GLADES DAY SCHOOL’S GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

50th First Day: To kick off this exciting year, we celebrated our 50th first day of school in the courtyard. The ceremony began with a blessing over our campus, and then 117 students, the children of GDS alumni, were selected to release green and gold balloons as fireworks filled the air. It was a simple, yet very special occasion for us all.

50 Years of Memories and Dedication of the Library/Media Center: Friends and families filled the gym (Dora B. McWhorter Hall) as we shared memories that began a half-century ago. The vision and dedication of a few persistent families became the legacy that continues today with the same love and spirit that was created at its inception. As we were preparing for this event, we found a beautiful document that set the tone for this celebration, a nine page history about the establishment of our school. This document holds the story of the beginning: our school’s first Board of Trustees, the vision and the struggles, the start of our athletic program, the history of our name change, and many more interesting facts. The author of that document and Glades Day School’s first Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Betty Thiebaud-Hindeling, was our first honorary speaker, followed by Mrs. Sue Teets, Mr. Byron Walker, Mr. Jim Teets, Mr. Richard Schmidt, Mr. Armando Perez, Mr. Thomas Altman and Mr. Brian Lohmann. These speakers shared stories that some had never heard before. There were tears of joy and remembrance and laughter that shook the auditorium, as well.

The Media Center was dedicated to Sara Rionda and Rebeca Rionda. Sara Rionda began working at Day School of the Glades in Pahokee, FL in 1965. She taught Spanish and was the Librarian. During her 20 plus years of service, she also taught typing.

Rebecca came to Glades Day in 1983. She was the Dean of Girls, Spanish teacher, and Events and Alumni Coordinator. She started our Alumni Gold Tournament and planned our first Spring Gala.

Sara and Rebeca were loved by many, and while we miss them every day, we know they are with us in spirit and watching over us with pride and joy. The evening concluded with an hors d’oeuvres reception as guests mingled and told more tales!
The Lower School’s Social Studies Fair will be set up in the Lower School Resource Room the week of April 11th. Due to achievement testing, students will present their projects on Monday, April 18th from 8:30-10:00 a.m. This is an educational event that will help to reinforce the Social Studies curriculum. The projects are all very creative and educational. Through their projects and presentations, our students learned many interesting facts about our great world!

1st grade - State
2nd grade – Presidents
3rd grade - Designed and constructed a model city
4th grade - Explorers
5th grade — Western Hemisphere
6th Grade - Eastern Hemisphere

K-2nd grade class projects all won first place and will go on to represent the school at the County Competition.

3rd grade winners:
1st: Logan Wilkins
2nd: Sydney Poole
3rd: Ethan Vidal
Honorable Mention: JW Langenwalter

4th grade winners:
1st: Hannah Kate Lively
2nd: Kinley Seider
3rd: Peyton Pitts
Honorable Mention: Wyatt Vallee

5th grade winners:
1st: Peyton Pelham
2nd: Beau Hughes
3rd: Pete Morell

Congratulations to the Black Gold Winners:
- Tiny Miss: Marleigh Miller
- Little Miss: Cecilia Marin
- Jr. Harvest Queen: Sydney Arroyo

This year the LS started a Lego Robotics Club under the direction of Mrs. Bedsole. Students in grades 4th-6th work on building Robots using Lego’s. The club meets Mondays after school. There is an opportunity to sign up each nine weeks to participate in this club. The Robotics Club is designed to strengthen foundational knowledge in science. Children learn engineering concepts, computer programming and how to work with other students to

Glades Day School will hold its second annual Skeet Shoot this spring. The event will take place at the Hilliard Cabin on May 21, 2016. Contact Amy Wilkins at awilkins@gladesdayschool.com for more information.
### Lower School Student Council

These students were given the opportunity to visit the Palm Beach County Courthouse, Palm Beach Symphony and currently have trips scheduled to tour a hospital and museum.

