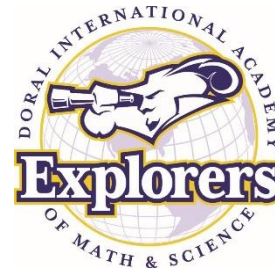


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DIAMS IS ON TOP!

By: David Araujo, Christian Febres, and Matthew Hernandez

We are so excited to announce that Doral International Academy of Math and Science ranked TOP PERFORMING SCHOOL in Mathematics at the MDCPS 2018 Elementary Science Fair! If you're wondering how we made it to the top, you'd have to ask our three school participants.

The kids who won the science fair were: Christian Febres [GOLD], Diego Morales [SILVER], and Diego Gutierrez [BRONZE]. We want to congratulate these students for representing our school with such pride! We asked them a series of questions to hear about their experiences. We asked our very own Explorer Post reporter, Christian Febres how it felt going to the science fair. He said that he was nervous and anxious. We also asked him how he felt when receiving the

medal. His answer was that he felt surprised that he got gold and that he didn't expect it. Lastly, we asked how he felt when they said he was going to win gold. He said that he was really excited and it was a cool feeling. Then we asked Diego Gutierrez the same. He said that he was very pleased to be there but was very nervous. He was delighted when they announced his name and was just as thrilled as Christian. When the same questions were asked to Diego Morales, he said, "I was very excited, but nervous to be there." When he got his prize, he was very proud. We asked him how it felt being the only 4th grader in the school to go to the science fair. He said it was really awesome and that he wasn't expecting it! We are proud of all our Explorers and their efforts!



MEET MEMBERS OF THE EXPLORER FAMILY!

**Front Office Queen****Ms. Hill**

Have you ever gone to the front office and asked Ms. Hill to help you to call your parents, help you with ice, or band-aids, or even just to ask a question? Although Ms. Hill makes her job as a front desk receptionist and an office floater look tremendously EASY, it's not as easy as it looks. Ms. Hill is constantly interacting with both students and parents. As Ms. Hill states, "I interact with them [students and parents] all day... every day." Other valuable information that will help you to know and understand what Ms. Hill does and why she does it is that, for starters, her busiest hours of the day are "dismissal, tardies, and early release!" Some things that she enjoys doing outside of school are "spending time with my son and dog, and reading." Ms. Hill also answers that what influenced her into being a front office receptionist and an office floater is that, "I'm a people person, I like to help kids." Her favorite part about working at DIAMS is, as Ms. Hill says, "the fact that I know the kids' names and that I can make a difference." So, next time that you go see Ms. Hill for something, please remember to say thank you for all that she has done for us!

**Instructional Coach****Ms. Burgos**

There is a new instructional coach in the school and her name is Ms. Burgos! Did you know that she taught 4th grade in another school but wanted to be a coach/instructor after getting her masters? Ms. Burgos says, "I really do think that middle school has formed a positive relationship with me and everyone has made me feel very welcome. I like being an instructional coach for Doral International." She claims that she does like working with our teachers. Ms. Burgos says that she has only been working with some teachers for a short time and she likes that they try to learn new things from her. For her, it's complicated to work with both 6th and 7th grade sometimes because she has to help make different lesson plans for 3 different classes when it comes to math (6th grade math, pre-algebra, and 7th grade math). Ms. Burgos states that her favorite part of teaching is when the students have the "aha" moments.

**Getting Ready for the FSA!**

By: Mia Lugo and Nicholas Tino

What is the FSA? The FSA is a test that will evaluate you based on the standards that you are supposed to learn in your grade level. For some grade levels, it's a determining factor on whether you can move on to the next grade. A student named Denise Cerna in 6th grade stated that, "The FSA was very simple but challenging at the same time." Luka Hamaya is currently in 5th grade and she said that, "I was nervous in the beginning, but when I started to take the test, it was simple. My teachers here at DIAMS prepared me!" Some students are confident while some other students are nervous to complete it. The FSA stands for "FLORIDA STANDARDS ASSESSMENT." The FSA tests run between March – May. Are you confident and proud for the next FSA?

Our Hearts are with Parkland

By: Mercedes Pagan and Nicole Caban



On February 14th, also known as Valentine's Day, a school tragedy occurred in a local Broward school. Unfortunately, an older student went to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and harmed many children. Seventeen students have passed away due to the horrid incident. Many middle school students were planning a walkout since many local schools were doing one, but our Principal, Ms. Gomez organized an assembly promising us that we would be part of something special in memory of the victims. We, as a school body, found the ceremony that was planned to be healing and comforting.

During recess, we formed groups and wrote special messages on the sidewalk in chalk for every victim. We were also asked to wear a white shirt for one dollar in solidarity. We were very happy to pay the dollar because the money we raised was donated to the families in their time of need.

Keeping Us Safe: DIAMS Safety Patrols

by: Isabella Mazuera

Have you ever thought of who will be greeting you at the door of school every morning? Well, I have the answer to your question: it is the safety patrols. They are here every morning at 7:45 sharp and are ready to greet you with a *hello* and to make sure that you arrive safely to the school. The Safety Patrol club sponsor is Mrs. Fernandez. She is an amazing, dedicated, and responsible teacher that enjoys helping kids do their very best. She says that, "What inspired me to be the Safety Patrol Sponsor is that I wanted kids to feel safe when they arrived to school grounds. If I could describe how I feel in one word it would be: helpful."



Some of our well-known Safety Patrols are Explorers that may be sitting in your class. Take for instance, Ingrid Gervasi who is one of our many dedicated safety patrols. She says that, "I am honored to be a part of something so amazing! It is fun to be a safety patrol and I also love helping kids." Another student that is a safety patrol is Andres Gutierrez. He says that, "Honestly to me helping kids do their best is so

much better than to do anything else. I want to help reinforce the dress code."

The Safety Patrols of our school play a very important role in the morning routine and thanks to them we can ensure that we are safe in the mornings. I hope that you enjoyed this article!

Love is in the Air...

By: Valeria Alvarez, Gabriela Alvarez, Nicole Laborde, and Denise Cerna

Everyone from Kinder to 7th grade has been talking about the Valentine's Day Dance that took place on Friday, 02-26-18. While the most popular songs amongst the Kinder to 3rd graders was, "Despacito," the 4th to 7th graders enjoyed "La Macarena" the most. The dance was a great experience for everyone and it created fun interactions between students, many kids were happy and ate a lot of candy, they also played a lot with their friends and took pictures!

2nd - Sofia Moreno

Q: Did you enjoy the dance?

A: "Yes, I liked it a lot because it was fun and I got to dance with my friends."

Another question we asked was if they had bought anything from the PTSO store, and many kids did. For example, Jesus Guadelis bought himself a ball and a toy football set, Andrea Alvarez bought 2 flower wands, and Diego de Lamo got some toys and a plushy! Sadly, the PTSO shop had closed before the 5th, 6th, and 7th graders could visit the store and buy some of its amazing products! We also interviewed some teachers who commented on their ideas about the dance and we asked them the following questions:



Question 1 - Do you think the dance is a good idea?

Question 2 - What is your favorite thing to see kids doing during the dance?

Ms. Arango

1- "Yes, because the kids need to burn off some energy."

2- "Kids dancing!"

Ms. Rojas

1- "I do because the kids get to socialize, have fun, and be themselves."

2- "The kids enjoying themselves, dancing, and interacting with one another."

The Valentine's dance was an exciting experience for many kids and even teachers, everyone enjoyed it and had fun. We can't wait until next year!