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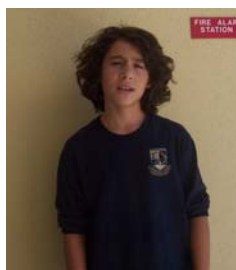
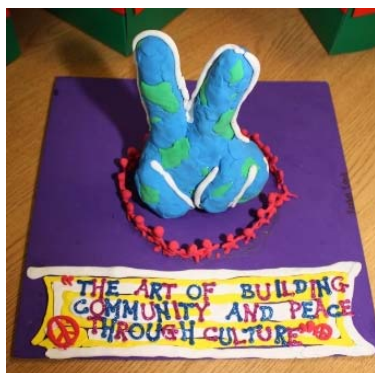
There is a little bit of peace in all of us and Peace Day shows us how to express it. Peace Day was celebrated at ACES on September 21st because the city of Aventura wanted to see how the community showed peace. At this celebration there were a couple of guest speakers including **Ms. Alm, Mr. Sandberg, Kelley Shanley, and Mayor Susan Gottlieb. Mr. Lakofsky** sang a song with

his junior chorus. There were also three winners of the Peace Day poem and essay contest. **Stephanie Valdivia, Luis Pineros, and Vanessa Wu** each presented their award winning pieces.

Kelley Shanley is the CEO for The Broward Center for the Performing Arts. He spoke about how to create peace in a community and in friendship. "Peace is something we cannot hope for. It is something we work for," he said.



The Aventura Arts and Cultural Center, currently being built right next to our school, is supposed to open in May and will hold 325 seats. After presenting Ms. Alm with a proclama-
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Nathan Gamba

New Students

by Melody Manzur and Zuzanna Szulc

New construction, new teachers, new subjects – there's so many new things at ACES this year. But what would a new year be without any new students? It just so happens that there are many new students for the 2009-

2010 school year at ACES. We sat down with a few of them, and here's what we learned about our new friends.

We met up with **Nathan Gamba** in 6th grade. When asked how he feels about ACES, he enthusiastically responded "I like the teachers and students."

His brother, **Solal** in second grade said "I am very athletic, I like my teachers and I like writing." Second-grader **Lenor Mahleb** told us "My favorite color is the rainbow. I also like swimming, puppies and I am very athletic." Lenor's classmate, **Sophia Porto**
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Solal Gamba





Ms. Alfonso

New Feature: New Teachers

by Zuzanna Szulc and Marissa Lichy

For the 2009-2010 school year at ACES there's new construction, new kids and best of all there's new teachers!

In the first grade, **Ms. Alfonso** and **Ms. Maurer** are influencing the kids' young intelligence. "I like to be with children and it's a nice and good school," Ms. Alfonso says with a smile. Ms. Maurer's response is no less positive



Ms. Maurer

"I've always wanted to be a teacher," she says, "It is my inspiration." Bringing the joy of art to the elementary school is **Ms. Mueller**. It is her first year teaching and so far she

likes working at ACES. Third grade teacher, **Ms. Duffy**, says "my inspiration is [my love for teaching]." **Ms. Lopez**, also in third grade, says her big-
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Ms. Duffy



Ms. Mueller

The New Kindergarteners at ACES

by Jacquelyn Whaley and Isabella Maia

The ACES hallways are buzzing with the sound of new, little voices. They belong to the students of six new kindergarten classes. This is an exciting time for the students; for some of them it is the first experience they had in a classroom!

They are expecting to

learn so many new things this year. Among the many things they will learn are the alphabet, math, science, and new vocabulary. The kindergarteners are very excited for their new year and like their teachers. "I think my teacher is really nice and teaches us well." said **Esteban Maldonado**. "My favorite part of class is center time." said **Marley Buch-**

wald.

The kindergarten teachers are excited to have their new little kindergarteners in their class and look forward to observe them actively learning. "I prefer to teach kindergarten because I love kindergarteners and it is exciting to watch them learn something new." said **Ms. Damas**. The kinder-
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Sixth Graders

by Marissa Lichy and Zuzanna Szulc

The sixth graders are experiencing a whole different year full of excitement and anticipation. They are now officially middle school students! This new academic chapter

of their lives brings with it some new challenges. The students now have seven subjects with seven different teachers, they have more homework, and more responsibilities. However, all the teachers feel the class as a whole is doing a good job of adapting.

"Teaching the sixth grade is very diverse and the students are very enthusiastic. They are adapting very well to middle school," **Ms. Zirini** says. **Ms. Eizenbaum** told us, "In 6th grade I teach them how to adapt to being mid-
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-gest pleasure in teaching is when the kids understand difficult concepts.

Ms. Miller, who has been teaching for three years, is the new 4th grade teacher. “My students enjoy social studies most,” she says.

In the middle school hallways there’s a new 5th grade teacher; **Ms. Grabois**. “Education is the one thing you can never



Ms. Miller

take away from someone,” she says with wisdom.