The Lower School Student Council is comprised of the sixth grade class, two 5th graders, two 4th graders and two 3rd graders. The 2015/2016 officers are President, Jewel Jackman; Vice-President, Audrey Ascheman; Secretary, Camber Pope; Treasurer, Dylan Wilkins and Chaplain; Hannah Miller. The Lower School Student Council hosted “Donuts with Dad” in the Fall and “Grandparents’ Day”, which was held in conjunction with the Scholastic Book Fair in February. “Muffins with Mom” is scheduled for May. With our “Fifty Years of Christmas Traditions” program, the Student Council collected 4,254 diapers that were donated to Ella’s Closet and the First Care Center in Belle Glade. The generous support by our Gator families far exceeded our goal of 2,000. This is a wonderful way to promote our school. The purpose of the Student Council is to prepare our Lower School students for leadership opportunities that will help benefit them in the future all the while learning about their community and surroundings.

### NHS Honor Society:

NHS is comprised of 25 members/26 candidates and recognizes scholarship, leadership, service and character as key components for being a member. Below are a few highlights along with activities they participated in throughout the year:

- Recognized by the Florida Association of Blood Banks with 196 units given, earning $3,920.00 (Next Drive - May 4th)
- Distributed toys and clothes at the Gove Buddy Christmas Party
- Members distributed toys and clothes
- Volunteered at the Very Special Arts (VSA) West Fest on March 19th at area schools to provide a special art festival for students with special needs
- Assisted with the Pahokee Methodist Bake Sale and Thanksgiving food drive with Palm Beach Sheriff’s Office
- Volunteered with American Youth Soccer Association from registration, coaching, officiating, and working at the concession stand for games.
- Served dinner at the Belle Glade Chamber on October 27th
- Induction Ceremony scheduled for April 25th

### NJHS Junior Honor Society:

NJHS is comprised of 29 members and also recognizes academic achievement, leadership, service, and character as a key component for a being a member. Below are a few highlights along with activities they participated in throughout the year:

- Raised funds at their annual Pancake Breakfast
- Made visits to the Glades Nursing Home
- Attended the Tree house Learning Center Christmas Party
- Pennies for Patients raised over $2000 for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society
- Induction Ceremony scheduled for April 25th

### National Honor Society:

Members work to build a sense of pride and belonging in our school and also sponsor major events encouraging student and staff participation. Below are a few highlights along with activities they participated in throughout the year:

- Spirit Week
- Homecoming
- Homecoming Dance
- Field Day
- 7th and 8th Grade Dance
- Breast Cancer Awareness Drive
- Set up a Student Council Room for meeting and planning events
- Elections for 2016-2017 to be held in April

### Fellowship of Christian Athletes:

FCA is designed to promote teamwork, fellowship, integrity and Christian values. Monthly meetings are held to allow students to come together to enjoy a time of fun activities and hear a spiritual message delivered by a guest speaker. Below are a few highlights along with activities they participated in throughout the year:

- World Vision 30-Hour Famine
  - 43 Students Participated
- Over $1000.00 donated, which will feed 28 children for a month
- Introduced students to areas of hunger in the world
- Participated in games and challenges integrated with Biblical principles
- Volunteered at the Lighthouse Café and the First Baptist Church Food Bank
- Christmas Party with Scavenger Hunt
- Halloween Party with games
- Plan an End of the Year Party

### Upper School Student Council

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Buddy Sizemore Award Recipients

- 1999-2000: Cindy Baez
- 2000-2001: Kay Hall
- 2001-2002: Joan Sardone
- 2002-2003: Dorinda Shutts
- 2003-2004: Carolyn Carter
- 2004-2005: Fred Stevens
- 2005-2006: Karen Rohde
- 2006-2007: Aimee Sweet
- 2007-2008: Kelli Garcia
- 2008-2009: Armando Perez
- 2009-2010: Joe Guethle
- 2010-2011: Shelly Burch
- 2011-2012: Karen McDermott
- 2012-2013: Rita Schoenfeld
- 2013-2014: Kerry DesRochers
- 2015-2016: April Maria

Before Spring Break, the Lower School teachers were trained to implement the Mendez Foundation’s “Too Good for Drugs” curriculum with our students. The Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Department received a grant to provide the training and materials. Glades Day School is the first private school in Palm Beach County to participate. Five interwoven components appear throughout the curriculum: Goal Setting, Decision Making, Bonding with Pro-Social Others, Identifying and Managing Emotions, and Communicating Effectively. This age-appropriate, interactive program promotes positive youth development. It will be utilized in the classrooms and as part of our Character Counts curriculum.

