



WORKFORCE WIRE

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HOT OFF THE WIRE

Leonardo Mouriño has been named the District's **Principal of the Year**. Mouriño has been an educator at M-DCPS for 30 years and has served as Principal at Morningside K-8 Academy for the past five years.

Elvira Ruiz-Carrillo, Ed.D., was recognized as **Assistant Principal of the Year**. Dr. Ruiz-Carrillo has served M-DCPS since 1999 and was Assistant Principal for 12 years before being promoted to Vice Principal at North Miami Senior High School.

As we approach the end of the school year, the Wire staff would like to thank you for your dedication throughout this year. Enjoy your summer!

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"iLead with a team of staff that is committed to providing the people of Miami-Dade County with life-changing educational opportunities. Together, we are upskilling the labor force and building a positive future for our communities and economy."

-René Mantilla, Assistant Superintendent
Office of Postsecondary Career & Technical Education

BODY & MIND

Glucose is an important contributor of proper bodily function. In healthy doses, like in corn, root vegetables and some fresh fruits, glucose helps produce energy. Eating foods where glucose is naturally found in moderation can curb that sweet tooth and still help maintain a healthy and balanced diet.



The last day of school is June 7 • Rapids Waterpark Educator Appreciation Day is June 10. Click [here](#) for details. • Summer Heat Professional Learning [by](#) Teachers [for](#) Teachers will be available June 12-16 at two locations. Click [here](#) for more information. • Juneteenth is June 19

ARE YOU READY?



ABOVE & BEYOND

Enma Morales is a Lead Security Monitor at Paul W. Bell Middle School. A member of the M-DCPS family for 20 years, she prioritizes efficiency, jumping in to assist the office and custodial personnel when shorthanded. Equally important to her is student safety, which is evident to parents, who entrust their children to her care during the earliest drop-offs and latest pick-ups.

Godspeed!

This June, M-DCPS recognizes exceptional employees who are retiring. Below are just a few incredible employees who have contributed 35 years or more of service and dedication to the children and families of Miami-Dade. Congratulations to all our outstanding employees on their retirement!



MILDA PUIG
Pre-K ESE | 45 years



OLIN ROMERO
SPED Autism | 44 years



MARGARITA DU BREUIL
5th Grade | 43 years



KIMBERLY SCHMITT
SPED Autism | 42 years



MILADYS GONZALEZ
Spanish | 42 years



DIANE NEWBURY
Office | 41 years



ALDIN EVERETTE
Student Activities | 39 years



NELSON PARDO
Driver Ed | 35 years

Herald Her Honor

Earlier this year, the Miami Herald launched its Honor Roll campaign to recognize change makers in Miami-Dade and Broward County public schools who make a big impact in the lives of students. When the call went out requesting votes from our community, we did not disappoint. With nearly 800,000 votes, the Miami Herald Honor Roll winner is **Arlene S. Martinez**, a guidance counselor at our very own School for Advanced Studies, Wolfson Campus.

Congratulations, Ms. Martinez!



A Special Farewell

Andrea Pita Mendez, Student Advisor to the Board and a senior at School for Advanced Studies, West, fares us well with her thanks to a program and an educator that influenced her as a M-DCPS student.

As Tri-Chair of **Youth4Wellness**,

a collaborative initiative between M-DCPS and Yale University, Andrea story-boarded, helped design and play tested a video game focused on suicide prevention in youth who misuse opioids.

"I had the opportunity to make an impact in the mental health community," she said.

Her thanks also extend to one of her teachers, one she feels pushed her to become a better writer, broaden her knowledge, and grow as a leader.

"My A.P. English Literature teacher, Melanie Tercilla-Allen has been my biggest cheerleader and supporter from day one," said Andrea. "She is truly passionate not only about teaching but also about mentoring her students to fulfill their highest potential. There will never be enough words to thank her for the impact she has had on my life."

Andrea will attend the University of Chicago and plans to major in Psychology and Economics.

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