

# NEW RENAISSANCE MIDDLE SCHOOL

## 2010 - 2011

*"Home of the Cavaliers"*

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### A Message from Our Captain

*Mrs. Morales*

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that the  
first semester of the 2010-2011

school year will be coming to an end on January 21st.  
There is still so much work to be done. When students  
return from Winter Break we all need to roll-up our sleeves  
and focus on academic performance. Our goal is for every-  
one to be proficient in reading, mathematics, writing and  
science.

Pull-Out programs in reading, mathematics and writing will  
be in full force. Please be on the look-out for Saturday  
Extended Learning Opportunities registration forms.

The faculty and staff at New Renaissance Middle School is  
committed to expecting greatness, seeking greatness and  
most importantly achieving greatness. We count on your  
continued support as we cruise toward completing a  
successful school year in June.

Sincerely,

*Janet Morales*



## January Dates & Events

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| January 1-31  | National Magnet Schools of America Month         |
| January 1-31  | Jewish History Month                             |
| January 1     | Emancipation Proclamation Anniversary            |
| January 1     | New Year's Day                                   |
| January 17    | Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday -<br>OBSERVED |
| January 20-21 | Data Days  |
| January 21    | Early Release - End of Second Quarter            |
| January 24-28 | National No-Name Calling Week                    |
| January 24-28 | Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida                 |
| January 24    | Teacher Planning Day - No School for Students    |



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## No Child Left Behind

On January 8, 2002, the United States Congress approved the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). Broward County Public Schools is committed to following all guidelines as established by NCLB and will provide information regarding classroom teacher qualifications in a timely manner upon request.

You have the right to request the following information:

- Whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualifications of licensing criteria have been waived.
- The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals, and, if so, their qualifications.
- You will be notified in writing if your child has been assigned or has been taught for more than four consecutive weeks by a teacher who has not met the NCLB highly qualified criteria.

Please be assured that Broward County Public Schools is dedicated to providing the students of Broward County with a quality education. The information regarding the qualifications of your child's teacher and/or the classroom paraprofessional may be obtained from Mr. Angus, 6th Grade Assistant Principal, at 754-323-3500.

## Meeting Dates for Title I Parent Training Academy Participants

*The District Title I Parent Training will be held at one of the following locations:*

| Central Area  | South Area   | North Area   |
|---|--|--|
| Rock Island Elementary<br>2350 NW 19 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311 | Boulevard Heights Elementary<br>7201 Johnson Street<br>Hollywood, FL 33024 | Atlantic West Elementary<br>301 NW 69 <sup>th</sup> Terrace<br>Margate, FL 33060 |

| DAY   | DATE              | ACTIVITY       | LOCATION               |
|---|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Saturday  | January 29, 2011  | Parent Seminar | Signature Grand        |
| Thursday  | February 10, 2011 | Training       | Rock Island Elementary |
| Thursday  | March 24, 2011    | Training       | Piper High School      |
| <b>DISTRICT-WIDE TESTING - APRIL 2011 - NO TRAINING</b> |                   |                |                        |
| Thursday  | May 12, 2011      | Training       | Atlantic West          |

## SES APPLICATIONS

At this time, the district has received over 10,000 SES applications for eligible students by the deadline. The Title I allocated amount per student is \$1502. Therefore, our district can only serve 6,255 students with the SES set aside. As a result, the district is required to prioritize all student applications received by the deadline. Per the recommendation of the FDOE, priority has been given to students in grades 3 through grade 8. At this time, the kindergarten through second grade students have been placed on hold to receive SES tutorial services. If the district receives additional funds to serve those students, the parents will be notified. If you have any questions, please contact the school's SES facilitator at 754-323-3500.



SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION  
C19, FT LAUDERDALE FIELD OFFICE

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3511 North Pine Island Road  
Sunrise, FL 33351  
TEL 1-800-772-1213  
FAX 954-749-4675

To the Parent/Guardian of:

Dear Sir or Madam:

In cooperation with the Broward County School System, we are informing parents about the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. This program may be able to provide assistance to children with special needs.

