



Art drawn by Palmetto Bay resident Yuhan Liu while a student at Southwood Middle School.

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
IN PALMETTO BAY
Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12



WELCOME TO PALMETTO BAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dear Neighbors,

When I think about our beautiful Palmetto Bay, I am reminded of all that makes our Village a place where families want to put down roots: beautiful parks, outstanding recreational opportunities, safe neighborhoods and of course, high-performing schools. The Village of Palmetto Bay is home to some of the finest schools Miami-Dade County has to offer Howard Drive Elementary, Coral Reef Elementary, Dr. Henry E. Perrine Academy of the Arts, Southwood Middle School and my alma mater, Miami Palmetto Senior High School.

Our public schools have continually outperformed schools in the district, state, and nation, not only in academics but also in athletics, performing and visual arts, diversity of programming, and parental engagement. In addition to traditional programming, our public schools boast a wide range of Magnet programs. There is something for everyone! From Advanced Placement and Forensic Science to Liberal, Visual and Performing Arts and STEM programming- you want it, you got it!

But what makes our schools even more appealing is the partnership and collaboration with our Village. Fun Fairs, Festivals, Career Days, DARE, Do the Right Thing, Lady Bug Releases, After School Programming, Coffee and Conversations, Auctions, Kids Town Halls, PTA meetings, Principals' Breakfast, Fundraisers, Food Drives, Drama performances, Summer Camps to name a few. These are just the pinnacle of the Village collaboration with our schools. Our PTAs and PTSAs along with our Education Advisory Board are also great partners in our schools. Together we place our schools at the center of all that we do.

As a classroom teacher for eighteen years and public school advocate for fourteen, I know the impact that our schools have on our community. Strong schools are the foundation for great communities, and I take great pride in our collaboration with our school district, school administrators, teachers and parents. I encourage you to learn more about our Miami-Dade County Public Schools in Palmetto Bay. Reach out to our School Board Member, Dr. Larry Feldman, the PTA/PTSA Presidents, School Principals or your Village Council to learn more about why our public schools are a great choice for your child.

Our community and its residents inspire me every day. As always, I am here to answer questions or lend a helping hand. Together we can make Palmetto Bay an even better place to live, work, learn and play. Please feel free to contact me at kcunningham@palmettobay-fl.gov or at 305-904-1805.

Warm regards,



Karyn Cunningham
Mayor, Village of Palmetto Bay

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

CORAL REEF ELEMENTARY **Pre-K through Grade 5**

Principal: Christina Guerra
7955 SW 152 Street
Palmetto Bay, FL 33157
305-235-1464
<https://coralreefes.org>

PTA President: Beth Person
<https://cre-pta.membershiptoolkit.com/home>

HOWARD DRIVE ELEMENTARY **Pre-K through Grade 5**

Principal: Deanna Dalby
7750 SW 136th Street
Palmetto Bay, FL 33156
305-235-1412
<http://howarddriveelementary.com>

PTA President: Jennifer Zika
<http://www.howarddrivepta.org>

DR. HENRY E. PERRINE ACADEMY OF THE ARTS **Grades K through 5**

Principal: Carla D. Rivas
8851 SW 168 Street
Palmetto Bay, FL 33157
305-235-2442
<http://perrineelementary.dadeschools.net>

PTA President: Ashley Jones
<http://perrineelementary.dadeschools.net/pta.aspx>

SOUTHWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL **Grades 6 through 8**

Principal: Raul Garcia
16301 SW 80th Avenue
Miami, FL 33157
305-251-5361
<https://www.southwoodmiddleschool.org>

PTSA President: Analia Ladner
<http://southwoodmiddlepta.org>

MIAMI PALMETTO SENIOR HIGH **Grades 9 through 12**

Principal: Victoria Dobbs
7460 SW 118th Street
Pinecrest, FL 33156
305-235-1360
<https://www.palmettopanthers.org>

PTSA President: Gina Vinueza
<http://palmettohighpta.org>



SCHOOL TOUR DATES

All schools offer tours to prospective parents throughout the year. For more information and to schedule a tour, please contact the schools directly.

FROM THE EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Welcome to Palmetto Bay! Among the wonderful benefits of living in Palmetto Bay is access to our excellent public schools which are home to committed teachers, experienced administrators and involved parents. Together, they ensure that our schools provide superior education, engaging in-school enrichment programs, diverse after school activities and, most importantly, a strong sense of community.

