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HOT OFF THE WIRE

Join us for the first-ever **Alumni305 Mixer**, where Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) alumni come together to honor our shared roots and invest in the future. The **Alumni305 Mixer** takes place on October 16, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

This vibrant evening will raise funds for high school seniors to receive first-generation scholarships. Being the first in their families to step onto a college campus with financial assistance towards tuition, books, housing or other education-related expenses makes it possible to realize their post-secondary and career dreams.

Help spread awareness among your alumni networks, former classmates, school communities, personal and professional circles, on social media and within your schools.

By coming together as one **CHOICE** alumni family, we amplify our ability to create opportunities for students who need it most.

Join us on **Thursday, October 16, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** See additional details in **Weekly Briefing #48688**. And if you haven't already done so, join the Alumni305 network at <https://mdcpsalumni.dadeschools.net/>.

October is National Principals' Month and College Application Month. Hats off to our school principals and CAP advisors! This month we also observe **Breast Cancer** and **Domestic Violence Awareness**. [Get screened!](#) Click to ask about **SAFETY planning**. October 2nd is **National Custodial Workers Recognition Day**. Show your worksite custodians some extra love!



ABOVE & BEYOND

Yolanda Agosto is a school assistant and community liaison specialist at Eneida M. Hartner Elementary (EMH). A 30-year M-DCPS veteran, she has been at EMH since the school first opened its doors. Generations of families have been welcomed by her warmth and trust their children are in safe hands. A frequent traveler of the extra mile for her school families, Ms. Agosto helps make M-DCPS your best choice.

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"iLead with the belief that a person's leadership brand is not built on a title, but on their willingness to support their team, proving that no task is too small."

— Andrew N. Ruiz
Assistant Superintendent
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BODY & MIND

"A week-long vacation once a year is not self-care. Self-care are those small, consistent acts of compassion you show yourself day in and day out."



— Wynn,
your wellness buddy



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On Excellence

Dear Wire Team,

I hope you are all doing well. I am writing to share the amazing initiative we have here at Kelsey Pharr Elementary called The Cougar Store.

During the pandemic, we had to collaborate a great deal to figure out how to keep our students motivated, both in and out of the building due to virtual learning. Through discussions and experiences at former schools, Cougar Cash was born! Using a school-wide positive reinforcement plan, common language is used to encourage students to engage in positive behavior.



Kinloch Park MS faculty and staff in front of the gates 9/24/25

Dear Wire Team,

Recently, the Kinloch Park Middle family gathered for a special moment—our faculty photo in front of the gates. We came together to commemorate not

just a place, but a piece of our shared history.

Due to safety reasons, the gates will soon be replaced. While change is necessary, it's also bittersweet. These gates have welcomed countless students, families, and staff members for more than 50 years. They've stood as a symbol of our commitment to education, community, and care.

Before they go, we captured one last

outside of the classroom as well. Students then use Cougar Cash at our biweekly Cougar Store to "purchase" items for varying prices. This ranges from pencils and notebooks to friendship bracelets and games. Maintaining this has been a labor of love I am extremely proud to share.

School Climate surveys for teachers, students, and families have all shown increases in satisfaction at Kelsey and our students truly look forward to The Cougar Store.

Thank you for sharing how lucrative this has been for our school!.

In Cougar Pride,
M. Hernandez

Bittersweet Innovation

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memory—one that will live on in our yearbook and in our hearts. This photo is a tribute to the legacy we've built together and a reminder that while structures may change, the spirit of KPMS remains strong.

Thank you for sharing our journey!

S. Coto-Gonzalez

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