annual Spaghetti Dinner



Please join us for the Annual Spaghetti Dinner on **Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** Sponsored by **Randazzo's Little Italy** Restaurant. This event is the PTA's first fundraiser of the school year. Tickets can be purchased prior to the event for **\$8** or at the door for **\$10**.

The spaghetti dinner will be held in the school cafeteria.

**David Fairchild Elementary School's Open House** will follow the dinner at **7:00 p.m.** The Open House will give you an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and about what your child is learning and will learn throughout the year.



### Teacher and Staff Birthdays

- 9/1 Ms. Jennifer Milian
- 9/3 Mr. Rene Teboe
- 9/16 Mr. Michael Serantes
- 9/19 Ms. Elizabeth Warren
- 9/20 Ms. Nancy Jimenez
- 9/21 Mr. David Brito
- 9/24 Ms. Robin DeLaurier
- 9/24 Ms. Mercy Hernandez
- 9/29 Ms. Micaela Acea
- 9/30 Ms. Juliete Casanova-Perez

### Fall Fundraiser

Parents please mark your calendars. **Our Fall Fundraiser** began **September 1st**. Get a head start on your holiday shopping and show your support for our school. This year's fundraiser will include great home good items such as kitchen must haves, lunch bags, wrapping paper, chocolates, and much more! This is our PTA's most significant fundraiser. Funds raised will benefit many essential school programs.

**Let's get ready to shop! Thank you for all your support**



**BOX TOPS** It's time to turn in all the Box Tops you collected over the summer. Place trimmed box tops (non-expired) in a clear plastic Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name and homeroom teacher. Box Tops will be counted and tallied for each homeroom. Prizes are awarded to the classrooms that submit the most box tops.



**LET'S GET THE BALL OVER THE GOAL LINE FOR OUR KIDS!**

Join the PTA by December 11th. Membership is only \$10 per adult and is open to all parents, grandparents and friends that would like to support our school. Classes that obtain 100% adult participation will receive a free pizza party!





Lauren's Kids has partnered with David Fairchild Elementary to raise awareness about their organization, which seeks to prevent child sexual abuse through education and awareness, and help survivors heal with guidance and support. They have placed an environmentally friendly, aesthetically pleasing recycling bin in front of the school, where the students and their families can drop off clothing, shoes and household items. Each quarter, our school will receive an easy to read report - generated through state-of-the-art Smart Bin Technology - showing how many pounds of clothing, shoes and household items were recycled in our school's bin. Along with the report, our school will receive a check for \$0.05 per pound. The more goods our school collects, the bigger the check!



The old **playground** has been removed and the area is being prepared for the installation and fencing that will surround the playground equipment. The students in Pre-K through 1st grade will be enjoying very soon a brand new playground equipment located by the PE Shelter.

### RECRUITING PARENTS TO SERVE AS EESAC MEMBERS

DFE is looking for new members to join the 2015-2016 Educational Excellence School Advisory Council (EESAC). The group meets four to six times a year on Wednesdays at 2:15 p.m. for approximately an hour to discuss important issues, such as the School Improvement Plan. If you are interested in joining, please complete/sign the **EESAC** form that will be sent home, including a brief personal/professional background paragraph. The form must be returned to your child's teacher by **Friday, September 18th**. In the event that responses exceed the number of vacant council seats, your biography paragraph will be shared with all parents who will then vote for the new members.

**Closed Campus** Parents may not accompany their child past the school entrance gate during morning drop off. This is for the safety and protection of our students. If you must speak with a teacher please send the teacher an email or make an appointment to have a parent conference with the teacher. Pre-K parents may walk their children to the classroom with the designated Pre-K pass.

**Uniform Policy** David Fairchild Elementary is a mandatory uniform school. All students are required to wear the school uniform. This uniform consists of: red polo shirt (collar with three buttons) or PTA T-shirt and khaki pants, skorts, or jumpers. All footwear must be a closed shoe or sneaker style, no opened-toed shoes and no sandals. Special event T-shirts, such as Field Day shirts can be worn only during the event and not as a part of their regular uniform.

**Twiglet Bank** Our **red caboose** on campus (called the Twiglet Bank) is an actual Bank of the First National Bank of South Miami. Our fifth grade students operate this bank every Wednesday from 1:50 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Your child can deposit his/her money into a savings account or open a new savings account. If you have any questions you may call the school at (305) 665-5483 or the First National Bank of South Miami at (305) 667-5511 located 5750 Sunset Drive, South Miami.

**Lunch Bunch** It is a special reading program at DFE for students in **Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade**.

Registered Volunteer parents/guardians come to school during lunchtime and read age-appropriate books to an assigned group of children. It is a fun and fulfilling experience for both the children and volunteer readers! If you would like your Pre-K - 2<sup>nd</sup> graders to participate, simply complete and sign the light blue permission form that was sent home with your child(ren), and return to the teacher. If, in addition, YOU would like to participate as a volunteer reader for your class, please also complete the other side of the light blue form -- indicating your schedule availability. **(Note to volunteer readers: Don't forget to sign up as an official MDCPS volunteer at the Parent Portal)** We are proud to continue this rewarding Lunch Bunch tradition at DFE and hope you can join us. Our children really do look forward to these special lunchtime story-reading opportunities!



## David Fairchild PTA is your PTA!

We are here for you and your children!  
Please support us and volunteer with us!

We are looking forward to meeting and volunteering with you!

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