The Palmetto Bay Education Advisory Committee (EAC) is a voluntary board of residents invested in maintaining the high quality of our public schools. Our mission is to serve as a conduit between residents and the individuals tasked with operating our local public schools, including our principals, officials from Miami-Dade County Public Schools and representatives from the Miami-Dade School Board. Through these meetings, the EAC advises the Palmetto Bay Village Council on issues impacting local schools.

Our Council and EAC share a commitment to supporting one of our Village's best assets. Jointly, we conceived and developed this brochure to share more about our local schools. Whether you are a prospective, new or current Palmetto Bay resident, we invite you to learn about our top-rated public schools and encourage you to become more involved with our schools by taking a tour, meeting with PTA leaders and attending our EAC meetings.



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

CAMBRIDGE PRIMARY PROGRAM: Program offers elementary students academic rigor in English, mathematics and science and a global focus that promotes cultural sensitivity with a flexible curriculum encouraging critical thinking skills. (Howard Drive Elementary)

CHALLENGE (GIFTED) PROGRAM: Students that meet intellectually gifted criteria are eligible for an academically accelerated language arts, mathematics, science and/or social studies program. (Coral Reef Elementary, Howard Drive Elementary, and Dr. Henry E. Perrine Academy of the Arts)

EXTENDED FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAM (EFL): Program offers dual language (English and Spanish) education. (Coral Reef Elementary, Howard Drive Elementary, and Dr. Henry E. Perrine Academy of the Arts)

FORENSIC SCIENCE ACADEMY: Students explore different modalities of forensic investigation through hands-on experiences as they relate to the application of scientific studies and physical evidence. (Miami Palmetto High School)

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (SPED): Both the inclusion model and resource model are offered in Grades K-5. The delivery model is decided based upon the students' needs as determined by their Individualized Education Plan. (Howard Drive Elementary)

- **LEAP Learning Experiences:** Alternative half-day Pre-K program for students with autism. (Howard Drive Elementary)
- **Role Model Program:** A full-day Pre-K program for children with varying disabilities. (Howard Drive Elementary)

STEAM DESIGNATION: Program focuses on science, technology, engineering, art and math taught through cooperative, collaborative, creative lessons that promote academic rigor and emphasize critical thinking skills with inquiry-based learning. (Coral Reef Elementary, Howard Drive Elementary, and Palmetto Senior High)

WORLD LANGUAGE PROGRAM: Students are presented opportunities to listen, speak, read, and write in various languages including Spanish (Coral Reef Elementary, Howard Drive Elementary, and Dr. Henry E. Perrine Academy of the Arts)

French (Miami Palmetto Senior), **Mandarin Chinese** (Miami Palmetto Senior)
Italian (Miami Palmetto Senior), **Japanese** (Miami Palmetto Senior), and **American Sign Language** (Miami Palmetto Senior)



CORAL REEF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Pre-K through Grade 5



Academic Programs

- Extended Foreign Language Program -Spanish (K – 5th Grade)
- Full-Time Gifted Program (1st – 5th Grade)
- Special Education Programs:
 - ➔ Varying Exceptionality
 - ➔ Autism Spectrum Disorder



Accolades

- School of Excellence Designation by Board of Education
- Golden School Award
- Five Star
- PTA National School of Excellence
- No Place for Hate – Anti-Defamation League
- #1 out of 162 elementary schools in Attendance for 4th grading period
- 2018 – 2020 National PTA School of Excellence
- STEM Designated School – Silver Status
- Miami-Dade County Youth Fair Awards
- Fairchild Award of Excellence
- Miami-Dade County Council PTA/PTSA Reflections
 - o Finalists:
 - ➔ Photography
 - ➔ Visual Arts
 - o Honorable Mention:
 - ➔ Photography- Maximus Pino and Kailey Pino
 - ➔ Visual Arts
- SECME Competition
 - o 3 Gold, 1 Silver in District Science Competition
 - o Finalist in the Banner Competition
- AILA Writing Contest
 - o Top Ten Winner
- YCW Poster Contest – Connect to Safety in the Digital World
 - o 1st place
- Blue Ribbon Poster Contest
 - o 3rd place
- DCTM Mathematics Bowl
 - o Team Problem Solving Competition
 - ➔ 1st Place
 - o Individual Competition
 - ➔ 1st Place – Daniel Li
 - ➔ 2nd Place – Ethan Robinson
- Florida Cheer and Dance Competition
 - o JV - 1st Place
 - o Varsity - 3rd Place



