Fall 2026

THE Spartan Spotlight



The students have shared their thoughts on various back-to-school topics, and we've eagerly listened! Keep reading to find out what they had to say!

Principal's Message

Welcome Back, Spartans!

I am thrilled to welcome our students and families to another amazing year at Margate Middle School. As we embrace our 2026-2027 theme, "Play with Purpose! Achieve Greatness! Every Move Matters!", I encourage every member of our school community to make each day count. Small choices, consistent effort, and a positive attitude can lead to extraordinary achievements.

Parents, your partnership is vital to our success. I invite you to become involved by joining our PTSA and School Advisory Council (SAC). Important discussions and decisions that impact our school take place during these meetings, and your voice matters. For more information, please contact Kenyetta.Harrison@browardschools.com.

Students, I have one special request for you: identify at least one trusted adult on our campus. Whether it is a teacher, counselor, administrator, coach, or staff member, know that we are here to support, encourage, and help you succeed. Thank you for being part of the MMS family. Together, let's make this our best year yet!

With Grattitude,
Sabine B. Phillips
Principal, Margate Middle School

Upcoming School Events

September

- 9/3 MMS Open House 6PM
- 9/10 Acceleration Night 6PM
- 9/22 SAC Meeting 6PM

October

- 10/26-10/30 Scholastic Book Fair
- 10/20 PTSA/SAC/ MTG & Family Bookfair 6PM
- 10/29 Curriculum Carnival 6:30 PM

November

- 11/3 No School - Teacher Planning Day
- 11/11 No School - Veterans Day
- 11/17 Parent Universtiy- To HS and Beyond! 6 PM
- 11/17 Honor Roll Assembly and SAC Meeting 9:30AM

11/23 -11/27 NO SCHOOL



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

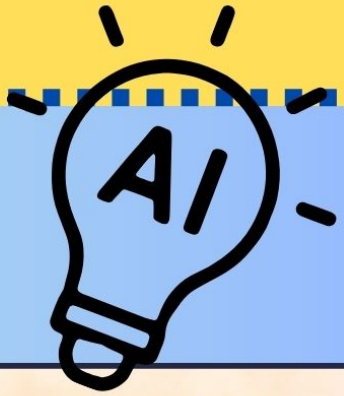
Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month at Margate Middle School

Hispanic Heritage Month is a time for students at Margate Middle to learn about Hispanic and Latino culture, food, music, and important people. Students can learn about amazing people like Ellen Ochoa, the first Latina to travel to space, Roberto Clemente, a famous baseball player, and Luis von Ahn, who helped create CAPTCHA and Duolingo.

Some students shared that they enjoy seeing Hispanic Heritage Month recognized at school but would like to see more activities. Two eighth graders said they would like to have performances, more spirit week activities, and foods from different Hispanic cultures. They feel these activities would make the celebration more exciting and meaningful.

Hispanic Heritage Month is important because it gives students a chance to learn about the many cultures and accomplishments of Hispanic and Latino people. At MMS, students can celebrate by representing their countries during spirit week and sharing their traditions with others. Our heritage is something to be proud of—not just for one month, but all year long!

AI: Is it Helpful or Harmful?



AI is everywhere these days, and it can be helpful in many ways. It can help doctors, find information quickly, and make some jobs easier. But AI also has downsides, like students depending on it too much, people losing jobs, and AI data centers using a lot of water.

Students at Margate Middle have different opinions. “People often use it unnecessarily instead of doing a quick Google search,” said eighth grader Kelly Barreiro. Julian G. said, “I think AI is very helpful, such as ChatGPT. But I think there are some downfalls to it.”

AI can be a great tool, but students should use it to help them learn—not do all the work for them! 🤖📚

Be Mindful! Be Innovative! Be Resilient!
At Margate Middle, Our Goal is Always GREATNESS!
Play With Purpose! Achieve Greatness

Spartan Squads: Play With Purpose!

Things are getting competitive at Margate Middle! Spartan Squads bring students and teachers together for a fun competition where everyone works as a team, earns points, and shows their Spartan spirit.

This year's theme is "Play With Purpose," and our six squads are ready to do just that! The teams are Knights, Rattlers, Bulls, Gators, Hurricanes, and Seminoles. Students and teachers work together during different activities and challenges while showing teamwork, creativity, and school spirit.

Being on a squad isn't just about winning. It's about working together, having fun, supporting your team, and making a difference. Every challenge is a chance to play with purpose and help your squad move closer to the top!

📣 Spartan Challenge: Cheer for your squad, get involved, and help your team earn those points! Knights, Rattlers, Bulls, Gators, Hurricanes, and Seminoles—let's see what you've got! Every point counts!

"Going Clubbing"

Discovering the Clubs at Margate Middle! 🎉 From building robots to playing chess, Margate Middle has clubs for all kinds of interests! Students can join clubs like NJHS, Band, Chess, Robotics, SGA, Yearbook, Peer Counselors, Math Club, SECME, and many more. Whether you are a future engineer, musician, artist,or leader, there is a club for you! Students also shared why they enjoy their clubs. "In Band, you should always stay on beat so you don't mess up and so the whole class doesn't mess up," said student UF. AH from Yearbook Club said, "You should practice your designing skills because if you make a really good page, you could possibly get a free yearbook!"

Clubs are a great way to meet people, learn new skills, and have fun outside of regular classes. With so many choices at MMS, the real question is: Which club would you choose?



