



WORKFORCE WIRE

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HOT OFF THE WIRE

As we edge toward some type of normalcy this academic year, it is important to start with the basics - connecting and inspiring. Recapturing meaningful connections in our relationships with students, parents and colleagues is paramount to our success as a school district.

Let's plant seeds of hope, creativity and innovation that spark inspiration. An inspiration that is contagious and joyful that will help us **RISE Up** and propel us forward as we face any challenges ahead.

Wishing you a remarkable school year. Get out there and **Connect & Inspire!**

iLead

"iLead with integrity and compassion. My abilities, expertise, and leadership skills grow and inspire all students. Empowering ALL students creates a safe space for impactful learning."

— Unethia Fox
CAP Advisor, MAST Academy
2023 M-DCPS Teacher of the Year

BODY & MIND

In honor of the new school year and to welcome our instructional personnel back into the classroom, we hope you enjoy the recipes below, featuring our tried and true, evergreen symbol of public education - the Apple.

- [apple turkey picadillo](#)
- [dried apple snack](#)
- [apple oat tart](#)

In collaboration with Jacqueline Lopez, RD LDN, Onsite Health Educator, M-DCPS

Patriot Day is Sunday, September 11 · **Hispanic Heritage Month** begins Thursday, September 15. This year's theme is **UNIDOS: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation.**

ABOVE & BEYOND



Matthew Saunders is a Food Specialist at Frederick Douglass Elementary. He greets students and faculty every day with kind words and a smile. Mr. Saunders works beyond his assigned tasks to provide exceptional service to the entire school community. He also makes the world's best lemonade!

Veteran Educators Help New Teachers RISE Up

This school year, the District welcomed some 400 newly hired educators. At New Teacher Orientation, new teachers engaged in professional learning opportunities, including sessions designed to provide skills and knowledge to allow participants to **RISE Up** and become the teachers they were meant to be, the theme of this year's orientation. theHub reached out to some of these new teachers to share with us their hopes and fears. Some of our veteran educators responded with their words of wisdom.



I hope I can give my students joyful physics classes that they can never forget and help them to solve real life problems.

—Mahmoud Kamel, MAST@FIU

Science is complex enough – keep explanations clear – break it down but hold high standards and let your students know that they can overcome the challenge.

—Camille Ciriano, Barbara Goleman Senior High



I hope that each student in my Kindergarten class understands and enjoys what I teach them. My fear is not being able to engage them all how I planned.

—Danasha Jean, Golden Glades Elementary

Ask a distracted student an easy question to draw them back into the lesson. You may ask the rest of the class to help. Bring a sense of family to the classroom.

—Judy Nellon, Greynolds Park Elementary





My fear going into my first year is not having the resources or equipment to give my students the best experience.

—Joshua Watson, Brownsville Middle

Trust your knowledge and musical experience, show what you know. The Internet has a world of resources available to guide your instruction.

—Omar Reyes, Dr. Rolando Espinosa K-8



I hope to teach my students to develop original ideas and think outside the box to produce wonderful artwork that they can treasure forever.

—Laura Galguera, Bob Graham Education Center

Encourage your students to see mistakes as creative opportunities. Sometimes these unplanned additions actually improve the piece.

—Margaret Pellegrino, North Twin Lakes Elementary



I hope to help my students gain the courage to speak up for themselves and be the most confident they can be because it will show in their work.

—Khani Perez, North Miami Middle

Praise your more reserved students for answering questions and adding opinions. When you show you are interested, they will be more likely to ask for help.

—Matthew Tomlinson, Highland Oaks Middle





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UNIDOS

The diverse tapestry that is the Hispanic diaspora is seasoned with migrations (and unions) from East Asia, Africa, and Sephardic and Jewish peoples. Yet, often blind to the larger Hispanic American picture, Asian-, Afro-, and Jewish-Latino communities often feel it necessary to defend their Latin identities. The theme of Hispanic Heritage Month 2022 is **UNIDOS: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation**, and M-DCPS proudly celebrates all Hispanic Americans. Click [here](#) to read more.



Schoolhouse Apartments

A partnership between the District and Miami-Dade County's Department of Public Housing and Community Development is adding Schoolhouse Apartments to the list of many beautiful, new and modernized buildings at Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Construction is underway in the West Brickell area for a residential building with 10 workforce housing units for qualifying teachers and District employees. The housing units will have separate entrances and a residential lobby.

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