If you are interested in learning more about this program, please complete and return the attached form as soon as possible. After we have received it, one of our representatives will get in touch with you.

If you have previously contacted us about SSI, please feel free to contact us again if you have questions or your circumstances have changed.

As with all Social Security business, your response will only be used for determining eligibility for SSA programs and is strictly confidential.

Sincerely,

*V. Alnaji*

Field Office Manager

Enclosure(s):  
LEAD FORM



**In Cooperation with Broward County School System**

**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

The Social Security Administration would like to provide you with information about SSI benefits for children with special needs. SSI (Supplemental Security Income) is a program that pays benefits and provides Medicaid coverage to people with low income and limited assets who are either age 65 or older, blind or disabled, INCLUDING CHILDREN.

If you have a child with a special need and are interested in filing for benefits, please complete and return this self mailer or fax this form to the Sunrise Social Security office at (954) 749-4675. Please note this is only a fax number.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION**

CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SSN \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Disabling Condition \_\_\_\_\_

School Child Attends \_\_\_\_\_

**DOES THIS CHILD HAVE ANY INCOME?**

IF YES, GROSS MONTHLY AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_ AND TYPE \_\_\_\_\_

Please give the following information on any parent(s) living in the home with the child:

Parent 1/guardian:

Parent 2:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Age 65, Blind or Disabled \_\_\_\_\_

Age 65, Blind or Disabled \_\_\_\_\_

**MONTHLY GROSS INCOME OF THE PARENT(S) IN THE HOME:**

(this includes salary, pensions, workers comp, unemployment, interest, dividends etc).

Parent 1: \_\_\_\_\_ /TYPE \_\_\_\_\_ Parent 2: \_\_\_\_\_ /TYPE \_\_\_\_\_

**DO YOU OWN ANY ASSETS WORTH MORE THAN \$4000 (\$5000 IF MARRIED)**

(Exclude your residence and 1 car) \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Day Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY/STATE/ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to call between 7am-500pm MON-FRI \_\_\_\_\_ May we Call as early as 7am? \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete and submit a disability report online**

[www.socialsecurity.gov/childdisabilityreport](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/childdisabilityreport)

(for SSI disabled child claim)

**Taking time to do this BEFORE your appointment will:**

- Allow for a much shorter interview with the Claims Representative
- Help provide us with the best information regarding your disability.

**NUMBER OF OTHER CHILDREN UNDER 22 IN HOUSEHOLD?** \_\_\_\_\_ **Disabled?** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL OR FAX THIS FORM TO:**

**FAX 954/749-4675 or call**

**1-800-772-1213 to schedule appointment**

**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

**3511 N PINE ISLAND RD,**

**SUNRISE FLORIDA 33351**



## 6A/7F

Team 6A/7F are soaring to new heights in 2010 and are gaining new knowledge about the world around us along the way! Instead of only learning in the classroom, our team has been able to participate in some pretty interesting activities over the past weeks. At the end of October, our team experienced a field trip to the IMAX theater to learn about Egypt, the ancient mummies, and have a real life encounter with a space craft! On Nov 30, the Continent of Africa was introduced in an exciting way. The Manding Jata Troupe (a singing and dancing trio) gave us information on a few countries within Africa, their customs, music and their dancing! In the classroom, we have been working on group labs and activities, reading exciting stories and learning new information! This has been exciting month for us with many more exciting things to come!

## 6B

Second quarter has rolled around and 6B is on a great track! Our students have adjusted to the middle school climate and are ready to take on new challenges. In Math students just finished a chapter on ratios and rates and are now getting ready to master fractions, decimals and percentages. Way to go Ms. Smith for all your effort. In Science they are learning about Earth and it's systems. Students will be using organizers to differentiate between the various spheres and Earth's cycles. Keep those notebooks organized as they are an integral part of the class. Social Studies has been exploring our ancient ancestors in Greece. Not only did students learn about the development of government and how we still use this form of governing in our country today, but they also had many discussions about philosophy! Language Arts is reering with the very exciting and entertainig novel "The Watsons Go to Birmingham". Finally, we want to remind parents and students that reading is an integral part of their curriculum. All 6B Students should be reading a minimum of 30 minutes a night. Keep up the good work kids and stay on track; our journey has only just begun!

