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To inform schools of the 2013-2014 Florida Parent Involvement Award (FPIA) application and deadline. The FPIA is sponsored by the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE), The Florida Parent Teacher Association (FPTA), and StateFarm Insurance.

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ALL PRINCIPALS/APs: 2013-2014 FLORIDA PARENT INVOLVEMENT AWARD - SCHOOL RECOGNITION

**Category: Required Action**

**Audience:** All Principals/APs, Student Services, Media Specialists, Activities Directors

**Due Date:** Feb 24, 2014

**Meeting Date:** n/a

**Attachment(s):** [2013-2014 FPIA Application form.pdf](#)

- The Florida Parent Involvement Award **recognizes innovative school practices that increase family involvement** and can be easily replicated in other schools.
- **Nominations should be generated by the Educational Excellence School Advisory Council (EESAC)** with input from the school's PTA/PTSA or parent organization and the support of the school administration.
- **Nominations should reflect innovative school practices for** recruitment, training, and/or recognition of parents and other family members. They also should address removing barriers, parenting, student learning, communicating, decision-making, or collaborating with the community.
- **Entry deadline to the District:** Schools must submit an original application and six copies to the Office of Parental Involvement, Work Location #9619, SBAB #267, no later than **Monday, February 24, 2014**.
- **The Office of Parental Involvement at the District will forward one elementary and one secondary nomination to the Florida Department of Education.**
- Each school selected as a regional winner will designate a parent to represent the school in accepting the award during the Florida PTA Leadership Conference in July 2014. Reimbursable expenses for the school representative will include: airfare or car mileage, two-night hotel accommodations, and awards luncheon ticket.
- An application is attached and also can be downloaded at <http://parents.dadeschools.net>.
- For samples of exemplary practices used across the state, visit <http://www.fldoe.org/family/pdf/sparkplg.pdf>.

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**Contact:** Angela Lozano ( **305-995-1809** Extension: 267 )

**Department:** Office of Parental Involvement

# 2013-2014 Florida Parent Involvement Award – School Recognition

*“Connecting Families, Communities, and Schools”*

*The purpose of this award is to promote and recognize innovative school practices that increase family involvement.*

- **Sponsored** by The Florida PTA and the Florida Department of Education, & State Farm Insurance.
- **Details and application for the Parent Involvement Award are sent to schools in January of each year through the Office of Parental Involvement.**
- **Nominations** should be generated by the EESAC with input from the school’s PTA.
- **Award Categories** include Elementary School (Pre-5) and Middle/High School (6-12). Each district may submit one nomination per category. Statewide, there are a total of 10 winners.
- **Judging** at the District level is organized by the Office of Parental Involvement. Nominations are evaluated on: Impact on family involvement; ability to be replicated; relationship to the goals and objectives of the school; participation of parents/families in planning and implementation; uniqueness and innovation; impact on school improvement; number of parents participating in relationship to program capability to accommodate, cost, and collaborative efforts.
- **Each year, the school award winners are recognized by the Commissioner of Education during the Florida PTA Leadership Conference Luncheon, in north Florida. Expenses for the school representative include airfare over 200 miles, car mileage less than 200 miles, two nights lodging, and an award luncheon ticket. The expenses will be reimbursed.**



The information and application form is available at  
<http://parents.dadeschools.net>



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# Parent Involvement Award

*Highlighting Exemplary Programs in Florida Schools*

Complete the information below: Please type or print legibly.

**SCHOOLS:** Return all applications to your District Volunteer Coordinator.

Region I  II  III  IV  V  Elementary (PreK-5)  Middle/Senior (6-12)

District

School Name

Mailing Address

City/State/Zip  Telephone (  )

Project Name

Program Contact  District

District Volunteer Coordinator  Phone

**SIGNATURES:**

School Principal

School Advisory Council Chairman

PTA or Parent Organization President

District Volunteer Coordinator

**Superintendent (District Level Winner)**

**DISTRICT VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:** Mail the original with signatures to: Parent Involvement Award, Bureau of Family and Community Outreach, 325 West Gaines St., Room 544, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400, by March 7, 2014.



