

MGA News



Special points of interest:

- March 1—FCAT writing
- March 4—Jump Rope for Heart
- March 9—EESAC Meeting
- March 14-18—Spring Break
- March 22—Middle school field trip to Youth Fair

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MGA FUNDRAISES FOR HEART DISEASE

By Rebecca Bohigas

Let's reach our goal Mater Gardens! Mater Gardens is participating in Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart to raise money for the American Heart Association. The money goes to help out people who have heart disease.

The event will take place on March 4th at the school. Each class will have the opportunity to participate during their regular physical

education period.

Coach Urbina hopes that Mater Gardens will collect more than \$2,000, which is the amount MGA raised last year. Anthony Fernandez, now a 6th grader, is the student who raised the most money last year.

"I raised the money because I care about the people with heart disease and I knew I could make a difference in people's lives," said Anthony.

Heart disease is the #1 killer in the United States. It kills someone every 11seconds. Come on Mater Gardens; let's support heart disease by jumping rope or shooting hoops.



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SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION OPENS

By Laura Ospina

Registration for Summer Camp at Mater Gardens is already underway till the end of March. Summer Camp starts the week of June 13, 2011 and ends the week of August 1, 2011.

The non-refundable registration fee is \$60 per camper and includes two shirts and one tote bag. There is a 5% discount for siblings of MGA students.

If the student is attend-

ing for the full 8 weeks, the price is \$130 per week. Students attending less than eight weeks pay \$150 per week. For students that will only come on certain days it is \$35 per day.

During Summer Camp, there are many things to do. Every week there are many activities such as field days, shows, dance, cheerleading, cooking, arts and crafts, sports, bowling, laser tags, and many more!

"Our camp counselors

are very motivated and are all about having fun. There are field trips and activities and the students can express themselves very well like in the talent show for example," said Ms. Perez

For more information, visit matergardens.com and click on the Summer Camp link. You could also go to contact the camp coordinators, Isabelle Santibañez and Cindy Torres at Isantibanez@matergardens.com or Ctorres@matergardens.com.

MGA 4TH GRADERS FACE FCAT WRITING

By Gabriela Hernandez

It's that time again for 4th, 8th and 10th graders in the state of Florida. FCAT Writing is around the corner! On March 1st, all Mater Gardens 4th graders have 45 minutes to plan, write, and re-read their essays.

Last year's prompt was

said to be a narrative. Is that any indication that this year's prompt will be expository? We'll see!

"We have been writing prompts every other day," said Ms. DiPuglia, a fourth grade

teacher, about how she prepares her students for FCAT writing. When asked about if she thought her classed was prepared, Ms. DiPuglia replied with a "Yep!"

Well, good luck 4th graders, the whole school wishes you luck!



THINGS TO DO DURING SPRING BREAK

MOVIES TO WATCH:

- **Rango**, PG: A chameleon that aspires to be a swashbuckling hero finds himself in a Western town plagued by bandits and is forced to literally play the role in order to protect it. It comes out on March 4, 2011.
- **Happythankyoumoreplease**, PG: Young New Yorkers steer through a rocky course of careers and personal relationships. It comes out on March 4, 2011.
- **Mars Needs Moms**, PG: A tech—savvy Earthman and a rebel Martian join a boy's quest to rescue his kidnapped mother. It comes out on March 11, 2011.
- **Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2: Rodrick Rules**, PG: The sequel to Diary of a Wimpy Kid. It comes out on March 25, 2011.
- **The Lion of Judah**, PG: A lamb and his stable mates try to avoid sacrificial altar. It comes out on March 25, 2011.

To learn more about these movies and more, go to: www.fandango.com

PLACES TO GO:

On March 13, 2011, **Biscayne National Park** is having **Family Fun Fest**. It starts at 1:00 and ends at 4:00. Biscayne is being invaded by aliens, but they're not little green men from another planet! Look inside a lionfish, noose an iguana, and track a python as you learn why exotic species are causing so many problems for South Florida's National Parks. To learn more about this activity and others, go to: <http://www.nps.gov/bisc/forkids/familyfunfest.htm>

LADY STINGRAYS DANCE AT DISNEY

By Rebecca Bohigas

Disney World here they come. The Lady Stingrays are coming to see you. The lady stingrays are going to their first competition on Saturday, March 5th. The competition will take place in the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex.

In the competition the ladies have to dance a 3-minute routine. After they do the routine they will get judged. The Lady Stingrays have been fundraising to pay their way to the competition by selling doughnuts, chips, soda, candy, and many other things. If you want to go see them perform you can go to Disney World to

see them.

“I’m overjoyed, but I’m also extremely nervous because this is my first competition,” said Gabriela Hernandez, one of the Lady Stingrays.

Don’t forget to go visit the Stingrays in Disney World you can support your school and have a fun time.



On February 28, the Spelling Bee awards ceremony was held in the school's cafeteria to honor all the finalist.

MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The Mater Gardens students of the month have been selected for January. The Student of the Month program recognizes the actions and efforts of individuals. Classroom teachers can nominate one child per month. In order to be student of the month you must have great academic performances, you must put in effort, you must have good character, you must behave, you need to poses social relationships, you need to complete all home work assignments, have perfect attendance, and last but not least you must follow the uniform policy. Congratulations to:

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

Afonso	Diana	3/31/2002	Macias	Nicholas	3/1/2005
Adamela	Daniel	3/25/2004	Martinez	Gabriella	3/13/2003
Alvarez	Andrea	3/24/2004	Mateus	Maria	3/8/2001
Arenas	Nicole	3/28/2003	Medina	Fabrizio	3/24/2004
Arencibia	Christian	3/6/2003	Mirabal	Brianna	3/22/2000
Arias	Alyssa	3/25/2002	Nieto	Maggey	3/7/2004
Balcon	Briana	3/21/2002	Ortiz	David	3/30/2002
Canales	Andy	3/20/2002	Perez	Natalie	3/30/2004
Carrero	Rianna	3/31/2003	Perez	Nicholas	3/10/2002
Chaviano	Janlerth	3/3/2004	Ramirez	Leirys	3/6/2000
Chaviano	Yanlerth	3/3/2004	Reyes	Andrea	3/22/2005
Diaz	David	3/7/2004	Reyes	Ryan	3/28/2001
Elizalde	Adriana	3/6/2002	Robles	Sarie	3/9/2005
Escobar	Brian	3/2/2005	Rodriguez	Ian	3/7/2005
Fernandez	Lia	3/17/2005	Romero	Anthony	3/3/2005
Galvez	Ashley	3/23/2005	Rosario	Karla	3/17/2000
Garcia-Alfaro	Jorge	3/15/2004	Salas	Jaycob	3/28/2001
Garcia	Raul	3/21/2003	Santelices	Savanna	3/5/2005
Girgis	Kirolos	3/31/2005	Sinche	Christian	3/18/2002
Gomez	Dylan	3/25/2000	Sribyatta	Thai	3/30/2005
Gonzalez	Layla	3/28/2001	Vergara	Ethan	3/18/2004
Hogan	Lindsay	3/15/2001	Villaraus	Cristian	3/22/2003
Kang	Joseph	3/28/2003	Villaraus	Julian	3/22/2003
Kim	Alexander	3/16/1999	Villar	Elaisa	3/1/2004
Lopez	Erena	3/11/2003	Villeta	Junior	3/7/2004
Lugo	Jonathan	3/13.2004			