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AVENTURA CITY OF EXCELLENCE SCHOOL IS AN "A"

We are proud to announce that for the fifth year ACES is an A rated school. Our overall number of points earned increased by 32 points. We have continued to meet or exceed the performance of our neighboring schools. Our middle school students were among the top 5 scoring schools in Miami Dade County in reading, math and science. Our Elementary school students were among the top 10 scoring schools in Miami Dade County in reading and math.

ACES GOES GREEN: ONLINE COMMUNICATION

As part of our continuing effort to be more environmentally conscious, ACES will employ a new system of weekly communication. We will no longer send home flyers. All information will be posted weekly on our website. Our website address is www.aventuracharter.org. Look for the link on the home page "Thursday Packet".

ACES GOES GREEN: AUTOMATED PHONE MESSAGES

ACES will now employ an automated phone messaging system. This system will allow us to send recorded messages to families via the telephone. Families will receive calls related to upcoming events, calendar changes, school closure, emergency situations and student attendance. Be sure your primary contact number is updated on your child's emergency contact card.

REAL-TIME STUDENT PROGRESS ONLINE

Parents will now have access to their child's grades via the web. Be on the look out for instructions on registering.

ACES OFFERS MORE

Over the past six years ACES has remained committed to excellence. Each year we have expanded and/or enhanced our offerings. This year all students in grades kindergarten through fifth grade will have Spanish instruction. Students in grades K, 2 and 3 will have dance as part of their "specials" rotation. We will now be utilizing a rotating 7 day schedule for elementary specials. Each full school day has been identified with a letter that corresponds to a "special" class. For example if your child's class has PE on "A" days you will want to ensure that they wear their PE uniform on "A" days. The schedule is posted on the ACES website.

Our Middle school program now offers eighth grade gifted students an opportunity to take Honors gifted high school Biology. We are offering Dance as an additional elective for middle school students to select.

LOWER CLASS SIZES

We are proud to announce that we have completed our expansion project. We now have 10 new classrooms. Six located in the Middle School building and four located in the elementary school building. Our fifth grade students will now be housed in the middle school building however, they remain on an elementary schedule. The new additions, along with additional staff have enabled us to lower class sizes at grades Kindergarten through third grade. Plans are in place to reduce class size in grades fourth through eighth in the 2010 – 2011 school year.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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