

# THE PARENT ACADEMY

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**Building the future one parent at a time**



## *From the Desk of Eileen Segal, President Dade County Council PTA/PTSA*

As president of the Dade County Council PTA/PTSA and a parent of two former Miami-Dade County Public Schools students, I am honored to be a part of The Parent Academy team. The opportunities for growth and learning offered to parents through the Academy are unique and exciting.

The Parent Academy is Dr. Crew's dream for all parents – giving us another vehicle to become intimately involved in our children's education. Research has proven that when WE, the parents, are involved in our children's education, they test better, take school more seriously and have a higher rate of high school and college graduation. This is the reason The Parent Academy is essential. The Academy will give parents an opportunity to take an array of courses aimed at helping them help their children.

The Dade County Council PTA/PTSA encourages every parent and caregiver of children to take part in this incredible opportunity. The experience will empower you, and your children will be glad you did.

## THE PARENT ACADEMY KICK-OFF

*at a location near you*

**AUGUST 13, 2005 • AUGUST 20, 2005**

*see details on back*

## SCHOOL BOARD GIVES NOD TO ACADEMY REPORT

At its meeting of May 18, 2005, the Miami-Dade County School Board accepted the report, *Building the Future One Parent at a Time: A Report of Partnership, Process, and Progress*, authorizing Superintendent Rudolph F. Crew to implement The Parent Academy as outlined in the report. The Board's action brought the District one step closer to witnessing the fruits of many months of labor by staff, parents, and other District stakeholders.

Scheduled to launch this August, the Academy has been largely built on partnership development and community engagement. Parent stakeholders have played a pivotal role in "constructing" the Academy. Devoting countless hours of time, parents have served on one of six subcommittees – in some instances, more than one – offering their unique insight and perspective.

The School Board's acceptance of the report is a testament to the Board's commitment to the parents and children of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

## TPA SNEAK PEEK AND KICK-OFF EVENTS

August 13<sup>th</sup> • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### SNEAK PEEK

Parents waiting to glimpse The Parent Academy, the Miami-Dade School District's landmark venture to equip parents for meaningful involvement in their children's education, can sneak a peek Saturday, August 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with preview events at

Barnes & Noble Bookstores  
18711 N.E. Biscayne Blvd.  
12405 N. Kendall Drive

August 20<sup>th</sup> • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### KICK-OFF

Barnes & Noble (Coral Gables)  
152 Miracle Mile  
Doral Library  
10785 N.W. 58 Street  
Lemon City Library  
430 N.E. 61 Street  
Main Library  
101 W. Flagler Street  
Miami Beach Regional Library  
227 22<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Miami Lakes/Palm Springs N. Library  
6699 Windmill Gate Rd.  
Naranja Library  
27060 S. Dixie Highway  
West Dade Regional Library  
9445 Coral Way  
West Kendall Regional Library  
10201 Hammocks Blvd.  
Biscayne Park Beach  
9700 S.W. 328 Street  
Coral Reef Library  
9211 Coral Reef Drive  
Nova Southeastern University  
Parent Resource Centers  
1750 N.E. 167 Street, 166-B  
8585 S.W. 124 Avenue, 420  
Corporate Academy North  
Parent Resource Center  
5120 N.W. 24 Ave, Bldg. 3, Rm. 7  
**More Info: 305-995-2680**

## COURSEWORK/CONTENT

The Coursework/Content Committee is hard at work creating a catalogue of course offerings for The Parent Academy. Through coursework offerings, The Parent Academy will establish an opportunity for all parents in Miami-Dade to return to a place where learning, sharing and growing takes place.

There will be three types of courses offered: Core, Growth and Signature courses. The course most in demand is "Miami-Dade County Public Schools 101." This course will inform and empower parents as they learn how to get the most out of what this school system has to offer their children and their families. If you would like to learn more about the courses being offered through The Parent Academy, please contact Ms. Helen Pina at [hpina@dadeschools.net](mailto:hpina@dadeschools.net) or Mr. Carlos Seales at [crseales@aol.com](mailto:crseales@aol.com).

## FUND DEVELOPMENT

The Parent Academy is well on its way to serving the educational needs of the parents in our community. Organizations such as Florida Memorial University and the Haitian-American Citizenship Center have lent their facilities. AOL Latino will launch hundreds of classes throughout the community as well as provide incentives for participants who complete courses. Miami-Dade College's partnership with Wachovia Bank will offer financial literacy courses.

The Fund Development subcommittee continues to encourage all community and business partners to align themselves with this historic endeavor for the advancement of public education and the creation of a stronger work force for Miami-Dade County. To learn more about sponsorship and donor opportunities for The Parent Academy, please contact Diana Venturini at [dventurini@dadeschools.net](mailto:dventurini@dadeschools.net).

## MARKETING

The Parent Academy's success hinges on the organizers' ability to inform and motivate parents about the opportunities the Academy affords them. To raise awareness, the Marketing subcommittee is spreading the word in a number of ways, including scheduling presentations to employee, parent and civic groups; coordinating publicity through The Miami Herald, South Florida Parenting Magazine, Spanish and Haitian-Creole radio, and the web.

Once initial awareness is raised, marketing efforts will shift toward encouraging parents to enroll in classes. Households throughout Miami-Dade will receive the district's adult education course catalog in the mail with information about Parent Academy course offerings, and announcements will be mailed to the homes of students qualifying for free

or reduced-price lunch. During the kick-off events (see information to the left of this page), parents will have the opportunity to register for classes and take an actual Parent Academy workshop while their children enjoy fun activities.

Join Miami Herald  
Columnist and Pulitzer  
Prize-winning writer  
Leonard Pitts for the  
Academy's premiere  
Signature Lecture  
**August 23<sup>rd</sup>** at Parrot  
Jungle Island, 305-995-2680

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