## Overview of Award

The purpose of this award is to promote and recognize innovative school practices that increase family involvement. Each school selected as a regional winner will designate a parent to represent the school in accepting the award during the Florida PTA Leadership Conference in July, 2014. Expenses for the school representative that will be reimbursed include: car mileage, two nights lodging, awards luncheon ticket.



## Award Categories

Entries will be judged in each of two categories: Elementary School (PreK-5) and Middle/High School (6-12). Statewide, there will be a total of ten winners. Each district may submit two nominations: one elementary and one middle/high school.

## Criteria for Selection

A nomination should reflect an innovative practice for recruitment, training, and/or recognition of parents and other family members. These could include, but not be limited to, programs that address: removing barriers, parenting, student learning, communicating, volunteering, training at school or at home, decision making, collaborating with the community, and others.



## Judging

At the district level, the selection process will be organized by the District Community Involvement/Volunteer Coordinator. Nominations will be evaluated on:

- 1) Impact on family involvement
- 2) Ability to be replicated
- 3) Relationship to the goals and objectives of the schools
- 4) Participation of parents/families in planning and implementation
- 5) Uniqueness and innovation
- 6) Impact on school improvement
- 7) Numbers of parents participating in relationship to program capability to accommodate
- 8) Cost
- 9) Collaborative efforts

## Entry Deadline for District Volunteer Coordinators

An original and 6 copies of the complete nomination form are to be received in the Bureau of Family and Community Outreach no later than 5:00 P.M., March 7, 2014.

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## Eligibility

The nomination is to be generated by the School Advisory Council, with input from the school's PTA or parent organization. Entries must be school projects that focus on a specific school-initiated parent/family involvement program or strategy. These could include innovative parent involvement strategies that place parent training sites away from the school and in the workplace, the church, or other convenient locations.



PROJECT NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

## Facts and Figures

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Project's mission: \_\_\_\_\_

Project's goals: \_\_\_\_\_

Project initiated by: Title I \_\_\_\_\_ ESE \_\_\_\_\_ ESOL \_\_\_\_\_ PTA \_\_\_\_\_ PTO \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

If you have a program website, please indicate address: \_\_\_\_\_

Total school enrollment: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade levels served by project: \_\_\_\_\_

Number served by project: \_\_\_\_\_ Parents \_\_\_\_\_ Students \_\_\_\_\_ Community partners.  
 (PLEASE PROVIDE A NUMBER)

Staff size: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of volunteers needed to implement project: \_\_\_\_\_ Parents  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Staff \_\_\_\_\_ Students \_\_\_\_\_ Community Partners

Names of community or business partners involved in project:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Major sources of funding: \_\_\_\_\_

Budget (how much did the project cost): \_\_\_\_\_  
 (LIST A DOLLAR AMOUNT, IN-KIND SERVICES OR DONATIONS)

Fees for participation: \_\_\_\_\_

Site location: \_\_\_\_\_

Program hours: \_\_\_\_\_

**PTA National Standards for Family-School Partnerships**  
**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY**

Welcoming All Families into the School Community  
 Communicating Effectively  
 Supporting Student Success  
 Speaking Up for Every Child  
 Sharing Power  
 Collaborating with Community

<http://www.pta.org>

## Program Description

Describe the nominated program in the space below.

- How does this program support the school goals and school improvement plan?
- How does this program address the areas of communication, parenting, student learning, volunteering, school decision making, and advocacy and collaborating with the community?
- Briefly describe the activities of the program, stressing their unique qualities. Indicate the number of parents, students, school staff, and/or community members who have participated. Indicate the amount of time spent this year on the program.
- Include how the program is funded and the approximate cost this year, including in-kind donations.
- Provide evidence of the substantive effect of this activity on the school, students, parents, teachers, or administrators.
- Describe collaborative efforts to implement program.



Are there materials available that can be shared with others who wish to duplicate your program?

Yes  No

If yes, list materials and a brief description:



# Miami-Dade County Public Schools

*giving our students the world*

**Superintendent of Schools**  
**Alberto M. Carvalho**

**Miami-Dade County School Board**  
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March 5, 2014

Ms. Susan Walton, Director of Special Projects  
Bureau of Family and Community Outreach  
Florida Department of Education  
325 West Gaines Street, Suite #544  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400

Dear Ms. Walton:

Miami-Dade County Public Schools is pleased to submit the enclosed nominations for the 2013-2014 Parent Involvement Award in the elementary and secondary categories. As a District committed to parental involvement, it is an honor to nominate William Lehman Elementary School and Leewood K-8 Center for consideration at the state level.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed nominations, please contact Ms. Lisa Thurber, District Director, Office of Community Engagement, at 305 995-1265.