Glades Day School had their 11th annual Jump Rope for Heart event during our Lower School P.E. classes on April 6th. Our students raised over $2000.00 for the American Heart Association last year. Students received information for the Jump Rope for Heart event to share with their parents. Students may continue to donate online or turn funds raised into Mr. Joe Guethle. This year’s goal is $4000.00.

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Math Club

After a late start, the Math Club got off to a great start. Fourth, Fifth and Sixth graders were given an opportunity to join. Fifteen Mathematicians stepped up to the plate and learned how to play math equations, Sudoku, fraction bingo as well as; other challenging math games. This experience is getting these students ready for higher math skills.

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**GATOR FOOTBALL**

The Glades Day football team has joined the Southeastern Football Conference for the 2016 season. The Gators will be in the north division, which includes old time rivals Benjamin and King’s Academy.

**Baseball:** Varsity Baseball currently has a winning season of 13-6. District playoffs will begin on Monday, April 18th, location TBD.

**Track and Field:** The Track and Field had several boys place in meets this year and look to have a strong showing at their district meet on April 19th.

**Player Recognition:**
- Daniel Avila: *Palm Beach Post* 2nd team (Football)
- Christian Ellison: *Palm Beach Post* Honorable Mention, Class 2A All State First Team (Football)
- Christopher Guerry: *Palm Beach Post* Honorable Mention, Palm Beach County (All-Star Football Game)
- Nikos McMahon: *Palm Beach Post* Honorable Mention (Football)
- Markens Pierre: *Palm Beach Post* 2nd Team (Football)
- Lorenzo Powe: *Palm Beach Post* 2nd Team (Football)
- Cory Surls: *Sun Sentinel* All County 2nd Team (Football)
- Christian Ellison, Palm Beach Post, 2nd Team (Soccer)
- Kennedy DesRochers, Kamryn Kennedy, and Kadie Helvey, UCA All-American Team (Cheerleading)

**GATOR FOOTBALL**

The Lady Gator’s Varsity Volleyball team ended its season by placing 3rd in this years’ District Playoffs.

**Lady Gator Softball**

The lady Gators Softball Team had a great run in 2015 winning another District Title and Regional title and making it to the State Final Four. The girls began their district run this week for the 2016 season. They are currently in second place.

**Female Athlete of the Year**

Kassidy Roberts (class of 2015) was one of three finalists for the 2016 Female Athlete of the Year for the Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame. Kassidy was nominated for her accomplishments in high school soccer. The awards ceremony was held March 19th at the Palm Beach County Convention Center.

**VOLLEYBALL**

**3rd PLACE IN THE DISTRICT**

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**Jr. Varsity & Varsity Cheerleaders**

The Varsity cheerleaders, under the direction of Kerry DesRochers, came on strong this year with one senior, nine returning cheerleaders, and three new girls. The cheerleaders kicked off the school year as ambassadors for orientation night. Dressed in their custom designed 50th year uniforms, the girls greeted parents and students. They promoted Gator spirit with game day signs, secret spirits, pep rallies, Gator Growl, and cheered at every game. They gave back to our community by raising money for breast cancer research and reading to children at Gove Elementary.

