

# North Broward Academy of Excellence

May Newsletter 2009  
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## Principal's News

May is here and we have only a short time before the end of the school year is here. I am very pleased to report that the FCAT Writing Scores have been released and our eighth grade students received a 99% proficiency rating! This is a 1% increase from our last year scores. Students worked extremely hard to receive these scores and the students and their teacher should be very proud of the results. The raw data in fourth grade indicates our students performed at 81% proficiency in writing but we anticipate this score to increase to approximately 88% or better once the data is finalized. The teachers and students in this grade level also deserve great praise for their performance as well.

The school continues to wait for the Reading, Math and Science scores in Grades 3-8 and hope that we do as well on these assessment tests as we did on the writing test.

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Honor Roll 5/5 @ 7pm for K - 1
- ◆ Honor Roll 5/6 @ 7pm for 2 - 5
- ◆ Honor Roll 5/6 @ 2pm for M.S.
- ◆ Please see Calendar on back of Newsletter for other Events.

Our elementary school participated in a big way in the recent North Lauderdale Days event. Second grade students were on stage showcasing their incredible singing under their Music Teacher Ms. LaFleur. Their five song repertoire was enjoyed by everyone who attended. The school also participated in the art contest to showcase what students liked best about their city and second place winners were named in third and fifth grade respectively.

Finally, we bid adieu to our eighth grade students, many of whom have been with us for their entire K-8 experience. We wish them great success as they head off to high school and eventually become the graduating class of 2013! They will have a semi-formal at our school and an Eighth Grade Transition Ceremony later in May with more information to follow to parents about these events later.

We will be sending out a summer newsletter in July so please look for it to be sent to you through the mail. Have a great summer!

## Kindergarten News

We find it hard to believe that our year in Kindergarten is beginning to wind down, but we are looking forward to all the fun activities that will be taking place during our last month of Kindergarten. One of these being our two week long Swim Central field trip. Parents, this is a great opportunity for volunteer hours. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like more information about this. Also, be on the lookout for information about our field trip to Miami Science Museum. We are also excited to announce our second annual Kindergarten graduation at the end of the school year. Parents, we would like to say THANK YOU for being such an integral part in your child's education!



## First Grade News

We have had a very exciting year in first grade! We are preparing for our field trip to Young at Art. This should be a time of hands-on learning and fun! First grade will also be participating in a really exciting water safety field trip. Our reading unit is called Being Afraid. We will be reading stories about how characters deal with being afraid. In math we are working on adding and subtracting two-digit numbers. Please continue to practice math facts at home. As the year comes to a close we are especially celebrating our progress in reading. The growth throughout the year has been amazing! Please remember to spend time each night sharing a good book with your child!

## Third Grade News

On May 14, 2009, we are anxiously anticipating our field trip to the Museum of Discovery and Science in Fort Lauderdale. We will enjoy the hands-on exhibits and have a bag lunch in a nearby park.

Our new theme Unit in literature is communities, which also coincides with our social studies lessons.

We have written and performed "I Have a Dream" speeches, and it was interesting to hear the various goals we have. Also, we researched, wrote, and performed speeches about famous people. We're getting very good at public speaking!

In science we are learning about matter and in math we are continuing to work on patterns, multiplication, and division. We are busy!

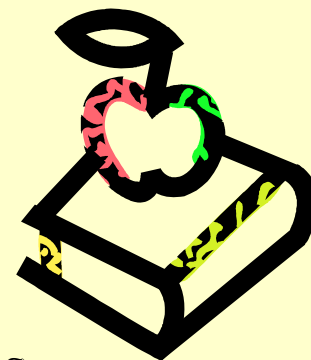
## Fourth Grade News

We hope everyone had a restful spring break. Our classes are working hard to prepare for the end of the year and beyond. A few important upcoming dates are: May 4th (progress reports), and May 5<sup>th</sup>, benchmark four testing. On May 12th we will be going on our field trip to the Museum of Discovery and Science. We are all looking forward to this. Please remember to pack a lunch and be at school at the regular time – 8:40a.m. If you need more information about the field trip, please contact any one of the fourth grade teachers.