## 6C

The Challengers are off to a successful start this school year. Students have become accustomed to their new classrooms and environment. 6C teachers are working hard and constructing challenging lessons to ensure your student's success this school year. We are excited to be reading the "Chronicles of Narnia" with our students to prepare them for a 6th grade class field trip to see the new movie "Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treador".

We would also like to take a minute to congratulate our "Kids of Character" recipients. Temara Wright earned the September award for Cooperation and Chelsea Sherwood earned the October award for Responsibility. Congratulations girls, keep up the great work!

Parents, the BAT I scores have also been posted onto your student's "virtual counselor" account. The BAT I, or Benchmark Assessment Test, is an important tool your child's teachers use to construct lesson plans. It gives valuable information about what skills students are achieving well in and what skills the teachers need to spend more time working on. Parents are encouraged to look at these scores to help their child with each skill at home as well. Together, we can ensure all students achieve greatness.

## 6D

Team 6D has started off the second quarter with exciting news. Team 6D has been invited to watch the movie "The Voyage of the Dawn Treader" on December 14th. This movie is part of the "Chronicles of Narnia" series. Students have been reading the series since the beginning of school and are now able to put a visual with their reading. 6D would also like to congratulate Brandon Johnson for showing the character trait for the month of October, Responsibility. Brandon has demonstrated the characteristic of Responsibility by always being on time to class, completing his work, and turning in his homework. He turns in assignments on time and his work is impeccable. Brandon also goes above and beyond in class. When he is done with his work, he uses the time left over to help other students by tutoring them to help them comprehend the lesson.



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## **7A** *Cruising on an "Academic Adventure"*

Team 7A- Cruising on an "Academic Adventure"

In Quarter 2 our "Adventurers" have been doing many great things! In Mr. Alexis' World Geography classes the students have been learning about the continents of our world. During this quarter, students will be learning about the continent of Europe.

With Ms. Chaney in Math, the students will be working on linear functions. Students will be creating function tables to graph equations and learn how to find the slope of a line.

In the Language Arts department, we participated in Family Writing Night on December 1st. Our students have been continuing their monthly writing prompts and seeing a progression in their writing skills.

Finally, in Mr. Robinson's Science classes the students are exploring the different systems of the human body. They will take a journey visiting the Cardiovascular, Respiratory, Digestive, Urinary and the Nervous systems.

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## **7B** *The Believers!*

We have had a very busy first quarter and look forward to a great second quarter. The team would like to welcome back Ms. Norton from her medical leave! We are glad you are doing better and have returned back to teach Language Arts. Ms. Williams did a great job substituting in for Ms. Norton. The team is very sad to be losing Ms. Diaz. Thank you so much for all your dedication Ms. Diaz!

The teachers would like to congratulate the following students for making the honor roll and being the team's Kid of Character! Gold Honor Roll: Britney Cooke, Brittini Campell, Lauren Powell, Cameron Case, Onyxia Joyner, Hillary Nomes, Gabriel Castillo, Daidre Claudio, Lina Mendez, Paule-Carlie Mola, Dulens Bolivard, Juliana Caba, Tenaj Heslop, and Janesa Torres. Silver Honor Roll: Ferris Mohammed, Jasmin Lewis, Samydrise St. Fluer, Destiny Rowe, Ty'Ra Sherrell, Steffon Francios, Diamond Garad, Akilah Moncrieffe, Tan Van, Brytney Periche, Ika Lewis, Deyanna Grooms-Tanner, Deriel Green, Nicole Franklin, Amani Harrell, and Jazmyn Allen. Kid of Character: Dulens Bolivard. WAY TO GO!!!