Sincerely,

Alberto M. Carvalho  
Superintendent of Schools

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Enclosures

cc: Ms. Iraida R. Mendez-Cartaya  
Ms. Lisa Thurber  
Ms. Patricia Lee  
Ms. Angela Lozano



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# Parent Involvement Award

Highlighting Exemplary Programs in Florida Schools

Complete the information below: Please type or print legibly.

SCHOOLS: Return all applications to your District Volunteer Coordinator.

Region I \_\_\_ II \_\_\_ III \_\_\_ IV \_\_\_ V X South Elementary (PreK-5) X Middle/Senior (6-12) \_\_\_

District \_\_\_ Miami-Dade

School Name \_\_\_ William Lehman Elementary

Mailing Address \_\_\_ 10990 SW 113th Place

City/State/Zip \_\_\_ Miami, FL 33176 Telephone ( 305 ) \_\_\_ 273-2140

Project Name \_\_\_ "All for One"

Program Contact \_\_\_ Roly Puentes, PTA President District \_\_\_ M-DCPS

District Volunteer Coordinator \_\_\_ Vince Dawkins Phone \_\_\_ 305 995-3050

**SIGNATURES:**

School Principal \_\_\_ *Marial O. Puentes*

School Advisory Council Chairman \_\_\_ *C. Puentes*

PTA or Parent Organization President \_\_\_ *[Signature]*

District Volunteer Coordinator \_\_\_ *[Signature]*

Superintendent (District Level Winner) \_\_\_ *[Signature]*

**DISTRICT VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:** Mail the original with signatures to: Parent Involvement Award, Bureau of Family and Community Outreach, 325 West Gaines St., Room 544, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400, by March 7, 2014.



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PROJECT NAME	"All for One"	_____
ADDRESS	10990 S.W. 113 Place	_____
	Miami, Fl 33176	_____

## Facts and Figures

Contact person: Arleen Tamargo

Project's mission: Planning innovative activities to foster family involvement.

Project's goals: Promote student learning through family activities.

Project initiated by: Title I \_\_\_\_\_ CSE \_\_\_\_\_ ESOL \_\_\_\_\_ PTA  PTO \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

If you have a program website, please indicate address: N/A

Total school enrollment: 683

Grade levels served by project: PreK-Fifth grade

Number served by project: 1,366 Parents 683 Students 5 Community partners.  
(PLEASE PROVIDE A NUMBER)

Staff size: 80

Number of volunteers needed to implement project: 20 Parents  
30 Staff All Students 5 Community Partners

Names of community or business partners involved in project:  
-Home Depot -Broadway Bagels -Publix  
-Ibiley -World's Finest Chocolate

Major sources of funding: PTA/in-Kind-Services/Donations

Budget (how much did the project cost): Limited Funds  
(LIST A DOLLAR AMOUNT, IN-KIND SERVICES OR DONATIONS)

Fees for participation: N/A

Site location: William Lehman Elementary

Program hours: On-going

<b>PTA National Standards for Family-School Partnerships</b>	
<b>CHECK ALL THAT APPLY</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Welcoming All Families into the School Community
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Communicating Effectively
<input type="checkbox"/>	Supporting Student Success
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Speaking Up for Every Child
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sharing Power
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Collaborating with Community
<a href="http://www.pta.org">http://www.pta.org</a>	

**Florida Parent Involvement Opportunities -William Lehman Elementary**

**PTA THEME – " ALL FOR ONE" – 2013 - 2014**

**"There's always an opportunity to make a difference." Michael Dell**

The stakeholders at William Lehman Elementary adopted "All For One" as its 2013-2014 PTA theme to recognize and increase family involvement. As the umbrella theme, the PTA has been diligently planning **innovative activities** to foster family involvement to promote student learning and maintain our "A" school grade. The "All for One" program brings the staff, students, families, and grandparents together on our school campus. Our PTA will "roll out the red carpet before, during, and after school hours to remove any barriers from limiting participation. **The array of unique qualities and welcoming activities are tailored to accommodate the maximum number of WLE families. Minimal time and money** has been spent on planning the program which accounts for its success. Friendships are born and student success is impacted as a result of the school activities which continue to thrive at WLE and can be **replicated** in other schools.