We are looking to finishing the year with a bang! If you have any questions or would like to meet with us regarding your child, please let us know when you are available to conference. Thank you for all of your support and assistance.

## Fifth Grade News

Fifth grade is currently working on a Science project, our very own butterfly garden! We are asking for plants to be donated for volunteer hours. Ms. DeValle is heading up the butterfly garden project. We are also excited to announce our 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Miami Seaquarium on Wednesday May 20, 2009. The cost of the trip is \$30 and is due May 8. Mrs. Smolin's class is learning about the Native Americans and the influence of the "white man" on the various tribes, as described in literature. We will also be working on a play, which the students are very excited about. Ms. Konsavage's class is finishing up the American Revolution and just completed a unit on negative numbers.



## Reading Rockets News



### CONGRATULATIONS TO NBAE'S SPELLING BEE WINNERS

A special acknowledgement to Louis Mandic, Jhovanni Pichardo, Yeilyne Santana, and Veron Baboolal who will represent our school at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual CSUSA Spelling Bee in Fort Myers.

Mrs. Austin's Class	Asia Pompey	Alaijah Radix
Mrs. Ramsay's Class	Tatyana Porteous	Ayleen Mendoza
Mrs. Oliver's Class	Lily Lynch	Alexander Miller
Mrs. O'Toole's Class	Louis Mandic	Michelle Joseph

Mrs. Bryan's Class	Michael Llyod	Loheirly Jean
Mrs. Kirkland's Class	Soleil Williams Azjah Ritter	Kevin Bissanthe Jhenelle Walters

Fifth Grade	Jhovanni Pichardo	Maxine Samuel
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Sixth Grade	Rajiv Ramdahin	Walneisha St. Vil
	Gina Santana	Tyra Irving
	Roosevelyne Jean-Paul	Daylin Gordon
	Kivanah Gammage	Kirk Dillon

Seventh Grade	Yeilyne Santana	Alahna Pace
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Eighth Grade	Veron Baboolal	Raquel Torres
	Taresha Ferguson	Morgan Noonan
	Michael Lominchar	Tiana Williams
	Brandon Roberts	Rashawn Shakespeare

## Miscellaneous News!

Did you know if you do not call your child in for an absence within 2 days of them being absent then they are marked as unexcused? Did you know if your child has 5 or more unexcused absences then they will be served a detention? Please make sure that you call your child out when they are absent. Please call the following number 954/718-2211 ext 229.

Thank you the administrative office.

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## Calendar

# MAY 2009

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We're on the Web!  
[northbrowardcharter.org](http://northbrowardcharter.org)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5 Honor Roll K – 1 @ 7pm	6 Honor Roll M.S 12pm & 2 – 5 @ 7pm	7 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade SAT 10 Reading	8	9
10	11 -Water Safety Education Classes for K - 8	12 --4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip – Museum of Science & Discovery	13 --Athletic Awards for Middle & Elem	14 --3 <sup>rd</sup> Gr Field Trip – Museum of Science & Discovery.  Open House @ 6pm	15	16
17	18 Spanish Mid-Term for M.S.  7pm PTO Meeting	19 --2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Trip –Museum of Science. -Spanish Mid- Term for M.S. -Nat'l Jr Honor Society @ 6	20 --5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trip –Miami Seaquarium. -Spanish Mid- Term for M.S.	21 --8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trip –Islands of Adventure  - CiCi's Pizza	22 Staff vs Student Kickball Game	23
24	25 --No School (No Students /Employee)	26 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Testing	27 -7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trip -Hollywood Studios 3 <sup>rd</sup> Gr. Testing	28 --6 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Trip –Busch Gardens. -Open House -3 <sup>rd</sup> Gr. Testing	29 -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Semi- Formal Dance	30