



Miami-Dade County Public Schools'
THE PARENT ACADEMY
 Building the future one parent at a time.

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Message From Superintendent Rudolph F. Crew



In August, Miami-Dade County Public Schools will kick off the 2005-06 school year with an exciting new initiative developed just for parents. Opening fall 2005, The Parent Academy will help parents gain the experience and skills they need to guide their children to productive lives. Countless studies and any teacher will tell you that involved parents are often the key to a child's academic success. I am convinced that equipping parents with the appropriate skills to guide their children's education is essential to their success in the classroom.

The goal of the Parent Academy is simple: Empower parents to be effective advocates for their children through information-sharing, skill-building, and personal development. To that end, The Parent Academy will provide parents with an opportunity to take advantage of a smorgasbord of courses. Offerings will include classes in literacy; household, financial, and time management skills; effective parent-teacher communication; and career preparation skills. I hope you are as excited as I am about The Parent Academy. I encourage every parent of a Miami-Dade County Public Schools student to become a student again and take advantage of this monumental initiative. It will be lifechanging for you and your child and community-changing for us all.

Parent Academy Receives Platinum Pledge



Thanks to a generous donation, The Parent Academy, scheduled to open this fall, is well on its way to reaching its fundraising goal of \$1,000,000. South Florida resident and community and business leader Adrienne Arshnt pledged \$50,000 to the new Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) initiative designed to help parents guide their children's academic progress. Arshnt's pledge will help the district provide parents with an array of learning opportunities through classes online and on campuses throughout the county. "Partnering with academicians, practitioners, business leaders, and parents to provide a year-round rich menu of opportunities for parents is good, sound business practice," says Arshnt, who is Chairman of the Board at TotalBank.

Fund Development



Funding is critical to the success of the Parent Academy. Without the financial support of generous donors and other funding sources, it is impossible to provide the first-rate service and instruction that parents need and deserve. Through the efforts of the Fund Development subcommittee, grants and foundations are being identified to support the mission of The Parent Academy. The committee, which works with the business community in securing corporate sponsorship and in-kind services, is proud to partner with The Collins Center for Public Policy and Adrienne Arshnt of TotalBank. Arshnt hosted a March 1 Parent Academy event where Superintendent Rudy Crew and School Board members thanked members of the Miami Business Forum for coming out to support the new initiative. To learn more about sponsorship and donor opportunities for The Parent Academy, contact Diana Venturini at dventurini@dadeschools.net.

Higher Education, Facilities and Childcare

The Higher Education, Facilities and Childcare subcommittee works closely with local colleges and universities in developing partnerships for exciting course subcommittee. The Parent Academy is identifying and developing parent classes on such topics as conversational English, Spanish, and Haitian-Creole; searching and interviewing for jobs; child health, nutrition, and development, and a host of other course offerings. The committee is currently working with Florida Memorial University, Hands On Miami, Inc., and Informed Families to inform parents about training offered at the three institutions.



Marketing



The Marketing subcommittee has produced an attractive and effective brochure now being used to generate support, financial and otherwise, for The Parent Academy. Now in the works: a two-phase launch, starting with a May-August awareness and pre-registration campaign, to be followed by an August- September kickoff and official registration drive. Look for details in the next e-brief.

**Look for more subcommittee updates in the next
Parent Academy E-Brief June 2005**

**For more information, contact the
Office of Community Services 305-995-1265**

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