**August, 2013 – May, 2014 - PTA General Meetings/Volunteer Orientation Breakfast – Recruitment of volunteers**

Before the WLE General PTA meetings, parents share ideas and get answers regarding activities or concerns.

**Ice Cream Social before PTA Meetings** - Students have a chance to socialize with their friends as they enjoy refreshing ice cream treats.

**September, 2013 – Ongoing – Family Pizza Nights/Family Skate Nights/Family Pizza Nights/Ice Cream Socials/Costume Ball/Dance/Book Fair/Student of the Month/Honor Roll Incentives/Field Day/Courteous Me. (Parents/the Student Body)**

WLE staff and the community promoted family engagement and friendships through innovative community gatherings.

Honor Roll is acknowledged and celebrated with special incentives provided by the PTA.

**Goodies with Grandparents – September, 2013 (107 Grandparents)**

WLE teachers invited the grandparents to join us for a breakfast, and to read a book to their grandchild.

**PB&J November, 2013 "PB&J Lunch (Parent Bonding & Journaling)" (300 parents and the Student Body)**

Parents and teachers had an opportunity to have lunch with their children/students in the courtyard and share memories of their school days, a favorite story or just listen to their child share about their day.

**November, 2013/December 2013 – Thanksgiving Baskets/Holiday Baskets/Toy Drive (Approx. 300 student donations)**

Donations of 100 food baskets and 200 toys were distributed to the needy families in our school community and a neighboring community. Our Courteous Me program promotes sensitive to others and sharing in the spirit of giving.

**December, 2013 – Daddy and Me Breakfast – Kindergarteners (Approx. 60 Fathers)**

Dads were invited for a delicious breakfast, storytelling and arts and crafts.

**December, 2013 – Holiday Shop – (School wide fundraiser – Approx. 750 students)**

PTA Volunteers had an opportunity to participate in creating, selling and mingling with the WLE community as the holiday spirit fills the air. Children learned how to make **life skills decisions** while using math skills to budget their money.

**February, 2014 – Jump Rope for Health - (2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) (Approx. 450 students & 125 parents)**

An extension of our physical fitness program promotes stamina, coordination, and healthy living awareness.

**March, 2014 – Peace Day** - A masterpiece extravaganza promoting peace, courteous behaviors, tolerance, and universal values that develop good character. This year's theme: **IT'S UP TO US TO BE THE CHANGE....SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR.** (Approx. 750 students, teachers, & approx. 100 community guests)

**April/May, 2014 – Drama Factory** - The process of selecting a theme involves careful collaboration amongst the children, staff, parents and administration. The production cast typically involves 60-80 students from grades two through five. The entire student body attends the Drama Factory Production (Approx. 750 students). Our community supports the program by attending three evening performances.

(Approx. 1050 guests)



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Region I \_\_\_ II \_\_\_ III \_\_\_ IV X V \_\_\_ Elementary (PreK-5) X Middle/Junior (6-12) X

District \_\_\_ Miami - Dade

School Name Leewood K-8 Center

Mailing Address 10343 SW 124 Street

City/State/Zip Miami, FL 33176

Telephone ( 305 ) 233-7430

Project Name Trunk - or - Treat

Program Contact Mrs. Carla Rivas, Assistant Principal

District Miami - Dade

District Volunteer Coordinator Vince Perkins

Phone 305-995-3050

### SIGNATURES:

School Principal [Signature] Mr. Bart Christie

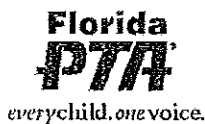
School Advisory Council Chairman [Signature] Mrs. Karen Terilli

PTA or Parent Organization President [Signature] Mrs. Madeline Amador

District Volunteer Coordinator [Signature]

Superintendent (District Level Winner) [Signature]

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PROJECT NAME: Trunk-or-Treat

