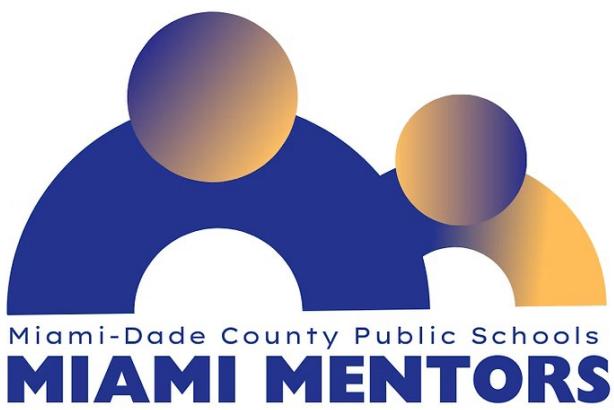


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HOT OFF THE WIRE

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) observes January as National Mentoring Month. Mentoring provides an opportunity for an adult to be a role model of **EXCELLENCE** in a child's life. A mentor helps an adolescent to see the glass as half full instead of half empty, and through devoting at least one hour a week sends a child the message that they are important in this world. [Join M-DCPS' Miami Mentors today.](#)

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. [Help stop child trafficking in our community.](#) Law Enforcement Appreciation Day was observed on January 9. January 19 is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The last week in January is National School **CHOICE** Week and Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!



ABOVE & BEYOND

Neah Krigger is a Robotics Magnet teacher at Redland Middle School. She has led her students to the international stage where they – literally and figuratively – crush their competition. Running a middle school robotics program is a massive undertaking that requires a unique blend of grit and vision. Ms. Krigger embodies both. Her dedication to her students sets a new standard for what it means to be an educator in the 21st century.

iLead

"iLead by example! Never ask anyone to do what you are not willing to do yourself. iLead with my heart – always trying to improve people's quality of life."

— Walter Hall
2025 Principal of the Year
Principal, Leisure City K-8 Center

BODY & MIND

Reworking your eating habits? When you get the urge to snack, try distracting yourself with another activity. Go for a walk, talk to a friend, brush your teeth, read a book, try drinking water or just wait 15 minutes and see how you feel.



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Innovation by the Dozen (and a Half)

Palm Springs North K-8 Center unveiled a redesigned, technology-rich Innovation Space with an Active Floor and new furniture in an open area where students can engage in creative group activities. There is also a Makerspace area, which includes robotics, arts and crafts, hands-on technology, as well as board games. Flip-and-nest tables, which can be used for classroom instruction and then stored when not in use, are also included. In addition, local tech company Dade Technology Solutions donated 50 laptops and two 3D printers.

The initiative, which is creating 18 Innovation Spaces for middle school students over the course of two years, is supported by a \$2 million partnership between M-DCPS, the College Football Playoff Foundation, the 2026 Miami Host Committee, and the Orange Bowl Committee.

Training Heart Safety

In anticipation of American Heart Month this February, M-DCPS is hosting CPR Day Miami 2026, offering an invaluable opportunity for employees, their families and the community to train and be prepared to save a life through CPR training. Nine District schools will offer CPR certification for a reduced cost of \$22 per person. A mini health and wellness resource fair and a free 45-minute CPR hands-only training will also be available at Barbara Goleman SHS, Coral Reef SHS, and Ponce De Leon MS. Register for CPR Day Miami [here](#).



A student practices performing CPR on a training device at CPR DAY Miami 2025.

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