



## Principal's Quote:

"Practice isn't the thing you do once you're good. It's the thing you do that makes you good."

--Malcolm Gladwell (1963 - )  
Canadian journalist

## Upcoming Events by R. Strozier, LA Teacher

Sept. 7	No School—Labor day
Sept. 8-11	PTSA Promenade Fundraiser
Sept. 8-11	PE Miami Dolphin Ticket Fundraiser
Sept. 8-11	PE Uniform Fundraiser
Sept. 9-11	BAT Testing
Sept. 15-17	School Pictures
Sept. 18	PTSA Volunteer Breakfast

Dear Students and Parents,

I am pleased to welcome back both our students and families as well as those new to Glades Middle. We have had two fabulous weeks thus far. The students have taken their job of learning to heart and have come in eager to succeed. Teaching has begun in earnest with everyone on board!!

We have gone to a new format, with a bi-monthly newsletter, The Cougar Times. Please check out the website every other Friday for a new edition. This will allow you to have up to date information regarding activities and events as well as a glimpse of what is happening with your children at Glades.

Please join the faculty and staff as we implement our Five Non-Negotiables this school year. At no time will disrespect to a teacher, fighting, skipping, failure to comply with dress code/ID's, and habitual tardiness be tolerated!! We ask that you work with us as a team to ensure compliance and a safe and secure learning environment.

The district and Glades Middle has a strategic plan in place should there be an outbreak of H1N1 in the district or at school. It is critical that we all take the simple precautions of washing our hands thoroughly and regularly. When coughing or sneezing, use a Kleenex or do so in the bend (inside elbow) of your arm. Sick children should remain at home when flu symptoms are present and should remain at home until they are fever free for 24 hours. These simple precautions will go along way in keeping everyone healthy this flu season.

Finally, if your child is a car rider, I ask that you please pull all the way up in the loading/unloading area in an effort to move the line more efficiently. Please **DO NOT** drop students in the parking lot. Students must be unloaded on the sidewalk in front of the school. Also, **using cell phones to make calls and texting puts both your child and others in EXTREME danger!!!** The ramifications of injuring a child due to this type of negligence would be tragic and it is preventable!

I wish everyone a wonderful school year and encourage each of you to get involved at Glades. You can reach me at 754-323-4600 ext. 2002 or via e-mail at [krista.herrera@browardschools.com](mailto:krista.herrera@browardschools.com) should you need my assistance.

Sincerely,  
Krista R. Herrera

## Curriculum Highlight by A. Tyghter, Social Studies

### Chair/Interim 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Administrator

**Non-Negotiable Rules** The Social Studies teachers spent the first two weeks of school reviewing the Code of Student Conduct with all students. This review is important to ensure all students are knowledgeable about the school rules and the consequences for breaking the rules. Rules and procedures are very important to maintaining a safe and orderly learning environment for every student. Every rule and procedure in the Code is important and must be followed.

At Glades Middle we want to be sure all students are especially aware of some of the major Non-Negotiable Rules in the Code:

- Students must respect every adult on campus
- Fighting is not allowed by any student

- Skipping class is not allowed
  - Students must be in Unified Dress and wear IDs daily (when IDs are issued)
  - Bullying is not allowed
  - Students must remain seated in the cafeteria at all times unless directed by an adult to move about
- Violation of these Non-Negotiable Rules and all rules in the Code will be dealt with in accordance with the Code Discipline Matrix. **Adhering to these Non-Negotiable Rules will result in the best learning environment for every student.**

## Partnerships/PTSA News

By D. Thomas, Math Teacher & S. Campbell, ESE Teacher

### Message from PTSA:

We are busy at work with the Membership Drive and the Promenade Around the Park Fundraiser. If you have not joined PTSA, one member is \$5.00 and a family of four is \$15.00 (for the family of four you will receive a GMS Calendar Planner). The Promenade Around the Park is scheduled for Oct. 9th. In order for your child to be eligible for all prizes the due date is Sept. 17th. Students can turn in memberships and fundraiser envelopes to their first period teachers.

**The Volunteer Breakfast has been postponed to Friday, Sept. 18th at 10:00 a.m. in the Cafeteria. Please RSVP (ismolina@earthlink.net)**

If you have any questions please feel free to call or email me.

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Isabel Molina  
PTSA President  
(954) 325-4186

## Club News By J. Vanlandegend, Science Teacher & B. Ruyman, Social Studies Teacher

Welcome back, here is a list of the clubs and teacher sponsors.

NHJS—Ms. McMahon

H.E.L.P.—Ms. Lostumbo

Go Green, Go Global—Ms. Hutchenson

Student Council—Ms. McMahon & Ms. Taylor

FFEA (Florida Future Educators)—Ms. Lowe

If you have any questions about any of the available clubs, please contact the person in charge of that particular club.

There will be more information to come on upcoming events, fundraisers, and meetings. Please stay tuned.

## Guidance Corner “SUCCESS TIPS”

Mrs. Sanders, Guidance Director

The Benchmark Assessment will be administered to students on the following days:

**Wednesday, Sept. 09, 2009; Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009; Friday, Sept. 11, 2009**

In an effort to help our students complete the Benchmark Assessment successfully, below are **Test-Taking Tips**:

- 1. Get a good night's sleep**
- 2. Eat a healthy breakfast**
- 3. Arrive to school on time**
- 4. Listen carefully and follow directions**
- 5. Check your work when finished**
- 6. Stay calm by taking a few slow deep breaths**
- 7. Think confident – “I’m going to do well on this test”**

**Most of all Don't Stress and Do Your Best!!**

**Cyber-Safety Presentation:** The State of Florida will present “**Cyber-Safety**” techniques to our students on **Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**. We are looking forward to these presentations and ask that you discuss cyber-safety with your child. We are working together to educate and keep our students **safe**.

Thank You!



## **Spotlight on Students** By B. Taylor, Language Arts Chair & C. Lindo, Math Teacher

**Thank you to the following students who turned in valuable missing items into the office:**

**Miguel Briceno , Nicholas Lizano, Anthony Thomas , Nicholas Lowe, Juan Martinez, Kersaint Jean Francois, Joseph Roman, Rachel Custer, and Reem Akhraiwesh**

## **No Child Left Behind/School Accountability Report NCLB/SPAR**

No Child Left Behind (NCLB) federal legislation and Florida statute require that schools provide parents with an annual school status report at the beginning of each school year. The Florida Department of Education has produced a No Child Left Behind/School Accountability Report (NCLB/SPAR) for each school containing all the required NCLB indicators, including the indicator on Annual Yearly Progress (AYP). Please be advised that you are welcome to come to the main office to peruse this document.

## **Teacher/Administrator Evaluations**

Please be advised that as a parent/guardian of a Glades Middle School child, your input into teacher and administrator evaluations will be considered.

## **Give Back to the School**

Have you heard of Target's Take Charge of Education Program? When parents, teachers and other school supporters use their REDcards, Target donates up to 1% of their purchase to their designated eligible school. To participate, all you need is a REDcard. To enroll in the program visit [Target.com/tcoe](http://Target.com/tcoe) or call 1-800-316-6142 and indicate you want your donation to go to Glades Middle.

So sign up for this service and you can assist Glades Middle School when you shop at Target using your REDcard!!!