

DOCTORS NOTE

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SCHOOL NEWS



Winter Recess begins on Monday, December 21st, and ends on Friday, January 1st.

We wish all of our DCS family a safe and restful break. School resumes on January 4th, 2010.

Students can improve reading skills

Reading Plus is a proven, research-based

reading software program provided by Miami-Dade County Public Schools to all students. It is a great tool for students to improve reading skills and raise FCAT reading scores. All students can access Reading Plus through the Student Portal. The link is located at the bottom of the Student Portal screen after the student signs in.

Students will be asked to find their class; all students, with the exception of Intensive Reading students, are located in "Beyond the Bell," listed by last name. The pass-

word is the letters mdcps plus the student id (example: mdcps1234567). Click start, then begin reading!

The program can also be accessed by going to the Reading Plus Website directly, <http://www.readingplus.com/index.html>. Click on the "login" link, then "student login." The site code is docmiami, and the class would be "Beyond the Bell" and the initial of the student's last name. The password is the same as above.

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An "A" School



IMPORTANT DATES

Winter Recess, December 21 to January 1; school resumes Monday, January 4

Interim Assessment, Wednesday, January 6, and Thursday, January 7th; grades 6 through 11, selected 12th graders

Fundraising Committee Meeting, Wednesday, January 6, at 8 am

Mid-term Exams, Thursday, January 14, periods 6 & 7

Mid-term Exams, Friday, January 15, period 5

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, Monday, January 18; school is closed

Mid-term Exams, Tuesday, January 19, periods 2 & 3

Mid-term Exams, Wednesday, January 20, period 1; **early release - 12:00 dismissal**

Mid-term Exams, Thursday, January 21, period

4; early release - 12:00 dismissal

End of 2nd grading period, Thursday, January 21

Board Meeting, Thursday, January 21 at 5:30 pm in the Media Center

Teacher Planning Day, Friday, January 22; no students in school

Begin 3rd grading period and 2nd semester, Monday, January 25

FCAT Writing, Tuesday, February 9, grades 8 and 10

For more information and up-to-date changes, check the School Calendar at <http://www.doctorscharterschool.org>

Click on E-Resource Center



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You can also go to www.doctorscharterschool.org, then click on the Parents page, and find the links to Reading Plus.

Interim Assessment Testing January 6 and 7

Students in grades 6 through 10, and 11th and 12th graders in Intensive reading and math classes, will take the Reading and Math Assessments on Wednesday, January 6. Students in grades 7, 8, 10, and 11 will take the

Science Assessment on Thursday, January 7th. Attendance and punctuality are extremely important on those testing days. Students should bring #2 pencils, and those in grades 7 and up should bring a calculator on Wednesday. All students testing should also bring a snack on Wednesday as lunch will be delayed.

Chilly Weather Wear

Even South Florida has its cold days; please remember that according to our dress code, outerwear worn at DCS must be purchased at Continental Uniform.

FCAT Testing Dates—mark your calendar now

FCAT Writing will be administered to students in grades 8 and 10 on **Tuesday, February 9th.**

Students in grades 6-10 (and 11 and 12th graders retaking the graduation FCAT) will take the Reading FCAT on **Tuesday, March 9.** The Math FCAT will be given on **Wednesday, March 10.**

Students in grades 8 and 11 take the Science FCAT on **Tuesday, March 16.**

Please do not schedule any trips or appointments that would result in your child being absent on these dates.

Supervision after School

After 3:30, all students who are not with a coach, tutor, or club sponsor (or otherwise under the supervision of an adult) **MUST** exit the school and go to the north side of the building and wait with the adult in charge.

SAT (Register at www.collegeboard.com)		ACT (Register at www.act.org)	
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Test Date	Registration Deadline
January 23, 2010	December 15, 2009	February 6, 2010	January 5, 2010
March 13, 2010	February 4, 2010	April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010
May 1, 2010	March 25, 2010	June 12, 2010	May 7, 2010
June 5, 2010	April 29, 2010	*Extra fee for late registration for SAT and ACT	



DCS TEST SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Electives	Math	Science	Math	Foreign Languages
Physical Education	Language Arts Social Studies	Social Studies Foreign Languages	Language Arts Electives Physical Education	Science