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Marie Viard, Haitian-Creole and French Teacher, Morningside K-8

HOT OFF THE WIRE

"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge." -Albert Einstein

Teacher Appreciation Week recognizes the hard work and dedication of our nation's educators, who play a pivotal role in a student's life by recognizing their potential, understanding the cadence in which they learn and possessing the wisdom and grace to offer support when necessary. Teaching is a life calling that ignites curiosity and wonder in young minds. Miami-Dade County Public Schools celebrates our teachers, who bring learning to life every day. **Thank you!**

iLead

"iLead with a spirit and an expectation of excellence. The students we serve are our most precious commodity and they deserve nothing less than excellence!"

-Tracie N. Abner, Assistant Superintendent
Office of School Leadership and Performance

BODY & MIND

Driving while stressed can increase accident risk. Reduce traffic-related stress by taking deep breaths, safely relaxing or stretching your muscles, or listening to calming music, stand-up comedy skits, or audiobooks.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 8-12 • The Principal and Assistant Principal of the Year ceremony will take place on May 10 at 6:00 p.m. Click [here](#) to watch live • Schools and region, district offices will be closed May 29 in observance of Memorial Day • Graduation ceremonies begin May 30



ABOVE & BEYOND

Miguel Mejia is a Transformation Reading Coach at Citrus Grove Elementary School. A proud product of M-DCPS, Mr. Mejia is always helping administrators and serves as an open line of communication for parents. He is reliably available to his teachers and students and has proven an indispensable asset to the school community.

A National Treasure

Daniel Mateo, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Assistant Superintendent over Innovation and School Choice, was honored with the Magnet Schools of America (MSA) National District Administrator of the Year Award for his vision, dedication, and commitment to improving educational opportunities for all students.

The MSA National District Administrator of the Year Award recognizes an administrator who demonstrates superior leadership in Magnet schools at the district, state, and national levels.

While M-DCPS has long been recognized for its commitment to school choice, through Mr. Mateo's vision and leadership, Magnet programming at M-DCPS has grown to include 19 new programs and has been awarded a \$15 million grant by the U.S. Department of Education's Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP). The grant will fund the STArts2 Project which will engage students in Science, Technology, and the Arts with a focus on Digital Music Production Exploration and Innovation. The project is designed to increase academic rigor, inspire interest in STEAM careers, and promote higher academic achievement by creating a fully inclusive schoolwide magnet.

Mr. Mateo is a M-DCPS alumnus from the School for Advanced Studies. He began his career as an M-DCPS Chemistry teacher, designed the grant proposal that created BioTECH, a schoolwide STEM research program high school, served as BioTECH's first Assistant Principal, then Principal, and is



currently the Assistant Superintendent for the Office of Innovation and School Choice. Most recently, Mr. Mateo has added Warrior to this list.

In the Fall of 2022, a spinal cord injury caused Mr. Mateo to spend three months in the hospital, followed by a month and a half in a rehabilitation facility. While the road to recovery has been long, his perseverance has positively influenced his healing. Through it all, his passion for education has been unwavering. He has proven that regardless of challenge or circumstance, his drive to ensure that all students are afforded the best possible educational experience is tireless.



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Tune In

Stay up to date with the latest at M-DCPS by listening to the **M-DCPS Voices** radio show on Fridays at 4:00 p.m. on WMBM-AM Gospel 1490, on the FREE WMBM Mobile App, and online at <http://wmbm.com>. M-DCPS also hosts daily educational radio programming in Haitian Creole on its very own **Radyo Lekòl**. Tune in on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. on WSRF- AM 1580 & 99.5 FM, Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. on RCH23-AM Radio RCH23 1610 AM, and Monday-Friday at 9:00 p.m. on WLRN-FM 91.3. Rete branche! (Stay tuned!)



The Billy Shakesman Lesson

Miami Sunset Senior High School seniors in Néstor Cedeño's ELA class have internally published the school's first ever student book. At their wit's end with the William Shakespeare lessons, Mr. Cedeño's students' imagination was re-engaged with a creative writing activity that required them to retell **The Tragedy of Hamlet**. Out of 125 unique flash fiction stories, 21 were chosen and edited, students created cover art, and the book was titled **Brevity is the Soul of Wit**. All's well that ends well!

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