Clubs

Art Club, Cheerleading Club, Chorus Club, Coding Club, Future Educators of America, Math & Science Club, Odyssey of the Mind, Robotics, Safety Patrol Club, Youth Crime Watch, Chess Club, Green Club, German Club, Run Club, Basketball Club, Martial Arts Club



Extras

- STEM Days
- Science Camp Days
- STEM Night
- Career Day
- Fun Fair
- Fall Festival
- International Day
- Holocaust Survivor's Day
- Peace Week
- Red Ribbon Week
- Student of the Month
- Do the Right Thing
- Start with Hello
- Book Swap
- Talent Show
- Friendship Dance
- Promotion Field Trip
- Honor Roll Awards Ceremonies
- Field trips



HOWARD DRIVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Pre-K through Grade 5



Academic Programs

In addition to a robust general curriculum, Howard Drive Elementary offers the following signature programs:

- Cambridge Primary
 - Full-Time Gifted Program (K-5)*
 - Reverse Mainstream Pre-K 3 Program
 - Extended Foreign Language (EFL) Program
 - World Language Program
 - Special Education Programs*
- *Requires eligibility



Accolades

- Five Star School Award - State recognition for exemplary community involvement
- Gold STEAM Designation-County Recognition
- Golden School Award - recognition for outstanding volunteers
- Anti-Defamation League's "No Place for Hate" designation
- Fairchild Challenge
- Miami-Dade County Youth Fair Winners
- Odyssey of the Mind
- 1st Place "Every Einstein's Young Women Inventor's Contest"
- Category 5 Dance Team - Superior Rating
- Participants in the Superintendent's Music Honors Festival
- Digicon Coding Competition
- National PTA School of Excellence



Clubs

More than 15 clubs, including: Student Council, Future Educators of America(FEA), Broadcasting TV Crew, Art, Dance, Safety Patrol, Green Patrol (Recycling Club) , Math Superstars , Running Club, 5000 Role Models Chorus, Keyboard, Recorder, Violin, Guitar, Coding Club, Robotics, Garden and more.



Extras

- Lunch Bunch (Pre-K – 5th)
- STEAM Day
- Character Day
- Career Day
- Donuts with Dad
- Spaghetti Dinner
- Fun Fair & Silent Auction
- Fall Social & Trunk or Treat
- Friendship Social
- Dance, Chorus & Music Performances
- Overnight Camping Field Trip (5th)
- SeaWorld Trip (5th)
- Graduation Dance and Lunch (5th)
- Principal Honor Roll Awards Ceremonies
- Student of the Month
- Movie Night
- Talent Show
- Curriculum Showcase Night
- Field trips to Zoo Miami, Deering Estates, Everglades, Actor's Playhouse, Little Farm, Rock Odyssey, Water Ventures Mobile Lab, Biscayne National Park, Youth Fair, Port of Miami, Edventure Safari, Animal Kingdom, and more.





DR. HENRY E. PERRINE ACADEMY OF THE ARTS MAGNET SCHOOL

Grades K through 5

Academic Programs

DR. HENRY E. PERRINE ACADEMY OF THE ARTS will provide students with a meaningful learning environment where every student will demonstrate proficiency and commitment to Academic and Artistic Excellence.

- Extended Foreign Language Program – Spanish (K-1)
- Part-time Gifted Program Kindergarten (Language Arts/Reading)
- Full-time Gifted Program Grades 1-5
- Full Inclusion (Exceptional Education Students)

Extras

- Magnet School – Visual and Performing Arts
- Rock Band
- Chorus
- Safety Patrol
- National Elementary Honor Society
- 5000 Role Model Program
- Peer Mediation
- Future Educators of America

Accolades

- Magnet Schools of America School of Distinction
- Magnet School of America Certified National Magnet School
- Golden Apple Award
- No Place for Hate – Anti-Defamation League 7 years in a row
- Miami-Dade County Youth Fair Awards
- Finalist: Visual Art/Poetry National Award Winner



SOUTHWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades 6 through 8

Academic Programs

Southwood Middle School has a legacy of academic excellence that is supported by a staff of highly-qualified educators. We offer an array of educational programs, including accelerated high school courses like geometry and biology, self-contained gifted classes, and technology-rich instructional frameworks, that center around innovative pedagogy, and experiential learning. As an A-rated school, we commit to high standards of learning and continue to make unparalleled learning gains in math, science, and reading; surpassing district and state averages.

