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# GATOR GAZETTE

*JANUARY's Character Value is Honesty!*

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2010**

## A Message from Ms. Gonzalez...

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful winter break. At the end of December we held the first Honor Roll Assembly of the school year. Congratulations to the 272 students that were recognized for making the Honor Roll in grades first through fifth. That is 38% of our student population achieving Honor Roll status. Of these students, 51 achieved the Principal's Honor Roll because they earned all A1A's on their report card.

The fourth graders are preparing for the FCAT Writing Test which will take place on Tuesday, February 9th. It is important that all boys and girls are in school every day, on time and prepared to learn to do their best on the test.

## GATORS OF THE MONTH DECEMBER



PreK-Blitch: Vincent  
PreK-Kinsora: William  
K-Blanco: Zoe  
K-Crespo: Joanluca  
K-Gutierrez: Carlos  
K-Madruga: Gabriela  
1-Cardenas: Jasmin  
1-M. Garcia: Narah  
1-Gonzalez: Damaris  
1-Moreira: Daniela  
1-Perez/Cardenas: Gabriella  
2-Figueras: Kelly  
2-Haguel: Sophia  
2-Menendez: Rudy  
2-Pujol: Noah  
2-E.Rodriguez: Maria

3-Abril: Manuela  
3-Russ: Adamaris  
3-Sosa: Nikholas  
3-Suazo: Fernando  
3-Tellechea: Santiago  
3-Wemple: Priscilla  
4-Cabrera: Daniel  
4-Cardona: Melanie  
4-Grandio: Danielle  
4-Lopez: John  
4-D. Rodriguez: Bryan  
5-Aulow: Kaylin  
5-Duclos: Daniella  
5-Fernandez: Erika  
5-Miller: Vanessa  
5-Villalobos: Israel

## GATOR OF THE MONTH

Our Gator of the Month Breakfast will be on January 8th at 8:45a.m. in the Gator Café.

## LAST CALL FIFTH GRADERS!

This is a reminder that Schools of Choice Applications are due on January 15th. If you are interested in attending a Magnet or IB school, an application **must** be filled out! Please visit: <http://choice.dadeschools.net/> to download an application. On this website you can also find more information on specific schools. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. de la Calle at 305-383-9392 ext. 138.



## Joke of the Month

Q. What is a cow's favorite holiday?



A. Moo Year's Day

## Adopt a Family

Last month, our school “adopted” families from another school in our district. We would like to thank everyone who supported this project and brought in donations. Thanks to you, we were able to make the difference in 17 families during the holiday season. Thank you so much for your overwhelming support to this cause!

## THIRD GRADE MEETING

On Wednesday, January 13th at 6:30 p.m. there will be a 3rd grade FCAT meeting for parents. This meeting will provide important information regarding the FCAT. We hope you can make it!

## Volunteer Orientation

Our 3rd volunteer orientation will be on: Wednesday, January 13th at 8:45 am in the Media Center. Parents please keep in mind that you must attend an orientation in order to be able to volunteer. If you have already attended an orientation in the past, you do not need to attend again.



## Counselor's Corner

### Communication Tips for Parents

Dear Parents,

Good communication helps children develop confidence, feelings of self-worth and good relationship with others. Here are some tips to help you communicate with your children:

1. Speak in quiet voice: sometimes it helps to whisper so they have to listen to you.
2. Look at your child in the eyes so you can make sure they understand you: bend or sit down to become the child's size.
3. Use door openers that encourage children to share more: “I see”, “Tell me more”, “Say that again, I want to make sure I understand you”.
4. Give your child undivided attention when they want to talk to you: make sure you're not doing anything else.

Your School Counselor,  
*Mrs. de la Calle*

### Special Thanks

Thank you to our Holiday Show committee for putting on another wonderful performance. Our boys and girls did a terrific job!



Here comes 2010!



## Bilingual Parent Outreach Program

We will be having our next program on Thursday, January 7th at 8:30 a.m. This month's topic is: **FCAT, and Other Tests My Child Must Take.** We encourage you to come!

## Teacher Spotlight

Congratulations to Ms. Dawn Rodriguez our Teacher of the Year and Ms. Crespo our Rookie Teacher of the Year! You are AMAZING! We would also like to congratulate Ms. Luis who is now a National Board Certified Teacher!

## Community Partnership for Homeless

We would like to thank Ms. Gasteli, Ms. Aulow, Ms. Mayo, and Ms. Gil's classes for collecting items for this program. The recipients of the donations were extremely grateful for everything you did for them.