The Jr. Varsity squad, coached by Courtney McNomie, consisted of three returning cheerleaders and three new cheerleaders. They joined the Varsity girls for a summer camp on campus under the direction of two UCA representatives. We are proud of these talented young ladies and what they do for our school.
PreK-3:
- Dolly Hand trips:
  *Spot Goes to the Farm
  *Thimbelina
- Pumpkin Patch
- Visit to Santa
- Visit to Ronald McDonald

PreK-4:
- Dolly Hand trips:
  *Spot Goes to the Farm
  *Thimbelina
- Pumpkin Patch
- Visit to see Santa
- Visit to Ronald McDonald

K-5:
- Dolly Hand trips:
  *Spot Goes to the Farm
  *Flat Stanley
- Pumpkin Patch
- Visit to Santa
- Visit to Ronald McDonald
- Belle Glade Library to see *Tell Me a Story*
- Art Cellar
- Tribal Fair Pow Wow
- Egg show at the Kravis Center

1st Grade:
- Dolly Hand trips:
  *Thimbelina
  *Moon Mouse
  *Three Birds
  *Flat Stanley
- Pumpkin Patch
- Visit to see Ronald McDonald
- Belle Glade Library to see *Tell Me a Story*
- Art Cellar
- Tribal Fair Pow Wow
- South Florida Fair Ag Tour
- Bank of Belle Glade
- Belle Glade Fire Department
- Winn Dixie

2nd Grade:
- Dolly Hand trips:
  *Hiawatha
  *Flat Stanley
- Visit to see Ronald McDonald
- Belle Glade Library to see *Tell Me a Story*
- Pumpkin Patch
- Art Cellar
- Tribal Fair Pow Wow
- South Florida Fair Ag Tour

3rd Grade:
- Dolly Hand trips:
  *Mixed-up Files
  *20,000 Leagues
- Belle Glade Library to see *Exciting Electrons*
- Pumpkin Patch
- Art Cellar
- Tribal Fair & Pow Wow
- South Florida Fair Ag Tour
- Billie Swamp Safari

4th Grade:
- Dolly Hand trips:
  *Mixed-up Files
  *20,000 Leagues
- Belle Glade Library to see *Exciting Electrons*
- Pumpkin Patch
- Art Cellar
- Tribal Fair and Pow Wow
- South Florida Fairground Ag Tour
- Ag Safety Day
- Billie Swamp Safari

5th Grade:
- Dolly Hand trips:
  *Hiawatha
  *20,000 Leagues
- Belle Glade Library to see *Exciting Electrons*
- Art Cellar
- Tribal Fair & Pow Wow
- South Florida Fair Ag Tour
- Kennedy Space Center/Sea World
- Norton Art Gallery

6th Grade:
- Dolly Hand trips:
  *Mixed-up Files
  *20,000 Leagues
- Belle Glade Library to see *Exciting Electrons*
- South Florida Fairgrounds Ag Tour
- Kennedy Space Center/Sea World
- Norton Art Gallery

Over the years, many students, parents, faculty and staff, have climbed up and down the steps leading to The Gator Room; whether to enjoy watching sporting events, attend graduation ceremonies, or to participate in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, they have made the climb to see it remain the same for the past 20+ years. Well not anymore! Exciting changes have been made to The Gator Room to provide a more modern and friendly atmosphere. So, the next time you make the climb, you will see a completely remodeled area to be enjoyed for years to come. Please be sure to stop by and visit The Newly Renovated Gator Room. These renovations were made possible by donations from the National Honor Society, Lady Gator Athletes, and Class of 2015. So be sure to give a big thank you to Mrs. Lohmann and the National Honor Society members, Mrs. Paez and the Lady Gator Athletes, and the Class of 2015 for their help in making this renovation possible.
Mrs. Patricia Kujawski, teaches 3rd and 4th grade Math and Social Studies. She is a graduate of Florida Atlantic University with a BA in Elementary Education and a Masters in the Foundation of Education. She also holds a specialist degree in Educational Leadership from Barry University. Mrs. Kujawski said, “I am very blessed to be a teacher at Glades Day School.”

