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# GATOR GAZETTE

*DECEMBER's Character Value is Citizenship!*

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## A Message from Mrs. Gonzalez...

The 2009 Christina M. Eve Elementary Holiday Show has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 8th and Wednesday, December 9th, 2009. On both nights the Holiday Show will take place in the Gator Café promptly at seven o'clock in the evening. There will be no admission cost associated with this years Holiday Show.

The last day of school before winter recess is Friday, December 18th, 2009. Student attendance and behavior are of vital importance to our students academic success. My wishes to each of our Gator families for a joyous holiday season. Remember books make great gifts and reading together is a wonderful family activity. I look forward to seeing all of you when school resumes on Monday, January 4th, 2010.

## GATORS OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER



PreK-Blitch: Sebastian  
PreK-Kinsora: Manuel  
K-Blanco: Sofia  
K-Crespo: Mateo  
K-Gutierrez: Gabriella  
K-Madruga: Alexandra  
1-Cardenas: Andy  
1-M. Garcia: Ashton  
1-Gonzalez: Emma  
1-Moreira: Nelisa  
1-Perez: Satya  
2-Figueras: Nikinho  
2-Haguel: Jerry  
2-Menendez: Natalia  
2-Pujol: Emylee  
2-E.Rodriguez: Jonathan

3-Abril: Ryan  
3-Russ: Nicolas  
3-Sosa: April  
3-Suazo: Briana  
3-Tellechea: Angelina  
3-Wemple: Brandon  
4-Cabrera: Melissa  
4-Cardona: Ignacio  
4-Grandio: Ricardo  
4-Lopez: Sophia  
4-D.Rodriguez: Kaitlyn  
5-Aulow: Megan  
5-Duclos: Brianna  
5-Fernandez: Summer  
5-Miller: Nataly  
5-Villalobos: Violeta

## Gator of the Month

Our Gator of the Month Breakfast will be on Friday, December 4th at 8:45 am in the Gator Café.

## Turkey Raffle

We would like to thank our Commissioner Joe Martinez for once again donating 10 turkeys for Thanksgiving. We were able to raffle off those turkeys to wonderful families!



## Fifth Grade Reminder

This is a reminder for Fifth Graders to review the website for Schools of Choice. Once again the website address is: <http://choice.dadeschools.net/>. This is a great resource to find information on Magnet Schools for Middle School. Remember, applications are due on January 15th so it's important to start now! If you have any questions, please call Mrs. de la Calle for help!

## Joke of the Month

Q. What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?



A. Frostbite

## Holiday Show

This year our Holiday Show will be on December 8th, and 9th 7:00 p.m. in the Gator Cafe. This is always a great event so we encourage all of you to come and see the show. The Holiday Committee has been working very hard in order to make this show a big success.

## Holiday Break

Remember that there will be no school from December 21st to January 1st. We hope all of you have safe and joyful holiday season! See you in January!

## Dad's Donut Day

We would like to thank all the dad's that came to Donut Day. It was a great event. The children truly enjoyed having breakfast with their dad's. A special thanks to our wonderful PTA for coordinating the event. We couldn't have done it without your help!



## A Look Ahead...

We will be having a volunteer orientation on January 13th at 8:45 a.m. in the Media Center. Remember this is only for new volunteers. New volunteers must attend an orientation in order to help out in the school. Please call Mrs. de la Calle if you have any questions.



## Counselor's Corner

### Making Time Count

It's not always easy to make time to spend with your children. Here are a few helpful ways to spend some extra time with them:

1. **Establish new traditions:** for example, prepare breakfast with your child once a week.
2. **Do simple chores:** Kids enjoy learning new things such as how to water plants.
3. **Watch your child play:** Take the time to notice what they enjoy and find new and creative ways to join in.
4. **Limit TV and Video Games:** Choose reading, or outdoor activities instead.
5. **Plan uninterrupted activities together:** Put them on your calendar even if it means rearranging your schedule.

Your Counselor,  
*Mrs. de la Calle*

## Fifth Grade News!

Ms. Miller's 5th grade class recently went on a fieldtrip to visit Felix Varela's Veterinary Program. Not only did the students have a fun walk, they also took on a tour of the high school and were introduced to some of the programs Varela offers. Visiting the animals provided a learning experience on the many challenges and blessings that come along when having the responsibilities of owning and caring for a pet. Mrs. VanScoy brought in a van full of donations from many of our students, especially Ms. Miller's and Mrs. Moreira's class. We thank everyone for their greatly appreciated donations and would like to encourage you to continue to bring in such items as dry dog food, cleaning supplies, old towels and newspapers. You may bring them to the school office to Mrs. VanScoy and they will be delivered to the school. We look forward to another fun trip and to continue in our support for such an amazing program!

