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ACES Special Events/Projects

STORYBOOK CHARACTERS VISIT ACES!

AVENTURA, FLORIDA — October 21, 2008. Aventura City of Excellence School (ACES) students' were replaced by their favorite storybook characters to kick-off the school's Scholastic Book Fair Event promoting literacy.



Excitement was in the air as ACES students arrived at school to see storybook characters all over the campus. Students donned in their favorite storybook garb, carried storybooks representing their favorite characters. In each classroom, students selected the student with the best dressed character costume and sent their class representative to the ACES AM TV News Show, which broadcasts live daily to over 900 students, teachers and staff.

ACES Principal, Julie Alm says, "Our Scholastic Book Fair events are designed to engage our students' love of literacy and to foster student and family participation." Vice Principal, Daniel Sandberg arrived at the AM TV Show dressed as his favorite character, Eeyore. He

congratulated the winners and then delighted ACES students as he visited classrooms to take pictures with the other ACES storybook characters. Mr. Sandberg said, "We attribute our consistently high FCAT Reading scores to our excellent staff and to engaging our students in high interest activities that foster our students' appreciation for reading."



About ACES:

Aventura City of Excellence School (ACES) is the first municipal-sponsored school in Miami-Dade County. ACES was established in 2003 and serves 900 students grades Kindergarten through Eighth grade. ACES' Middle School Wing opened in August 2005 and filled to capacity in August 2007. ACES is considered a Leader in "Educational Best Practices" and teaching the "whole child." The school has developed a reputation for innovative and engaging educational programming. ACES maintains a low student-teacher ratio, state of the art facilities, advanced technology, a safe environment for students to learn, a values-based Education and a progressive curriculum; including programs for Gifted Students, Exceptional Student Education (ESE), English as a Second Language (ESOL), and Before and After School Care. In addition, ACES offers many unique programs for students and families including; "Special Interest Clubs," After School Sports, Art and Drama Programs, Parenting Workshops, an Authors Series and a Middle School Career and Entrepreneurship Leadership Speaker Series for students and families featuring leading entrepreneurs and authors. ACES won first place for the "Best Garden" in the Fairchild Botanical Garden Exchange for two years in a row and a State Innovation Award. For more information, visit ACES school Web Site at www.aventuracharter.org or call 305-466-1499.