Mr. Steven Elizarde, teaches 7th and 8th Grade English, 9th Grade Health, and Current Events. He is a graduate of Florida State University (2002) with a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature. Mr. Elizarde has 6 years of teaching experience and 9 years of coaching wrestling in Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, and Long Island, NY. He is currently the head coach of the Middle School Basketball and JV Baseball teams. Both of his daughters, Jasmine and Joanna, proudly attend Glades Day.

Mr. Kaitlin Lee, teaches 2nd grade and is a graduate from Florida Gulf Coast University with her Bachelor’s in Elementary Education and is ESOL endorsed and has a certificate of Ethics. This is her first year teaching. Miss Lee’s father, Jesse Lee, graduated from Glades Day School in the class of 1983 and his fiancé, Josh Royal, graduated in the class of 2009. She is the second Lee to work at GDS after her grandmother, Cathy Lee, who worked in the upper school office for 17 years.

Mrs. Rachel Lewis, is the Upper School Office Manager. Mrs. Lewis graduated from Central Baptist College (Conway, Arkansas) in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science in General Studies, with a minor in Religious Education. Mrs. Lewis moved to Belle Glade in June 2015 with her husband, Josh, and daughter, Emma who is currently in K-3. Josh is the Youth Director at the First Baptist Church in Belle Glade.

Shelli Bair, is the Upper School English I, English II, and English IV teacher. She is a graduate of Glades Day School (1989), Florida Southern College (1993), and Nova Southeastern University (1997). Shelli is involved at Glades Day School as a room mother, and she has served as the chairman of the Fall Festival Costume Parade for many years. She has two children that attend GDS, Ethan (10th grade) and Carly (5th grade). Her mother, Dorinda Shutts, is our Art teacher.

Mrs. Kalyn Hartley, is the new Agriscience teacher and FFA advisor. She is a GDS graduate (2007) and was the first Glades Day FFA President (2005-2007) when they were chartered 10 years ago. She received her A.A. from Florida Gulf Coast University and B.S. from University of Florida in Agriculture Education. After college she was the Agriscience teacher and FFA Advisor for Hilliard Middle-Senior High School in Hilliard, FL for three years. Mrs. Hartley and her husband Christopher are expecting their first child in September.

**Fall Festival**

The Fall Festival is our biggest family event beginning with the costume parade, followed by games, food, raffles and more. This year we added a photo booth and pumpkin patch. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported such a fun night. A special thank you to those that donated raffle items and sponsored booths and food: Royals, Lake Hardware, Dr. & Mrs. Ahmed Barhoush, JMA Electric, Dr. Chris Thompson with Health and Wellness Chiropractic Centers, JMHS, Inc., Lytal, Ryder, Smith, Ivey and Fronrath, Erickson Farms, Comfort Air & Sheet Metal, Cyndi King, Everglades Farm Equipment, Florida Crystals, Pope Farms, RENCO Plumbing and Iris Garcia. Thank you to the parents and staff that contributed time and money to make this possible.

**New Faculty Members**

**A Golden Gala**

This year at our 12th Annual Spring Gala, we celebrated 50 years of providing a quality education to students in Belle Glade and the surrounding communities with an appropriate theme of “A Golden Gala.” This year’s event raised over $178,000.00, which is our highest thus far. None of this would be possible without the continued support of our generous donors, along with the hard work and dedication of Chairperson Deena Perryman and the Gala Committee. The Board of Trustees, along with the faculty and staff of Glades Day School, would like to thank everyone for their continued support of Glades Day School and for making this a successful event.

