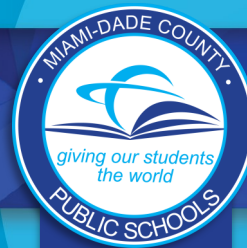
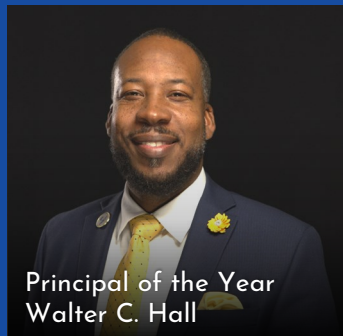


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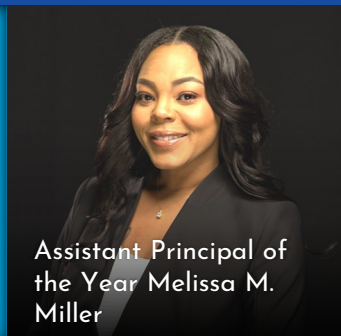
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M-DCPS
YOUR BEST CHOICE



Principal of the Year
Walter C. Hall



Assistant Principal of
the Year Melissa M.
Miller

HOT OFF THE WIRE

Walter C. Hall, from Leisure City K-8, won top honors as Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (M-DCPS) **Principal of the Year**. For the past 20 years, Mr. Hall has been an educator at M-DCPS, eight years as a teacher and 12 years as an assistant principal at several schools, including Miami Southridge, Homestead, and Miami Norland high schools.

Melissa M. Miller of Frederick Douglass Elementary was recognized as **Assistant Principal of the Year**. A 14-year education veteran, Ms. Miller was a teacher and reading coach for eight years before becoming assistant principal at Shadowlawn Elementary for two years. In 2021, she became an assistant principal at Frederick Douglass Elementary School.

iLead

"iLead by building trust, supporting growth, and creating a shared vision that drives excellence and improvement for students, staff, families, and the community."

— Tony Ullivarri
Administrative Director
Federal & State Compliance Office

BODY & MIND

What's stopping you from being more physically active?

Hard to stay on track? It takes a while for some of the rewards of physical activity, such as feeling and looking better, to take effect. So why not build your own reward system in the meantime? Treat yourself to a little (non-food) luxury every now and then.



This month, honor your colleagues of **Jewish, Haitian, and Asian American & Pacific Islander** heritage. Celebrate **Mental Health Awareness, Bilingual Literacy** and **Water SAFETY** all month long! **National Principals' Day** is May 1. Schools closed Monday, May 26 in observance of **Memorial Day**.

ABOVE & BEYOND

Wayne Worthley is an Agricultural Science/Culinary Magnet teacher at Redland Middle School. An ardent advocate for Redland Magnets, Mr. Worthley has led these programs to District and State achievements, such as first in Taste of Miami, first at District 12 Leadership Development, and second at the Florida Future Farmers of America Association's Parliamentary Procedure. M-DCPS leads the nation in **CHOICE** because of educators like Mr. Worthley!



Teachers Shine Bright at M-DCPS!



Eneida M. Hartner Elementary School teacher Rashawna Flowers introduces her 5th grade students to a timeless work of literature.

Teachers illuminate paths of knowledge, guiding students toward limitless possibilities. From morning greetings and classroom discussions to after-school support and thoughtful feedback, teachers shine their light on every aspect of student growth and development. Each day, they spark curiosity, kindle creativity, and brighten the future for every student in their care.



Dance teacher Stephanie Rivera reviews choreography with students at MAS @ Zelda Glazer 6-12.

At M-DCPS, we cherish the light that our teachers shine on the futures of our na-

tion's next generation of leaders. Our educators have consistently soared above expectations, pouring their hearts into meeting the different needs of every student.

To all our teachers, **THANK YOU** for lighting our paths with support and uplift.



Aviation instructor Steven Robinette explains simulator workings to students at George T. Baker Aviation Technical College.

Join us in celebrating these remarkable educators during Teacher Appreciation Week, **May 5-9, 2025**.

Share your stories of the teachers that illuminated your path on social media using **#ThankATeacher** and tag us **@MiamiSchools** on Facebook and Instagram or **@MDCPS** on X so we can amplify your love for our amazing educators.

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!

Excellence, Published

For three consecutive years, Miami Sunset Senior High School students in Néstor Cedeño's English language arts class have drafted, edited, illustrated, and internally published their own works based on an author they've covered in class. This year, the first time they've deviated from Shakespeare, the works they've written are essays rating the items and experiences they've encountered as young adults, modeling their publication after John Green's *The Anthropocene Reviewed*. **The Sunset Anthropocene: Essays on the World We Shape and Live In** covers essay topics as varied as touchdowns, roses, and circuit boards.

Miami Sunset SHS ELA teacher Néstor Cedeño (fourth from left), flanked by student artists and writers (l-r) Mariana Morillo, Andrea Bastidas, Melissa Coro, Alexa Perez, Samantha Nau.



Students race in their completed Electrathon America electric vehicles on Race Day at Homestead Miami Speedway.



Innovation Build Kits

Florida Power & Light (FPL) and Electrathon America have generously donated electric vehicle build kits, educator stipends, and curriculum resources to five M-DCPS high schools, providing hands-on opportunities for students to learn about STEM principles as they design, build, and race electric vehicles. The build kits, stipends, and resources for the five high schools, totaling over \$40,000, enrich M-DCPS' already-robust STEM curriculum and allow students to apply their creativity in a practical setting, while encouraging teamwork, problem-solving, and critical thinking.

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