ADDRESS: 10343 SW 124 Street, Miami, FL 33176

## Facts and Figures

Contact person: Mrs. Carla Rivas, Assistant Principal

Project's mission: please see attached page for this section

Project's goals: please see attached page for this section

Project initiated by: Title I  ESE  ESOL  PTA  PTO  Other

If you have a program website, please indicate address: Event has been posted on school's website in the past: <http://leewood.dadeschools.net>

Total school enrollment: 875

Grade levels served by project: Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade

Number served by project: 800 Parents 875 Students 15 Community partners.  
(PLEASE PROVIDE A NUMBER)

Staff size: 80

Number of volunteers needed to implement project: 50 Parents

20 Staff 30 Students 15 Community Partners

Names of community or business partners involved in project:  
Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Police Department,  
Miami-Dade Police Department, and  
Miami-Dade Fire Rescue

Major sources of funding: please see attached page for this section

Budget (how much did the project cost): \$600- due to amount of candy & decorations which are donated  
(LIST A DOLLAR AMOUNT, IN-KIND SERVICES OR DONATIONS)

Fees for participation: Trunk-or-Treat is a FREE event.

Site location: School's/Teacher's Parking Lot

Program hours: Event starts at approximately 4:30 pm (cars begin to enter parking lot and each family is responsible for decorating their vehicle's trunk by 5:00 pm) and last until Sunset, roughly 7:00pm  
Entry Deadline for District Volunteer Coordinators **No later than 5:00 P.M. March 7, 2014**

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**Project Name:** Trunk-or-Treat

**Address:** 10343 SW 124 Street, Miami ,FL 33176

## Facts and Figures

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**Project's Mission:** To provide a venue that would increase parental and community involvement by bringing the school (students, parents, and staff), families, and community members together in a safe and secure area free of cost.

**Project's Goals:** To have an event that will bring about unity and collaboration among all students, their families, and members of the community.

To safely increase student and parental involvement during after school hours on a day that may otherwise become unsafe.

To participate in the joy of the students and their families and friends coming together on school grounds for an event that is free of charge.

**Major Source Of Funding:** Prior to the day of the event, students and parents bring in bags of candy which will then be given out on the evening of the event. On the day of the event, parents decorate the trunk of their car and give out candy as everyone "trick or treats" by their vehicle.

## Program Description

Describe the nominated program in the space below.

- How does this program support the school goals and school improvement plan?
- How does this program address the areas of communication, parenting, student learning, volunteering, school decision making, and advocacy and collaborating with the community?
- Briefly describe the activities of the program, stressing their unique qualities. Indicate the number of parents, students, school staff, and/or community members who have participated. Indicate the amount of time spent this year on the program.
- Include how the program is funded and the approximate cost this year, including in-kind donations.
- Provide evidence of the substantive effect of this activity on the school, students, parents, teachers, or administrators.
- Describe collaborative efforts to implement program.

Trunk or Treat is held on October 31st and is a fun filled event for all students at our school, their parents, and members of the community. Weeks prior to the event, students begin to bring in a plethora of candy donations in preparation for the "trick or treating" that evening. As the event approaches, contact is also made with civil service members (police and fire departments) so that they can also be present on the day of the event. Usually they showcase their police cars and fire rescue truck so that the students can enjoy them. Additionally, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and one of the police departments also provides their "pink" police vehicle; therefore, bringing out additional awareness in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The evening begins with parents, who have volunteered, bringing in their vehicles into the school's parking lot. Students and parents collaborate in decorating their car's trunk in preparation for children then "trick or treating" as they visit each family's car trunk. This school year, a new twist was added to the program. Student Council from the middle school volunteered their time for an added portion of the event this year. They decorated and created a "spooky" hallway in the school's building (close to the main event). The middle school volunteers wore costumes and assisted parents and children as they entered one end of the hallway and exited the opposite end. As they passed through the hallway, they experienced a little "spooky" fun.

The unique part of this program is that it provides a safe and secure area where the students, families, and members of the community can interact and have fun throughout the evening. Today, unfortunately, it is no longer as safe as it once was to knock on doors and "trick or treat" on Halloween. Therefore, by having this special event, families are able to partake with their children and staff members all evening long!

Are there materials available that can be shared with others who wish to duplicate your program?

Yes  No

If yes, list materials and a brief description: