

## BCPS Parent/Community Involvement Task Force Seeks Input at Public Forum



### Annual Harvest Drive

#### in Full Swing

The annual DBMS and district Harvest Drive continues through next week. If at all possible, please help those in our community who are experiencing financial difficulty.

Have your child bring in canned goods or any other non-perishables (pasta, rice, beans) throughout the school year.

For more information, contact Mrs. Weinstein at the school at 754.322.3300.

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) wants to hear from you. The District wants your input on how parental and community involvement in schools can be increased.

The District's Parent and Community Task Force will hold its third and final public forum on **Thursday, November 10, 7-9 p.m. at Coconut Creek High School** (1400 Northwest 44th Avenue, Coconut Creek).

The Parent and Community Involvement Task Force was established earlier this year by the School Board

to energize and increase parent and community involvement in the District and build strong partnerships with families, businesses, government and the community.

The public forums are a critical step in building awareness of the initiative and receiving recommendations and feedback from a diverse, cross-section of individuals. Those attending the forum will have an opportunity to meet and share their thoughts with the Task Force. Each participant will have three minutes to speak.

## Student Government Day

"Wow! What a great field trip and a super bunch of DBMS kids!" was how Mrs. Sanghera, DBMS Student Government sponsor summed up the students' recent field trip.

Twelve Student Council members from various teams participated in a fantastic Deerfield Beach sponsored Student Government day. Students first went to City Hall and listened intently to the words of Deerfield Mayor Peggy Noland. Next students traveled to the Deerfield Pier to hear from the department of Community Redevelopment Agency and the Captain of the Lifeguards, the water treatment plant, and the fire station. The city had everything very well organized and the Student Government representatives got to tour the city and see various departments and learn how everyone works to keep things running smoothly and successfully. Everywhere students went people commented on how well behaved and inquisitive the kids were. Students from Monarch High also participated in this event.

Mrs. Sanghera commented about how proud she was to be associated with such a wonderful group of Middle School students.

In addition, Mrs. Sanghera would like to thank everyone for allowing students to participate in this wonderful trip.

### Mark Your Calendar

Nov 8	PTSA Meeting 6 PM/ Cookie Dough Delivery
Nov 8	Zone Parent Night, 5:30 PM—DB High School
Nov 10	Parent/Community Forum, 7 PM
Nov 10	IB Family Movie Night
Nov 11	Veteran's Day—No School
Nov 14	Picture Make-up Day
Nov 17	Report Cards
Nov 21—25	School Closed—Thanksgiving
Nov 28	BAT II Testing Tues-Thurs 11/28-12/1
Dec 8	Interim Reports
Dec 13	Holiday Concert, 6:30 PM
Dec 19-30	Winter Break



Deerfield Beach Middle School

# Jr. Buck's Banner



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[www.deerfieldmiddle.org](http://www.deerfieldmiddle.org)



## Superintendent Robert Runcie Tours District

Newly appointed Broward Schools Superintendent Robert Runcie will be touring schools on a Community Listening Tour. The tour will begin in mid-November and continue through January. All meetings begin at 6:30 PM.

November 14, 2011 - Fort Lauderdale High

January 4, 2012 - Coconut Creek High

November 29, 2011 - Blanche Ely High School

January 9, 2012 - Flanagan High School

December 5, 2011 - Coral Glades High School

January 17, 2012 - Cypress Bay High School

December 12, 2011 - Hollywood Hills High

January 19, 2012 - Dillard High School

### DBMS IB News Briefs

Sixth grade students ate a traditional island meal of chicken, plantains, rice and beans for the annual **Cay Festival** last week. In addition, they ate coconut macaroons and coconut cookies to simulate life on a deserted island. Students also learned what it is like as a sightless person by engaging in a blind man's walk, blindfolded mat making, blindfolded identification and drawing. In addition, students listened to island music while attempting the limbo. Everyone had a great time. Students and teachers would like to thank the cafeteria staff and Food Service Manager, Nancy Nichele, and our very own 6th grade Team of A+ teachers - Mr. Campbell- Team Leader, Ms. Goldman, Ms Cox-Morris, Mrs. Sanghera and Ms. Gori. Remember to thank these wonderful teachers for their extra effort.

Mrs. Pinnell sponsors the **Green Team** and it meets (most) Wednesdays from 2:45- 4:15. Projects include planting, mulching, weeding, and building nesting boxes for birds for the Wildlife Care Center.

The 8th grade students are also engaged in creating a **Living Periodic Table** of the elements project. Please ask your student about their element. T-shirts were obtained by a grant received through the efforts of Mrs. Pinnell

Ms. Stahl is initiating a **community service** learning project, collecting Halloween candy to send to our men and women in the armed forces who are miles away overseas! What a wonderful idea!! Thank you Ms. Stahl!!

Please email Dr. Del Pino if you would like to **volunteer** to help organize holiday items for the IB program. She will be at school on Tuesdays and Thursdays until projects are completed.

## College Scholarship Program

The Florida Prepaid College Foundation's Governor's Recognition Scholarship Program is now accepting essays and applications with the top essay writer earning a four-year college scholarship. The scholarship will provide the winning student a 4-Year Florida College Plan that covers tuition and registration fees.

Eligible seventh and eighth grade students whose family qualifies for free or reduced lunch program in Broward County can enter to win the Governor's Recognition scholarship.

To enter, just complete a student/parent consent entry form and compose an essay of 500 words or less. Forms can be requested from any middle school English teacher, or go to [myfoundationessay.com](http://myfoundationessay.com) to fill out an electronic form.

### DBMS PTSA thanks all of our Wonderful Sponsors—

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## Free FIU Football Game for Students and Parents



You are invited to be our special guest at an FIU football game on Saturday Nov. 12, 2011!

The Panthers will be playing Florida Atlantic University at Alfonso Field at the FIU Stadium. If you haven't already attended one of our games, you will find they are great family fun and a fantastic way to experience the FIU Worlds Ahead spirit.

On the heels of our Sun Belt Conference title and first-ever bowl game win last year, this season promises to be non-stop excitement and we want to share it with you.

To secure your student ticket and up to two additional tickets for your family members, register at <http://go.fiu.edu/c81>. If you do not have access to the Internet access, please call Jose Sotolongo at 305-348-8393.

Come early, take a tour of campus, stop by the state-of-the-art Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum and visit our tailgating village, where you will find food, music and games. **All of these activities are free of charge.**

An hour before kickoff, please come to Gate 8 with a photo ID. The game begins at 6 p.m. Our stadium is located right on the Modesto Maidique Campus, 11200 SW 8 Street in West Miami Dade County.

To learn more about FIU Athletics visit [www.fiusports.com](http://www.fiusports.com). If you have any questions about this invitation, please call Jose Sotolongo 305-348-8393.

Tours of the Modesto Maidique Campus will be available for students and parents that Saturday starting at 1:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. To RSVP for one of the tours, please visit <http://go.fiu.edu/tours>.

We look forward to seeing you at the game! Go Panthers!