

# The Star

Mike Davis Elementary School

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## Check it out



- October 24th: NO SCHOOL / teacher work day
- October 25-28th: Red Ribbon Week
- October 31-November 4: Scholastic Book Fair
- October 28th: PTO Fall Festival 4:30-6:30 pm
- November 2nd: Student Led Conferences
- November 2nd: Town Hall Meeting at Golden Gate High School 6:00 pm
- November 11th: No School
- November 16th: Picture Re-take Day
- November 21st-25th: No School

## MDE NEWS



- Harry Chapin Food Assistance. If you are in need of some food assistance, MDE is expecting delivery of some food items for families on the following dates at our school, between 4:00 – 6:00 PM. People lines usually form early and can be lengthy:  
12/01/11  
01/26/12  
03/22/11  
05/17/12
- In partnership with both Lowe's and Best Buy, Mike Davis Elementary is proud to announce that we now have our very own garden.



## A Greeting from our Principal

Dear Parents,

Our students and staff were extremely proud when we received word that our school was graded as an "A" school by the state of Florida last year. We are working to maintain our "A" status this year.

One of the ways we are working to maintain the "A" is by reading. The word of the day, every day, at Mike Davis Elementary School is "READ". Our staff is working extremely hard to ensure that our students BELIEVE that the more they read the better they will do in school. Our students are stepping up to the challenge and setting new records every day for the amount of time they spend reading.

We are asking you to reinforce our efforts at home and set aside some time each night for your son or daughter to read. If a child is an avid reader, then his/her vocabulary, writing, comprehension, and many other academic skills will improve. We expect all of our students to achieve to their fullest potential and we BELIEVE they can if they put forth the effort. Our staff and our families need to work together to get this message to the students. We thank you in advance for your efforts at home and all that you have done to make our school the very best that we can be.

"Life doesn't require that we be the best, only that we try our best."

Gratefully yours,  
Bob Spano, Principal



# Reading counts

The students at MDE are reading champions! This year the students have really picked up the pace and their progress shows. For example, last year for the month of September, our school had 787 points. This year our students had 9213 points for the month of September! Can you believe it? What a difference.

We are constantly spotting students reading everywhere and we are extremely proud!

Here are our Top 5 Readers:

- Leticia Estrada(4th grade)
- Isabel Herrera (5th grade)
- Mrs. Hooper
- Nicole Martinez (3rd grade)
- Jeremiah Romero(3rd grade),



Mike Davis is proud to announce it's first ever Student Council. A huge thank you to Mr. Moss for getting this together. We are looking forward to a great year!

## Class President

– Melissa Perez (Mrs. Lopez)

## Class Vice-President

– Alicia Garza (Mrs. Stark)

## Class Treasurer –

Christian Lora (Mrs. Stark)

## Class Reporter

– JeDante Ellis (Dr. Keenan)

## Class Representatives

Simon Napo (Mr. Ware)

Jean Sageese (Dr. Keenan)

Alfredo Gonzalez-Villa (Mr. Moss)

Karla Cueloo (Mrs. Lopez)

Zuri Mendoza (Mr. Moss)

Daizy Zapata (Dr. Keenan)

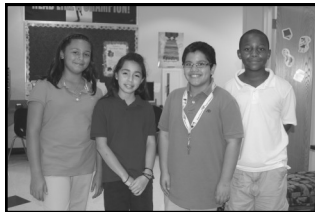
Gerardo Loyda (Mrs. Lopez)

Berfalin Guerrier (Mr. Moss)

Jay Herard ( Dr. Keenan)

Junessa Casimir (Mrs. Lopez)

Ashley Noel (Dr. Keenan)



# Box Tops for Education

Once again we will be collecting **Box Tops for Education**. Last year was a tremendously successful year. Our school collected over 10,000 “Box Tops for Education” and will be receiving \$1000.00 for our efforts. Please start clipping and collecting these labels for your child’s classroom contest. The top three classes will earn a pizza, popcorn or ice cream party. The collection drive for **Box tops for Education** will continue until March 31, 2012.

We will begin collecting **Labels for Education** labels. This program will help us earn supplies for our school. **Labels for Education** labels can be found on many, many products. There will be more information about this program throughout the year.

# Mike Davis Teacher Nominated

Emma Gonzalez, a second grade teacher at Mike Davis Elementary School, has been selected for “Governor Rick Scott’s Hispanic Heritage Month Award”. She was recognized on Tuesday, Oct. 11, in Tallahassee at the Governors’ Mansion. They selected one elementary, one middle school, and one high school teacher from the state for this honor. They also honored 5 students from the state for their essays (3) and art work (2). These students will be given a Florida Pre-Paid scholarship.



# Celebrate Red Ribbon Week

**Monday: No School**

**Tuesday: Hats off to good choices (wear your favorite hat)**



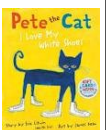
**Wednesday: Sock it to good choices (wear your craziest socks)**



**Thursday: Wear your favorite team jersey**



**Friday: Dress up as your favorite literary character**



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