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## **7C**

Team 7C has an exciting educational program full of activities, new technology and educational tools to help your child reach his/her academic potential during the second quarter. Parents, you will have the option of scheduling a parent-teacher conference with all of the 7C teachers at the same time by making an appointment with the 7C Team Leader, Ms. Q. Rogers, by calling (754) 323-3500 ext. 3046 (Room 205) or via email at [Queen.Rogers@browardschools.com](mailto:Queen.Rogers@browardschools.com). You can also check your child's grades, daily attendance and progress by logging on to: [gradebook.browardschools.com/PIV](http://gradebook.browardschools.com/PIV). You will need your child's Student ID# and D.O.B. (yyyy/mm/dd). The end of the second quarter will be quickly approaching upon return from Winter Break. The last day of the second quarter is January 21, 2011.

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## **7D** *Team Discovery 7D*

Wow! We can't believe that we have made it through the first quarter of the 2010-11 school year. Time is truly sailing away and students are gaining knowledge as they go. We have so much more to look forward to! In Language Arts, students continue to increase their writing abilities and learn about various genres of literature. In Science, students are beginning preparation for the Science Fair. In Social Studies, students are working on their National History Day Projects and in Mathematics they are focusing on figures and shapes. With all of the upcoming projects, our students are sure to remain busy, keeping their academic focus. We look forward to all of the adventurous findings they will learn and explore over the next few weeks. Hats off to the teachers and students from Team 7D!





## 8A

The first semester has come to an end with our greatest expectations being met. This 8th grade class is on track to being one of New Renaissance's best. Team 8A is working hard and collectively to make sure we all arrive at our set goal come the end of the school year. In Science we are working on Science projects; they are due January 3, 2011. We are focusing on the students individual learning styles and the practice of differentiated instruction. We are also reviewing Science strands so that students can perfect those areas of weakness as shown by their BAT 1 results. Language Arts is hard at work making sure that students are writing like never before in preparation for FCAT writes. Writing Centers are being established in the classroom in order to assist the students' writing needs. To complement the holiday season Language Arts is setting up a Holiday Essay Contest; the criteria will be reviewed with students in their Language Arts classes. In Social Studies students are preparing to take on the challenge of the History Fair. Students are prepping their research with the teachers assistance in hopes of bringing home that Blue Ribbon. It is also critical for students to get ready for this quarter's exam which will be administered in each of their core classes.

## 8B

Team 8B students are participating in many important academic activities. In Ms. Kineard's Science class, students are building an understanding of how technology has helped scientists understand the nature of Science, and helped promote new discoveries. Advanced Science students are learning how heat and temperature are different. The students will be creating a thermometer using a water bottle, clay, alcohol and a drinking straw. Sounds like fun! Students in Mr. Sutton's History class have been studying the early Americans, including the native peoples of North and South America. In Ms. Hanebury's Language Arts class, students are engaged in the writing process, and reading core stories such as "Raymond's Run," by Toni Cade Bamara, and "The Great Rat Hunt," by Laurence Yep. The teachers of Team 8B would like to encourage parents to play an active role in their child's academic journey. Eighth grade is a pivotal year, one that will set the tone for your student's high school years. Parent interest in educational activities is profoundly important to his/her success this school year and throughout his/her life.

An open line of communication between teachers and students is incredibly important. Please check Pinnacle regularly to stay abreast of your student's current grades and assignments. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us via e-mail (which can be accessed on Pinnacle), or phone. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

## 8C

Team 8C continues to strive for excellence in the 2010-2011 school year. As we continue to prepare for the upcoming FCAT, it is evident that our students are excited to strive for the best. On a daily basis, the students of Team 8C display hardwork and dedication. Through their hard work, their success is a definite guarantee. The teachers of 8C continue to find innovative ways to teach and encourage the students to achieve great success. The students and teachers of Team 8C are true examples of teamwork, citizenship, responsibility and kindness in our everyday activities.

## 8D

On behalf of the teachers of TEAM 8D we would like to wish all our families a Happy and Healthy Holiday season. We would like to congratulate all of our Honor Roll students for their excellent academic achievements. It is the support and assistance of involved parents that our students are able to soar to great heights. The teachers on Team 8D have been collaborating and planning cross-curriculum assignments to help improve student achievement and foster a team atmosphere, therefore you may see assignments infused into the Language Arts, Social Studies and Science curriculum.



## 6-7-8

### *Gifted High Achievers*

#### **Science - Ms. Teyra**

The Gladiators are diving in to Science Fair this quarter. Students in all three grade levels are investigating scientific concepts via the scientific method.

In class the 8th graders are exploring the fascinating world of Physics. From motion to Newton's Laws, our students are mastering these benchmarks at lightning speed!

The 7th graders are traveling into the depths of the human body. As they explore the various body systems they will master anatomical structure and function with excellence!

Sixth grade is making tracks on the weather fronts. Our little Meteorologists are studying climate, weather and weather fronts. I am sure they will "blow" us away with their knowledge!

#### **Language Arts - Astudillo**

6th graders are reading the novel "The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963" by Christopher Paul Curtis. We are doing music critiques where students listen to the songs featured in the chapter about the "Ultra Glide," their new record player. Students are doing vocabulary mini books and are listening to an exciting interpretation of the novel by LeVar Burton on audio. They are answering discussion questions as they read and will continue to do reading activities for the duration of the novel study.

The 7th graders will read the play version of the story "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. They will put together a play of the story.

The 8th graders have been doing a lot of activities to prepare for the FCAT Writing Test. They participated in a writing boot camp at the multipurpose center. They brought paint samples to show how to use colorful word choice. They wrote a creative piece of writing using color to improve their writing and read a picture book titled "I Love You the Purplest." We will continue to prepare for the FCAT Writing test with writer's workshops in the classroom.

#### **Social Studies-Mrs. Manriquez**

The 8th graders are learning about the courageous Patriots who fought heroically against the mighty British as they struggled to achieve freedom for the young American colonies.

The 7th graders are learning about the ancient history, exciting culture and modern day challenges of the countries of South America. Next stop- the continent of Europe as we learn about celebrating the winter holidays European Style.

The 6th graders are learning about the rise and fall of the mighty Roman empire and the many Roman achievements that we have today.

All students are working as individuals or in groups to complete research projects for the National History Day fair on the topic of Debate and Diplomacy: Successes, Failures and Consequences.

## NEWS UPDATE!

**A HUGE Thank You to all NRMS Staff Members and Administrators who participated with the Sunshine Secret Santa!**



**Secret Santa gifts were exchanged during the Sunshine Club Holiday Luncheon on December 15th. Thank you to all those who participated and enjoyed our Holiday Luncheon.**

**Note: The Next Meet & Greet In-house Social will be our Sunshine Breakfast & Door Prizes on January 24th (All Sunshine Members, please wear your Sunshine T-shirt).**





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## LANGUAGE ARTS

Over the course of a very successful first quarter, Language Arts students at New Renaissance participated in a number of exciting activities. On World Peace Day, for example, Ms. Astudillo introduced her students to the song "Imagine" by John Lennon with lyrics and pictures of various problems that disturb the peace in our world (war, hunger, etc.). Her students reviewed the lyrics of the song and discussed its meaning. Students then created a poster containing the lyrics "Imagine all the people..."

Sixth grade students in Ms. Astudillo's class completed mythology projects which included plays, board games, and 3D models among other things, in order to respond to the topic of mythology.



Eighth grade teachers will be hosting "writing workshops" on selected Fridays which will help prepare students for the FCAT writing assessment. This test will take place on March 1st, 2011. During the workshops, students sharpen their writing skills and "share out" their ideas. Our goal is to encourage students to be excited about the art of writing!

On November 15th and 16th, 2010, all eighth grade students completed the second District Benchmark Assessment Test in writing. Eighth grade teachers compare your student's results from this assessment to the results from the initial Benchmark Assessment Test. Instructors will use this information to provide specific instruction that will help each student become a successful writer.

**Sensational school-wide activities planned for the upcoming months, including the following:**

\*Spelling Bee February 11th, 2011

\*Literary Fair ~ Entries are due by February 28th, 2011



## GUIDANCE

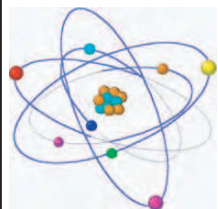
On November 23rd the Guidance Department was excited to award over 300 students at our First Quarter Honor Roll assembly for Principal and Gold Honor Roll students. This assembly has been the highest reported parent and student participation. Kudos to the parents for their outstanding support to their students. With the help of School Advisory Council this year we were able to give each student a pencil, a medallion, and the Principal Honoree received personalized cups.

### Other Guidance News:

As always Guidance is used as a preventative measure to help students. We are here to serve our students academically, socially, and personally. We do mediations daily to ensure our students can remain focused in their classes and not have outside issues impeding them while in the learning environment. Additionally, counselors have been in the classrooms this year to explain to students the promotion criteria and to help them with their EPEP/career visions.



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## SCIENCE

On November 5, 2010, the Science Department welcomed Nova Southeastern University (NSU) Medical School students to our campus. The NSU team gave an impactful smoking prevention presentation to all seventh grade students at New Renaissance Middle. The presentation included information about how cigarette companies attract new users, the effects of nicotine on the body, what a habit is, the peer pressures of smoking and how to avoid them. The students were encouraged to take their newly gained knowledge and participate in the Broward County Schools Superintendent's Challenge, which is a tobacco prevention effort where students gather information from a select website and then take a short quiz on the information learned. The Superintendent's Challenge is a collaboration between the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program at Nova Southeastern University, Broward County Public Schools, Broward County Health Department, CVS, Florida Department of Children and Families, Project Bridge and the United Way of Broward County Commission on Substance Abuse.

## SOCIAL STUDIES

Happy Holidays from NRMS Social Studies Department. A "Great Job" goes out to our 8th grade students who just completed the Junior Achievement curriculum and attended a field trip to the JA Finance Park located on the Broward College campus in Coconut Creek. While at the Finance Park, students participated in Budget scenarios to give them an idea of the many financial decisions adults face. Many students were able to now understand why their parents say, "turn off those lights" and the importance of money management. Our 7th grade students are halfway through the state-mandated Career Visions program and working on their EPEP High school course selections. Students in advance classes are researching their topics and putting together their exhibits for the upcoming History Fair. Thank you to all the parents and students for their hard work.



## Reading Coach's Corner By...Mrs. Grimaldo

### Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading

New Renaissance Middle School students take part in the newly released computer-based Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading (FAIR) program three times a year. FAIR was created by the Florida Center of Reading Research and provided to schools by the Florida Department of Education. This new assessment system provides screening, diagnostic, and progress monitoring information in targeted areas of reading including predicted proficiency on the FCAT reporting categories. Reading teachers receive information that will enable them to target their instruction to the specific needs of their students in order to positively impact student achievement. The Reading Department completed the first FAIR assessment process in October 2010 and teachers have begun providing reading interventions to students who scored below the 30th percentile on Maze (low comprehension) and Word Analysis (decoding and spelling). For more information on how your child performed and ways to help your child at home, please schedule an appointment to meet with your child's reading teacher. The second FAIR assessment will be conducted in January 2011 through the Reading department.

## FCAT Explorer:

FCAT Explorer is a set of free, web-based practice programs. The content is built from the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards that are tested on the FCAT 2.0. Kids can practice by themselves because the programs give them corrective feedback and learning guidance. Your child can use FCAT Explorer for free on any computer with internet access. Your child's reading teacher will provide each student with a username and password to access the system. Additionally, based on your child's previous FCAT performance, the reading teacher will inform your child which Reading program to use for practice. For help using FCAT Explorer, go to [www.fcatexplorer.com](http://www.fcatexplorer.com) and click Technical Help at the top of the page.



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## UNIFIED ARTS...

### SPANISH

The Spanish midterm will take place during the week of January 13 -17, 2011. The exam covers listening, writing, and multiple choice which include culture, vocabulary, and grammar. Spanish 1 & 2 include Chapters 1 - 4. Spanish for Spanish speakers include Collections 1 - 3. Please, encourage your child to work and practice every day on new vocabulary and grammar in context. The students can create flash cards, play games, or go to websites to practice.

Spanish 1 students worked with descriptive words and created artistic poems of their names.



Spanish 2 students worked with different professions and nationalities in the neighborhood, and created artistic posters.



Spanish speakers compared and contrasted Hispanic dances with American dances.



Beginners finished first quarter creating comic strips about Spanish vocabulary.



### MEDIA SPECIALIST

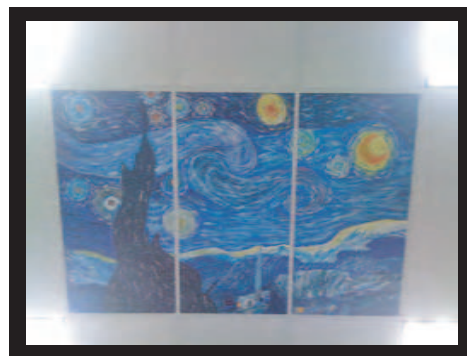
#### NEVER TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT COLLEGE

"It's never too early to start thinking about college," declared Mrs. Elicker, Media Specialist at NRMS. The Media Center staff and the Guidance Department teamed up in early November to take eighth grade students to the College Fair at the Broward County Convention Center. Representatives of over 200 colleges, from across the country, were on hand to meet with and discuss what their college has to offer these young students. Brochures were available on each college and our students took advantage of the opportunity to find out more about each college in which they were interested.

Thirty-five students enjoyed pizza after school, before boarding a school bus for the Convention Center. Faculty chaperones were Ms. Elicker, Ms. Davids, Guidance Director, and classroom teachers Ms. Diaz and Mr. Sutton. The event was sponsored and underwritten by the Media Center staff, with funds raised from the annual book fair.

## ART

Hats off to seventh grade students! Ipek Ceylan, Niquiel Fahie, Ruth Simeon, and Ariel Robinson. They did a wonderful job on re-creating Vincent Van Gogh's "Starry Night" masterpiece! If you have not had an opportunity to see it, stop by the Media Center and look up right above the check out desk!



## Band

The Music Department at NRMS held their Winter Concert on December 14, at 7:00 PM. The program featured the percussion ensemble, beginning band, concert band, and advanced band. Students from advanced band were selected to participate in the Florida Bandmasters Association Solo and Ensemble Contest. Their names are: Vanzel Burnett (sax), Keya Curtis (sax), Tatiana Alvarez (Flute), Isa Prude (Flute), Qiang Wang (Flute), Alexandra Yun (Clarinet).







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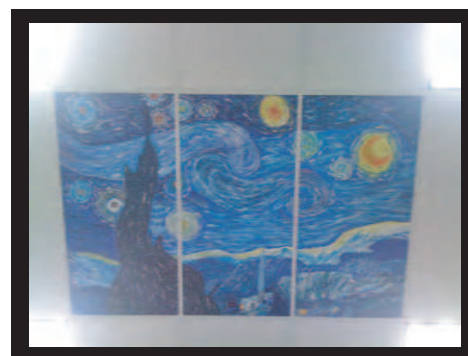
### NEVER TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT COLLEGE

"It's never too early to start thinking about college," declared Mrs. Elicker, Media Specialist at NRMS. The Media Center staff and the Guidance Department teamed up in early November to take eighth grade students to the College Fair at the Broward County Convention Center. Representatives of over 200 colleges, from across the country, were on hand to meet with and discuss what their college has to offer these young students. Brochures were available on each college and our students took advantage of the opportunity to find out more about each college in which they were interested.

Thirty-five students enjoyed pizza after school, before boarding a school bus for the Convention Center. Faculty chaperones were Ms. Elicker, Ms. Davids, Guidance Director, and classroom teachers Ms. Diaz and Mr. Sutton. The event was sponsored and underwritten by the Media Center staff, with funds raised from the annual book fair.

## ART

Hats off to seventh grade students! Ipek Ceylan, Niquiel Fahie, Ruth Simeon, and Ariel Robinson. They did a wonderful job on re-creating Vincent Van Gogh's "Starry Night" masterpiece! If you have not had an opportunity to see it, stop by the Media Center and look up right above the check out desk!