**Students in K through 7th grade and pre-algebra students are using the Khan Academy in their math classes to personalize their learning. Khan Academy is a free online resource that allows students to learn anytime, anywhere, with material that is uniquely appropriate for them. Students can explore new topics and strengthen their math skills by using interactive practice tutorials. As students learn, their activity feeds into reports that show important information such as strengths and weaknesses in a particular concept. Using Khan Academy allows us to provide a more personalized learning experience for our students.**

Parents, we encourage you to create your own accounts as well. This will allow you to see what your child is working on.
Homecoming, sponsored by the Student Council, is always a fun, exciting and special time at GDS. Our students enjoyed the traditions of dressing up for Spirit Week and participating in different competitions each day. Our families and friends came together on Thursday night for Gator Growl, to cheer on our team and for the introduction of our Homecoming Court. At halftime, McKenzie Redish was crowned the 2015 Homecoming Queen. The court included Toni Barnes, Ana Contreras, Antaria Jones, Kirsten Schoenfeld, Piper Stamm and Gabriella Tellechea. Following the Homecoming Game, a social was held at the Lomax Harrell Pavilion to honor our 1995 State Champions! A wonderful time was held by all socializing and taking a journey back 20 years. Coach Perez, Coach Schmidt, Coach Dobson, Coach Pitts and Coach Walker (Pete) were all in attendance. On Saturday, the alumni gathered in Wellington at the White Elephant. We reminisced about the last 50 years, catching up with old friends and some of our favorite teachers, Mr. Steve Hayes and Mr. Mandy Perez.

The Golf tournament will be held at Madison Green in Royal Palm Beach October 1, 2016. Please contact Amy Wilkins at awilkins@gladesdayschool.com if you have any questions.

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The third and fourth graders had the pleasure of having Mr. Butch Wilson from the Clewiston Museum come to present six wonderful fact-filled presentations that covered Prehistoric Florida to the present day of raising cane in Florida. During his presentations, the students had the opportunity to learn that fossils artifacts of ancient mammoths and other animals have been discovered around the Lake.

Students were fascinated about the Maiami People who were Native Americans that once lived around Lake Okeechobee. They learned that present day Miami was named for the Maiami People.

The students learned about the Seminoles and War in the Glades, how soldiers who fought had to overcome many hardships to fight the war, which included the swamps and massive amounts of mosquitoes. The students had the chance to put on the conqueror’s armor and learned how to load a black powder gun (no real black powder or bullets were used).

The Florida Cowman was especially exciting for the students. Students were allowed to lasso a cow “chair”. Students were absorbed with the stories of how and when cattle and horses were brought into the area.

Students became knowledgeable about the Herbert Hoover Dike and why it was a necessity to build it after the terrible disaster of the 1926 and 1928 hurricanes. They also learned, how the construction of the Dike altered the historical flow of water from Lake Okeechobee to the Everglades.

The students were given an historical insight into the first major industry that developed on Lake Okeechobee which was commercial catfishing. They also learn about the introduction of sugar cane into Florida in the 15th century and the events that would lead to the present Florida sugarcane industry on the southern shores of Lake Okeechobee. Details on sugar cane planting, harvesting, and milling made for an interesting program.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATION AT VARIOUS CONFERENCES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Youth Leadership Conference (YLC): Jaylin Smith, Kathryn and Lauren Weeks

Hugh O’ Brien Youth Leadership (HOBY): Rana Hilliard and Caroline Stein

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA): Kathryn and Lauren Weeks

(returning as group leaders: Jaxon Smith and Clayton Stein)

Palm Beach Youth Leadership: Maddie Mills and Alexia Ward

ACE Leadership: (Athletics, Community and Education): Ginny Donn (Group Leader), Markens Pierre, Kathryn Weeks, Lauren Weeks, Ethan Bair, Rana Hilliard, Jaylin Smith, Caroline Stein, and Rett Lohmann.
This has been a year full of exciting changes in the English Department. Two new, excellent, creative teachers were added, Mr. Elizarde and Mrs. Bair, while Mrs. Maria continued to lead the department. As a team, these three teachers endeavored to make English classes easily relatable to the real world. From how-to speeches about everyday life skills in English IV to vocabulary sentences based on their day-to-day experiences in English 7, English students were encouraged to use their passions in the English classroom.