Accolades

Our commitment to academic achievement, coupled with our seven award-winning visual and performing arts magnet programs, has earned Southwood Middle many accolades throughout the years, including: Magnet Schools of America School of Excellence, RAMP School of Distinction, 5 Star School Award, and the coveted Blue Ribbon School Award of Excellence. Further, our efforts to engage and support the community we serve has been recognized on multiple occasions by the Village of Palmetto Bay and the National Parent Teacher Association.

Clubs and Sports

Southwood Middle offers a comprehensive list of extracurricular sports, clubs, and activities that serve to enrich the middle school experience. Sports, such as soccer, swimming, and cross country, provide children with a healthy outlet and a sense of comradery as they compete for local and state titles. Our clubs, such as National Junior Honors Society, Student Council, and SECME, engage children in leadership opportunities, collaborative behaviors, analytical thinking, and altruism, all in the spirit of self and school improvement.

Extras

Southwood Middle is the first magnet middle school to open in Miami-Dade County. For over 40 years, our award-winning program within-a-school has established a tradition of success by becoming a center for exceptionally talented students in the areas of visual arts, dance, drama, music, and photography. The magnet program's diverse population is serviced by highly-qualified, dynamic instructors with a passion for the arts. The mission of the magnet program is to engage students in an intensive visual and performing arts environment while offering an unmatched academic education.



MIAMI PALMETTO SENIOR HIGH

Grades 9 through 12



Academic Programs

- 312 courses, with 71 Honors and 33 Advanced Placement (AP) classes
- 47 performing arts and 41 music classes
- Over 1,000 students take AP classes
- Top 10% 2019 class GPA 4.8+
- Dual Enrollment programs with Florida International University and Miami Dade College (on and off campus)



Academies

- Environmental and Science Masters (Compatible with AP Capstone)
- Business including entrepreneurship, internships and on-the-job training
- Visual and Performing Arts: Art, Band, Dance, Drama, Orchestra, and Photography
- Vocational: Industry Certification in Early Childhood, Technical Design/AutoCAD and Health Science



Magnet Programs

- AP Capstone – This program is a popular alternative to IB that offers advanced academics, independent research and collaborative teamwork. Students can earn a year or more toward college credit.
- Forensic Investigative Academy – Within AP Capstone, this FBI collaboration explores different science and technology-based modalities for criminal and forensic investigation.
- iPrep – This program is technology-based new approach to 21st century learning.



Athletics

- The most interscholastic sports offered in Miami-Dade County
- Varsity Sports: football, baseball, softball, volleyball, swimming, diving, golf, bowling, cross country, basketball, soccer, wrestling, badminton, lacrosse, water polo, tennis, track & field
- State Champions Special Olympics
- New Weight Training Facility 2016
- Coaching staff pioneers in concussion-reduction techniques



World Languages *(Level 1-AP)

- American Sign Language
- French*
- Italian*
- Japanese*
- Spanish*
- Mandarin Chinese*



College Placement

- Multiple Ivy League admissions every year
- Class of 2019 admitted to 45 out of the US News and World Report Top 50 Colleges and Universities
- All Florida state schools, including Honors Programs at UF, FSU, UCF, FIU and Miami Dade College
- Over \$25 million in scholarship offers in 2019



Accolades

- \$50,000 private grant to further develop STEAM program equipment and extrascapulars aimed at increasing female participation
- 3 National Merit Finalists 2019
- 6 Hispanic National Merit Finalists 2019
- High AP exam pass rates that exceed state and national averages
- State level awards in thespians, band and orchestra



Extras

- 10 honor societies
- 43 interest and service clubs, including nationally competitive academic teams such as Mu Alpha Theta, Italian Honor Society, Science Competitors, History Bowl, Model UN
- Music and Performing Arts competitive groups



Miami Palmetto Senior High is currently in the process of completing a \$43 million General Obligation Bond renovation which is on track for completion by 2021.

SUCCESSFUL ALUMNI

Jeff Bezos, founder of Amazon.com and according to Forbes list, world's wealthiest with an estimated \$131 billion, graduated from Miami Palmetto Senior High in 1982. He is one of many graduates who have gone on to national and international prominence.

MIAMI PALMETTO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
www.palmettohighalumni.org
 FB: Miami Palmetto High School Alumni Association



VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY

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