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### CLASSES WITH BEST ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER

The following classes had the most days with perfect attendance for the month of September:

- Pre-K - Ms. Isabel Gonzalez and Mrs. Ana Rubiales
- Kindergarten - Ms. Lissette Preciado (Ms. M. Betancourt) and Ms. Sandra Pineda
- Grade 1 - Ms. Vivian Lopez
- Grade 2 - Ms. Esperanza Lopez
- Grade 3 - Mrs. Martha Torres-Bosch and Mrs. Barbara Rojas
- Grade 4 - Ms. Lizette Gonzalez
- Grade 5 - Mrs. Maria Herrera

Congratulations to the parents of these students. Your commitment to having your students in school has been noticed and we thank you for your support.

### EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

Mae M. Walters Elementary school is proud to announce the selection of the following staff members by their peers:

Caridad Alonso, Teacher of the Year

Lazara Perez, Rookie Teacher of the Year

They will represent our school well!

### H1N1 VIRUS UPDATE

Information regarding the availability of vaccinations at our school was sent home on 10/20/09. If you have a doctor, please discuss this matter with him/her. For those without a doctor, if you wish to have your child vaccinated, please complete the form sent home and return it to our school nurse. Once we receive the requests we will schedule the dates/times for vaccinations. Keep in mind that you must be present when your child gets the vaccine. If you have any questions, please contact our school nurse at 305-826-3466.

Remember that the #1 protection is washing hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand cleaner.

### PTA NEWS

Thank you to all the students and staff that participated in the catalog sale. It was a huge success. We expect the delivery date for the catalog items to be before Thanksgiving. As soon as they arrive, we will be sending them home. The individual winners with the most sales were:

- 1st Place - Colin Vega from Ms. I. Gonzalez' class - won \$100.00 Toys R Us Gift Card
- 2nd Place - Vanessa Quintana from Ms. Sanchez' class - won \$50.00 Toys R Us Gift Card
- 3rd Place - Kaylin Abreu from Mrs. E. Betancourt's class - won \$25.00 Toys R Us Gift Card

Additionally, our PTA would like to thank our Drama Club, under the direction of Ms. Almonte, for our successful Haunted House event; and to the many families that attended the event.

PTA is still recruiting members, volunteers and committee leaders. PTA membership is only \$5.00 per family. Please join, your support and input is needed. This year, among our various fund-raising activities we have:

- Pizza Sale - 2nd Thursday of the month (\$1)
- Healthy Snack - 3rd Thursday of the month (\$1)
- Ice Cream Sale - 4th Tuesday of the month (\$1)

PTA will be selling Science boards for \$4 next week in the morning in front of the office. They also have t-shirts \$9, long sleeve t-shirts \$11, and long sleeve hooded sweatshirts \$18 for sale.

Our next PTA meeting will be held on November 17, 2009, immediately before our "Reading under the Stars".

### HONOR ROLL ASSEMBLIES

Report cards will be going home on November 12, 2009. We will be recognizing our students for their achievements during the week of November 16, 2009 as follows:

November 16 2008: PreK, K and First Grade

November 17, 2009: Second Grade

November 18, 2009: Third Grade

November 19, 2009: Fourth Grade

November 20, 2009: Fifth Grade

Hope to see you there!

### SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAM

ALL students are entitled to enjoy a free breakfast, regardless of economic status. We encourage your child to participate in our **free breakfast program that provides a nutritious meal to start the day.**

### UNIFORM POLICY

Mae M. Walters Elementary School is a mandatory uniform school. It is our belief that students are more likely to take school seriously, project a sense of unity and school spirit when wearing school uniforms.

### UNITED WAY STUDENT CAMPAIGN

Our United Way Student Campaign was a great success! Thanks to the generosity from our students and you, their parents, we were able to donate more than \$1,600.

### ACCELERATED READER PROGRAM

We are currently implementing our Accelerated Reader (AR) program promoting reading across our grade levels. Students are encouraged to read AR books based on their level and then take a test to earn points. After reaching their goal, students will earn a prize. Rewards will be distributed on November 6, 2009.

### FUN, FUN, AND MORE FUN WITH READING!

On Tuesday, November 3, 2009, we will be having an in-service on KidsBiz to introduce our parents of English Language Learner (ELL) students, to software that will help students become proficient in the English language.

On Tuesday, November 10, 2009 we will be hosting our "Muffins with Mom" at 8:45 a.m. This is a great opportunity to enjoy refreshments and a good book with your child!

Our PTA will be hosting our "Reading under the Stars" for students in prekindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. Weather permitting, we will have it in our garden. If you would like for your child to participate in a fun-filled hour of reading and refreshments, keep in mind that all children must come with an adult. Students are welcome to come in their pajamas, bring their small blanket and their favorite stuffed animal. Thank you, in advance, for helping us to instill the love of reading in your child.