Helping the sixth graders master math, **Mr. Amador** is ACES new middle school math teacher. “ACES is so supportive and everyone plays for the same team,” he tells us.



Ms. Grabois



Mr. Amador

Teaching sixth grade science with passion is **Ms. Card**. She tells us “I want to instill a sense of wonder about the natural world in our youth.”

As you can see all the new teachers are enthusiastic about sharing their knowledge with ACES students. Best of luck and welcome to our team!



Ms. Card



Ms. Lopez

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-garten teachers also like the new classes in the elementary school. “My classroom is new and smaller than it used to be and I like that about it.” said **Ms. Romero**. ACES is so proud to have the new kindergarteners in the school.



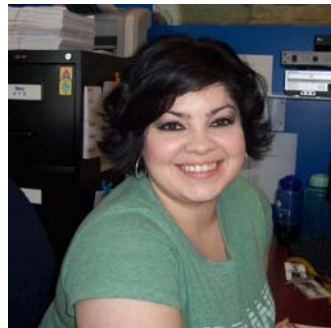
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-dle school students.”

The 6th grade students also expressed strong feelings about middle school. **Talia Ciklik** says that the biggest difference between middle and elementary school is that there is a lot more work and more responsibility. **Erica Berner** says that she’s looking forward to seeing what middle school has to offer and having more freedom. **Natalie Gaber** says that middle school is exciting because of the great new classes. **Patricio Zalzar**

feels the biggest challenges he will face is “studying hard, and understanding the homework.” While **Michael Hicks** told us his favorite subject is math because he “likes working with numbers.”

We’re delighted to have these students in middle school and wish them the best of luck. Welcome to sixth grade!



Geography is a blast in Ms. Zirini’s sixth grade class!



Erica Berner is looking forward to learning in middle school.

Fifth Grade in Middle School

by Isabella Maia and Jacquelyn Whaley

It’s an exciting year for the fifth grade students! They’re sharing the hallways with the middle school students and are learning their lessons in middle school classrooms!

Due to the new construction that was completed over the summer, the fifth grade class has been moved from the elementary building into the middle school.

It is a little bit scary for the fifth graders, but also very exciting. “I feel like a kindergartener again.” said **Skyler Stein**. Fifth graders think their new classrooms are great, however some

fifth graders, like **Daniel Whaley**, do not like to have to walk all the way to the elementary cafeteria from the middle school, but they do love their teachers!

The fifth grade teachers like to see when their new students succeed in academics. ‘I love to see when my fifth grade students figure out something new,’ said **Ms. Grabois**.

The middle school is glad to share space with the fifth grade class and their teachers. Welcome aboard!



Daniel Whaley



Ms. Grabois



Skyler Stein

Peace Day *(cont. from page 1)*

tion about International Peace Day at ACES, Mayor Susan Gottlieb stated that she is very proud that the city will have the cultural arts center, and wants to see people come together when it is completed.

Another special guest was City Manager **Eric Soroka**. He said that peace means people coming together and cooperating. Mayor Gottlieb told us peace for her means “no more conflicts in the world and people learning to appreciate other people.”

Stephanie Valdivia wrote an inspirational poem which she told us was motivated by the

“definition of peace.” Luis Pineros feels “good about winning the poem contest for ACES Peace Day” because he believes he “accomplished something good.” Vanessa Wu was inspired to write her winning essay by “thinking about being with my friends. They’re always honest and nice to me.”

ACES is proud to host Peace Day. As Ms. Alm states peace is “harmony, because it’s people getting along, and people caring about the world.”



Kelley Shanley



Luis Pineros



Mayor Gottlieb and Mr. Soroka share peace.

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tells us that she used to go to a private school and that there are many things different about ACES. She also tells us that she likes this school because she has made lots of new friends here. Fourth-grader **Sebastian Lopez**



Sebastian Lopez

tian Lopez told us he likes doing school work and watching TV. He also told us that he likes the color white.

First grader **Charles Sealy** told us that he likes sports, but mostly basketball. Charles says that a



Camilo Mejia

word that describes him is “cool”. His brother, **Michael Sealy** in the third grade states, “This school is fun!” **Samantha Shipley** also in the first grade enjoys hip hop dancing, the



Bruna Ferreira

color red and her favorite animal is the cheetah. She used to go to Tauber Academy. Eighth grader **Camilo**

Mejia used to go to Highland Oaks Middle School. Camilo says, “This school has more after school activities.” Fifth grader **Bruna Ferreira** comes to us from Aventura Waterways Elementary. Her favorite color is purple and she also enjoys swimming. In fourth grade, **Samantha Lozano** says, “I am very shy but everyone here at ACES is very friendly and I like that.” Third grader **Jeremiah Wright** who used to go to Coconut Palm Elementary says that this *(cont. on page 6)*

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school is smaller. He also told us that a word that describes him is “funny”.

We’re happy to welcome all the new students to our ACES family. If you see them in the halls be sure to say hello!



Samantha Lozano



Samantha Shipley



Jeremiah Wright



Charley Sealy



Michael Sealy