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HOT OFF THE WIRE

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has much to be thankful for during this season of gratitude.

As the nation's third largest school district and best choice in educational excellence, choice, innovation and safety, M-DCPS accounted for an impressive 21 percent of Florida schools designated as **Schools of EXCELLENCE** in the 2024-25 school year on the list the State Board of Education released recently.

In addition, among large urban school districts, M-DCPS had the highest percentage of Florida schools designated as Schools of Excellence in the 2024-2025 school year. Of these large districts, M-DCPS more than doubles the next largest district, highlighting its statewide leadership.

Click [here](#) for the full school list and to read more.

Tuesday, November 11, is **Veterans Day**.

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week begins Monday, November 17.

Fall Recess for 10-month employees begins Monday, November 24.

Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, November 27.

iLead

"iLead by measuring success not in numbers and titles, but in moments – the spark in a student's eyes, the quiet confidence after a struggle, the voice that dares to speak up."

— Vivian Ventura

2026 M-DCPS Teacher of the Year
Magnet Orchestra Director
Southwood Middle School

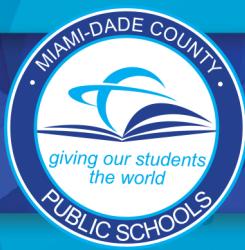
BODY & MIND

While memory exercises can help in the here and now, these have not been shown to benefit memory in the long run. Look ahead toward brain health with teas, music, meditation, physical activity, puzzles, chess, skill toys, good sleep, and a balanced diet containing fruits, vegetables, grains, and healthy fats.

ABOVE & BEYOND

Barbara Marquez is a security monitor at Gloria Floyd Elementary. Her welcoming presence and positive attitude, as first point of contact, is where she builds strong personal relationships, knowing most students and parents by name. Ms. Marquez radiates care, warmth, and empathy, contributing greatly to a secure and belonging-filled school environment. Ms. Marquez is one more reason M-DCPS is your best choice in staff and student **SAFETY**.





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Best Choice in Employee Development

M-DCPS and Grand Canyon University (GCU) have announced an expanded scholarship partnership, designed to support the educational advancement of M-DCPS high school graduates, support personnel, and their families.

GCU will offer a tuition scholarship to current M-DCPS support staff who enroll in the Bachelor of Science in Educational Studies program through the Participants in Learning, Leading, and Serving (PLLS) Program.

The one-year scholarship term will remain in effect through the 2025-2026 academic year, with opportunities for renewal and continued collaboration. Click [here](#) to read more.



Race for Innovation

Join the M-DCPS Foundation for the 11th annual run/walk and family fun day dedicated to promoting health and wellness on March 7, 2026 at Maurice A. Ferre Park, located at 1075 Biscayne Blvd, Miami, FL 33132.

Participants are encouraged to select a school and run on behalf of that school's team. A portion of event proceeds benefit schools with participating school teams. Fees begin at \$20 for students and \$40 for adults. Beginning January 1st, registration will increase.

Click [here](#) to register. Free T-shirts and finisher medals will be presented to all registered participants.

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