Mr. Elizarde, an English major who graduated from Florida State University, added another level of vocabulary and grammar instruction for the students. His 7th and 8th grade students have not stopped there though; they have also spent time studying and writing excellent poems. In 2015, five of our 7th and 8th grade students were published by Creative Communications in *A Celebration of Poets*. Congratulations to Annie Martinez, Jonathan Bolanos, Joy Sweet, Kendal Kennedy, and Michelle Hernandez! Analyzing longer works is also an essential skill, so the 7th grade dug into a classic, *The Princess Bride*. The 8th grade class took a different challenge, analyzing George Orwell’s *Animal Farm*. The 8th grade completed a research project connecting the social and historical issues of the period to *Animal Farm*.

In high school English classes Mrs. Maria and Mrs. Bair teamed up to ensure that students were preparing for college and/or the career of their choice. Grammar, vocabulary, and essay writing continue to be areas of reiterated practice to help students prepare for the SAT and ACT tests they are required to take for college entrance. Research papers are another basic skill students must learn, but students were encouraged to complete these year-long research papers on topics of interest. A few of our research paper titles include: “Automatic Milking,” “Tablets vs. Textbooks” and “Dan Marino.” But as we know, “All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy,” so the students were able to get out of their desks too. Mrs. Bair’s students taught each other skills, like how to change a tire and how to bake a cake. While Mrs. Maria’s students got out of the classroom and went on several field trips. To kick off their study of Early American Literature, they went to the Jupiter Lighthouse and Museum for a tour and a history lesson. A witty and knowledgeable guide explained that several Native American tribes had lived near Jupiter Inlet and Jonathan Dickinson Park through the 1600 and 1700s. This was interesting to the students who had just read several Native American origin myths. Students also had the privilege of climbing to the top of the Jupiter Lighthouse and hearing about its rich history dating from 1853 to the present. Students went on to study the literature of the time periods they had heard about during the Jupiter Lighthouse and Museum Tour. In the spring the students were introduced to a connection between literature and art in *The American Experience* exhibit at the Norton Gallery of art. High school students were also honored by being published this year. Congratulations to Axel Chavarria, Caylin Dupree, Daniel Avila, Dannilla Montes, Jaylin Smith, Kassidy Redish, McKenzie Redish, Piper Stamm, and Sydney Arroyo! What’s high school without a little drama, right? The Bard took center stage in each classroom. Freshmen acted out *Romeo and Juliet*, while sophomores read *Julius Caesar*, junior studied *Othello*, and seniors sung of Hamlet. The junior class also will face *The Crucible*. And the seniors have set upon satire with *The Importance of Being Earnest*. It has been quite an impressive year in the English Department at Glades Day School.
FFA/Ag program: The Agriscience Education program has been extremely busy this year developing skills for leadership, personal growth, and career success! While exploring agriscience based curriculum, students are learning principles of plant and animal science, carpentry, and leadership. Students are constantly exposed to the Agribusiness in our area which creates real world learning and interest in the agriculture industry. Our FFA chapters have competed in multiple career development events, community service events, local activities, and leadership development events this year. Due to a lot of hard work over the past years, Glades Day School is now known and respected state wide for the talented and competitive students we possess.

Career Development Events - CDEs (Competitions)

Sub-Districts in Okeechobee, FL

Opening and Closing Ceremonies - Middle School (M.S.) 3rd place, Kendall Kennedy, Kolton DesRochers, Lane Collins, Ashlyn Bifolck, Julia Bristoll, & Ansley Redish.

Creed Speaking – M.S. 3rd place (Ashlyn Bifolck)/ 9th Grade 2nd place (Emilee Perkins)

Tractor Driving - High School (H.S.) 2nd place (Buddee Griswold)

Livestock Judging

High School Team - Kennedy DesRochers, Chase Dixon, & Jack Hilliard

Middle School Team - Lane Collins, Kolton DesRochers, & Layton Price

Alternates: Julia Bristoll, Aidan Price, Ansley Redish, and Angel Silva

Vegetable ID and Judging - Competition April 22nd at University of Florida in Gainesville, FL

High School Team - Caylin Dupree, Taylor Lunford, Maddie Mills, Paige Pelham, & Marco Sanchez

