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Dear Parent/Guardians

We have just completed a successful first nine week period. Shortly you will receive your child's report card and it will reflect their academic standing, of course many of you will have already checked your child's progress via the Parent Portal on www.dadeschools.net. If you have not yet activated this wonderful tool, please contact your child's grade level counselor to obtain your parent PIN. If you find that your child did not perform up to their potential, please do not hesitate to contact their teacher or counselor to set up a time to meet. It is imperative that we provide every opportunity for our students to have a successful school year.

In addition we are very excited to announce the launching of our new and improved web site (wmms.dadeschools.net). Our new site is more user friendly and full of useful information and links. We will be updating the site with communications and news so we invite you to visit often. If you have any suggestions or feedback about our new website, please do not hesitate to send an e-mail to our webmaster.

Finally we would like to just remind everyone of a few safety and security issues for our West Miami Middle School family:

- ◆ Please do not drop off students prior to 8:00 a.m., and all students must be picked up by 4:00 p.m. If you require supervision for your child outside of these hours, please contact our community school office (after 2:00 p.m.) for before and after school care information.
- ◆ The private parking lots of the businesses across 75 Ave from the school have notified us that they will consider any student walking through their property, or parent using this lot as a drop off or pick up area, as trespassing. They have solicited the assistance of Metro Dade Police to enforce this policy. We request that you readdress this with your children so we do not have any future conflicts.
- ◆ Please remind your students that when they are dropped off at school they are to enter the facility and not walk to any local businesses. In addition, when school is dismissed and students leave the property they will not be allowed to reenter.
- ◆ If your child is part of our after school program they are to report to the designated meeting area by 3:45 p.m.
- ◆ The only gates that will be open for student drop-off in the morning hours will be the rear gates. All other gates (i.e. Coral Way) will be locked for your child's safety.
- ◆ The rear gates leading to our pick-up and drop-off area will be opened from 8:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m., and then again from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. These gates will be locked during school hours so that we can control the movement of adults through our building.
- ◆ If you require assistance during school hours we ask that you enter from the parking lot located on the corner of Coral Way and 75th avenue and check-in with the main office.
- ◆ Prior to dismissal we ask that adults not walk the halls or congregate in student areas.
- ◆ Due to the paperwork and time involved to request for students leaving early, we cannot sign out any students after 3:10 p.m.
- ◆ It is imperative that your child's emergency contact card is complete, signed and on file at the school. We are only able to release your child to the adult (18 years and older) listed on these cards upon presenting a valid picture ID.

We appreciate the support and commitment of our entire West Miami Middle School family. Working together we know we can make a difference!

Sincerely,

Jacques Bentolila
Principal