## Band

The Music Department at NRMS held their Winter Concert on December 14, at 7:00 PM. The program featured the percussion ensemble, beginning band, concert band, and advanced band. Students from advanced band were selected to participated in the Florida Bandmasters Association Solo and Ensemble Contest. Their names are: Vanzel Burnett (sax), Keya Curtis (sax), Tatiana Alvarez (Flute), Isa Prude (Flute), Qiang Wang (Flute), Alexandra Yun (Clarinet).





## MEDIA CENTER NEWS

### SUNSHINE STATE YOUNG READER PROGRAM

Does your teenager sometimes feel that his/her body is growing so fast, he/she can't keep up with it? That's what's happening to Ronnie and Joey in the book **MERCY ON THESE TEENAGE CHIMPS** by popular young adult author, Gary Soto.

This fun read is part of this year's **SUNSHINE STATE YOUNG READER AWARD (SSYRA)** booklist. A few other titles from the list are: **SMILES TO GO** by Jerry Spinelli and **TAKEN** by Edward Bloor. Many seventh graders have read Bloor's book, **TANGERINE**, set in Florida.

Students across the state are encouraged to read as many books as possible from the SSYRA booklist until April. At that time, students from all over Florida will vote for their favorite author from the list. The winning author will be named in late May.

For a complete list of book titles, go to <http://myssyra.org>. All books from the list are available for check out from the Media Center.

### LOST BOOKS CAN BE PAID FOR ONLINE!

If your child has lost a book from our Media Center, or any other Broward County Public School, payment is now quick and easy online. Go to the home page of our school website at:

<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/newrenaissancemiddle/> and look for the large Cavalier logo. To the left of the logo is the link for online payment. You will need your child's student identification number, which appears on student ID cards, report cards and student schedules.

With state and district budgets being reduced, it is vital to have all lost books paid for, so replacement copies can be purchased. Please contact the Media Center staff directly at 754-323-3534 or email Mrs. Elicker, the Media Specialist, at [Eileen.elicker@browardschools.com](mailto:Eileen.elicker@browardschools.com) for additional assistance.

## Congratulations!

To the girls who made the Cavalier Dance Team(s)



### Drop Squad- Cavalier Dance Team

Kayla Belcher 7B (Captain)  
Kimani Rushing 7D (Co-Captain I)  
Shanease Clarke 7D  
Nicole Jeffers 6D  
Tamesha Washington 7D  
Diamond Garard 7B  
Jahshena Henry 6C  
Tasia Matthew 7C  
Zayn Davis 7F  
Ashley Walters 7D  
Taylor Jones 7G  
Destiny Brown 7D  
Harmony Seitz 8D  
Desteny Maragh 7B/C



### Cavalier "Pom-Pom" Dance Team

Elizabeth Houston 8G (Captain)  
Breanna Rahming 8A (Co-Captain I)  
Marissa Osbourne 8B (Co-Captain II)  
Kelly Alexandre 6C  
Kianna Isaac 7D  
Cheyenne Stewart 6D  
Ayshinique Hendrix 7B  
Dayza Rich 7B  
Bernadette Bedgood 7D  
Shakejah Turbe 7D  
Jada Watson 7A  
Nagora Morisset 8A  
Jenixis Cruz 6A  
Jazmyn Allen 7B  
Ashley Lowe 7C  
Jahna Schutt-Shirley 6B  
Mikelle Thomas 7D  
Mikayla Thomas 7D  
Erika Jean Jacques 7D  
Sharelle Fung-A-Wing 6A  
Sarai Lindsey 8D  
Paule Carlie Mula 7B  
Rashelle Belroche 8D  
Samydrise St. Fleur 7B



All Dance Team Members have been informed of their responsibilities of being on this team. We, (Ms. Rogers, Ms. Hankerson & Ms. Sangster), are volunteering our FREE time by working with all of these girls on achieving positive self-esteem, healthy exercise methods and social growth & development skills. Please keep us informed with any feedback. All girls are required to keep up their grades (G.P.A.) and become positive role models. Thank you for your support and dedication to NRMS After-School Programs.