Middle School Team - Ashlyn Bifolck, Brayden Browder, Summer Robb, and Trey Sanford

Leadership Events

Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT)

State FFA Convention - Will be receiving 100% Membership Award

State FFA Officer (Taylor Pearce) Workshop during FFA Week

Local Activities

Community Service Events - Ag Safety Day, John Deere Spray Rodeo, Porch Painting for Alzheimer patient, Gleaning, & Donate picnic tables to various fundraiser auctions

Ag Luncheons - Adam Putnam Luncheon, Farm City Luncheon, & International Ag Summit

Fly Day

Elementary FFA Day

Faculty Luncheon

Banquet - May 13th 6:30-8:30pm

Fair - 28 hogs and 7 steers raised and entered to local fairs

Young Eagles Event

This year’s FFA-4H-High School A6 Program, Young Eagles event was a huge success, despite the early morning fog. This event teaches students of all the well paying, professional job opportunities available in the Glades. A huge thank you to all Glades Agribusiness and pilots for making this event so eventful for all who attended.
Eddie Motes was Valedictorian in 1999. He graduated from Florida State University in 2003 with a Bachelor’s of Science in Biology. He went on to receive a Master’s of Science (Medical Science) and a Doctorate (Medical Doctor) from the University of South Florida. He completed his internship at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles for General Surgery. Eddie is currently in Galveston, Texas at the University of Texas Medical Branch completing his residency in vascular surgery. In June 2016, he will be named Chief Resident over Vascular Surgery.

Olivia de Castro Esquivel is a 2002 graduate. She attended Furman University where she double majored in Communication Studies and Spanish. She also holds an MBA from North Greenville University. Olivia is a successful entrepreneur and her latest venture is Southern Pressed Juicery, a 100% organic, raw juice bar featuring cold-pressed juices, superfood smoothies, energy bowls and plant-based foods made from the freshest fruits and vegetables, sourced locally as often as possible. The restaurant also offer one, three and five day cleanse options. Southern Pressed Juicery currently has two locations, downtown Greenville and on the campus of Furman University. Several more locations are expected to open this year including a 3,000 square foot location on Clemson University’s campus in late summer. Olivia is married to Anthony Esquivel, Associate Head Coach for the Furman University’s Men’s Soccer Team. They have Luca (2) and another baby boy due in early May.

Bradley Weeks, known to us as BG, is a 1994 graduate of GDS and a 1999 graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, FL. After graduating Embry-Riddle, Bradley went to Jack Brown Seaplane Hub in Winter Haven, FL where he was a seaplane instructor until 2001. He then headed to the Caribbean to St. Croix where he flew seaplanes for Seaborne until 2004. BG came back to the states to South Carolina and flew for Republic Airlines. The summer of 2007 took him to Alaska where he was a bush pilot for Promech Air offering tours and charters. December 2007, he was hired by Hawaii Life Flight in Maui where he is presently a medevac pilot.

Carlos Latour, a 1975 graduate of GDS, attended Stetson University. He graduated in 1979 with a degree in Finance, and that same year began working for General Motors. In 1980, he became a District Sales Manager in Tallahassee, Florida. He was transferred to New Jersey as a District Sales Manager in 1983, and was promoted to Sales Promotion Coordinator in Pontiac, Michigan two years later. In 1986, he became a Marketing Manager in the Philadelphia Zone. Then in 1991, he was promoted to Assistant Zone Manager for the New York/New Jersey Zone. He relocated to Mexico City as the Director of Sales for Central America and the Caribbean in 1996, and then became Director of Dealer Network for Mexico. In 2004, he returned to the U.S. and was named Zone Manager in Boston. He then transferred back home and became Zone Manager for South Florida and the Caribbean. Carlos married graduate Alina Serra in 1977. Alina went on to FSU and graduated in 1981 with a B.S. in Marketing. They have two sons, Brent (29), an attorney in Jacksonville, Florida and Hunter (26) who works in Sales for the Miami Dolphins.