

The Hialeah Update

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West E-Library

The 6,500 sq ft. facility located on the second floor of Police Substation 5 at 7400 West 24th Ave in Hialeah has a study room, children's area and story time room in addition to 24 public computers, and an expanded reference and circulating book collection. There will also be movies to borrow, computer based tutoring and adult education courses offered by HML Community School. Opening date TBA.

Reading Corners Program



This reading program is offered at the Hialeah Parks & Recreation Department facilities. The program encourages our youth to pick up a book and read.

Dear Friends,

I hope this year has brought you good fortune and health thus far. With this issue, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the events that have taken place as part of our educational initiatives. Our children are important to our future and as the City of Progress, we value our children and encourage them to succeed in all that they do.

Mayor's Educational Advisory Board: This board was created to open the doors of communication between our schools and Mayor Julio Robaina, which also helped to create a better relationship for our students. The board is made up of educators, business leaders and government representatives, appointed by the Mayor from our community. There are a total of nine members, who review existing educational practices and needs for all City of Hialeah schools and make recommendations to the Mayor in order to implement successful educational practices.



Partnership to Advance School Success Program: The PASS program is comprised of a partnership to advance school success between Florida corporations and low performing schools. The main goal of the program is to raise the school's grade over a three-year period and to transform the lessons learned into on-going policies and specific strategies for the future, creating a permanent impact on the culture of the school and the community.

Mayor Robaina helps solidify the existing 10 Hialeah schools that are in the PASS program with local businesses. Some of the sponsors include Allied Waste Services, Weeks Gas, Leon Medical Center, Higgins Development, and Ibiely Schools Uniforms.

Educational Merit and Inspiration Awards: The Educational Merit and Inspiration Awards (EMI) was created to acknowledge and reward those individuals who encourage, support and excel in education, and help to further develop strong ties between students teachers parents and the community. Last Year's School of the year was South Hialeah Elementary. Our 2nd annual EMI Awards will be held on May 30, 2008.



Creative Learn & Play: This program is a partnership between the City of Hialeah and the Children's Trust. The program offers children a positive atmosphere where they are encouraged to learn while they play. Certified teachers are available after school to assist children in reading, math and other skills in a relaxed setting that promotes study and social skills. Registration for summer camp opened on April 7, 2008

and goes through May 23, 2008. The following locations will be available Milander Park, Slade Park, Wilde Park, and Babcock Park.

Other Programs: Through the library, there are many other programs available in order to help our youth succeed in everything that they do. Some of the programs that take place include: America Reads, FCAT tutoring, CEI (Literacy Labs), Crossroads Café, and the Hialeah Reading Train. For more information, please contact the J.F.K. Library at 305 -821-2700.

Summary on Educational Events through 2007-2008

Back to School Immunization: 150 backpacks were distributed, which were donated by STEPS. 524 Children received their immunization shots. Blue Bunny donated ice cream for the children to enjoy after receiving immunization This event took place from August 6 to August 10th.

Lights On After School: The City of Hialeah in partnership with the Florida After School Network sponsored Lights On After School Rally October 18, 2007 at Walker Community Center. The event was used as a call for expanding after school opportunities so that every child has access to an after school program and to discuss the harm that results from budget cuts for these wonderful programs.

NASA Visits With Flamingo Elementary: On December 12, 2007 NASA launched the NASA Explorer School Program at Flamingo Elementary School in Hialeah. The program financed by NASA will contribute funds to this school in order to promote and enhance the study of Math and Science at the elementary school level. Only 25 schools were chosen nationally by NASA to participate in the three year program.

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