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School Calendar

APRIL 2019

**Monday, April 22 –
Friday, April 26**

Spring Break
School Closed (5 Days)

MAY 2019

Monday, May 27
Memorial Day - School Closed

JUNE 2019

Wednesday, June 5
Last day of school

Tuesday, June 11
Kindergarten Graduation Day

Wednesday, June 12
Grades 6, 8 & 12 Graduation

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3rd MP - Observation Paper by Dasheny Monestime

Let me start by explaining what an observation paper is, for those who may not know. Creating an observation paper is a three-step process. It requires that the writer choose a specific place to observe and record a situation that occurs in front of them, as if they weren't there; some can also call this eavesdropping. Then, you jot down notes to use to create a well-organized paper, giving exact details, and using sensory type details. Finally, you put the words into a properly formatted paper, with no mention of yourself. The observation paper helps to enhance your skill as a writer and teach you how to hone your senses.

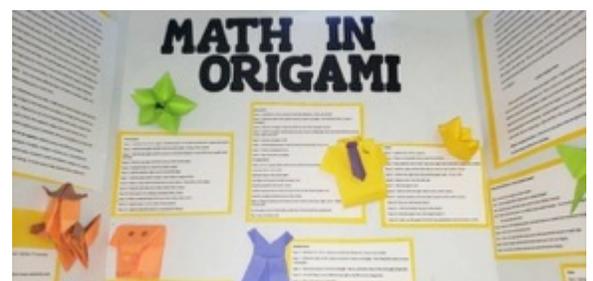
Students had the first two weeks of December to complete the project. The word requirement for this paper ranged from 150 to 2,000. The purpose of this paper was to grasp the concept of a world, without you in it. Places such as malls, coffee shops, and bus stops are ideal locations, due to the amount of intermingling that occurs. You wouldn't choose a place such as a sports bar where everyone channels attention to a single entity. Throughout the years, the 3rd marking period English project would consist of different types of research papers. But this year the English teacher, Mr. Kruh, sought to do something a bit different. He was familiar with this type of project because it was assigned to him as a college freshman.

4th MP Math Project by Isaiah King

The 4th Marking Period 2019 Math Project recently ended. This project was led by Mr. Molloy and was for math classes from Pre-Algebra to Algebra II. This year's project was based on Japanese Origami. Origami is the art of paper folding and is well known all over the world. The purpose of the project was to demonstrate how math is used in Origami designs. Each student was expected to complete every part of the project, keeping in mind the different requirements and due dates.

The final day of the project was February 15th, 2019. It was important to stay on track in order to complete each activity. There were a total of four activities in the project. This project also included a 300-word summary that discussed the connection between origami and geometric concepts and terms. Although time was given in class to work on the project, it was important to work at home as well to complete it.

All students tried to do their best on these projects as they counted 20% of the 4th Period Marking Period grade. The project details were all posted on the on the homework website: flpshomework.com.



Mid-Term Exams

by Stephe Charleriste

Feelings of utter anxiety come into play during times of exams, as students prepare to study or cram for a myriad of exams. How did you do? Were you able to get undeniably prepared and ready? A slew of students mustered as all the work needed to persevere and be successful in their exams – a result of their unrivaled, assiduous dispositions. A series of interviews were conducted in the midst of it all, to delve into the students' minds:

Lynai Bryan (9th Grade)

How well were you prepared for the tests?
"I was prepared for everyone's tests except the English readings, but the tests were easy."

How will you better prepare in the future?
"I will study more and use flash cards."

Trascien Destel (10th Grade)

What were your feelings during the midterms?
"It was good. I had four exams. The tests weren't easy, in fact they were pretty difficult."

How will you improve next time?
"I will use more flash cards to prepare."

Serena Rose Stewart (10th Grade)

How did you feel while taking the exams?
"I felt stressed. Some of them were hard."

How do you feel after taking them?
"I feel good about them and I passed all of them."

Do you have any future plans of improving the way you study?
"It takes me forever to write notes, so next time I will take notes before the exam reviews."



Tyler Divers (12th Grade)

What were the feelings you felt during your exam?
"I felt confident in some of the subjects, the rest I felt anxious. about"

What exam did you feel anxious about?
"Government..."

How do you plan on improving your studying methods?
"I'll focus on preparing for each exam equally. I felt my deductive skills were really good. I used some testing skills that I learned in public school."

The New Coach by Kyandrew Fox

FLPS recently got a new physical education coach. His name is Mr. Jason Feirman. He was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York and used to be a high school quarterback. He specializes in physical education and mental health. He has been coaching for four years. He played football until he was injured, then he went on to coach flag football for little league. When asked if he still coaches flag football, he said not this year, but will in the future. He is a great coach and person to hang around with and just vibe. He is good at supporting kids and knows how to cheer a kid up. When asked about field day, he said that he would work hard to make it the best field day in the history of FLPS. He sounded like he was ready to give students the time of their life that day. He says he still has some work to prepare for field day, but that it all will be done. I hope that he continues to be our coach. Maybe one day he'll ask me to join his flag football team, and we'll dominate the other teams.



Seniors by Dasheny Monestime

In high school you will experience some of your most stressful moments. Senior year is a treacherous milestone in your high school years. It's the time to finally figure out what career you want to follow, as well as how you expect your future to turn out. It's a time to decide whether you want to go to college or pursue something else. It can be stressful if you're not sure whether you will graduate on time, have to make up credits, or stay another few months. There are endless nights of staying up late studying because you can't afford to fail a class. It's a time where state tests are approaching, and you stay up until 3 a.m. deep in a 1,000-page book. The day of the test feels like the longest day of your life. The myth of "senioritis" is very real. As you get closer and closer to finishing, you begin to feel lazy and start to give up. For some, it starts early, not wanting to go to school and not trying as hard as before. Some push through, managing to wake up every day for school and doing their work. Seniors have it hard. They're going to look back at their high school years and remember the bittersweet feeling. The seniors at Fort Lauderdale Preparatory are holding up very well. I congratulate them all for working as hard as they have been doing. We're almost to the finish line, and we will be the graduating class of 2019.

Frankenstein vs. the Horrendous Goo by Jaylen Roscoe

This year there will be another school play! It will be taking place in the big room our auditorium. We are looking forward to everyone watching and enjoying what we have in store. The name of the play is "Frankenstein vs. the Horrendous Goo" by Treanor Baring. The story is about a mix-up in the chemistry club that creates a horrendous goo that takes over the John Dalton School. Students, administrators and even parents get "goo-ed" by the mysterious green slime, that seems to have a mind of its own.

The play has roles for 11 characters; two men, three women, and six other people who are all part of the production. When you watch the play later this year, try to figure out who is behind the attack of the mutant polymer. Can you disentangle the clues learned in chemistry, theatre, and psychology class? Why is Frankenstein brought in to save the day? And why is he writing love notes? Actors and the audience will delight in this fast-paced, action-packed comedy. So sit back and watch, it will blow your mind.



Field Day by Jaylen Roscoe

On March 13th we had a Field Day for all students. Field Day has been one of the major events we all look forward to starting from the early 90's until now. Field Day starts at 8:30 am and runs the entire day. The most important thing is that we hang out with friends and compete, as we all desperately want to win.

The entire school is divided into two teams; red and blue. Each team plays against one another in sports and team activities for fun and enjoyment. Field Day activities this year consisted of a Marathon, where we ran the 1/2, 1/3, or 1 mile runs, a 3-legged relay, Kickball, Newcomb volleyball game, Ski Trakker, a Water Balloon Toss, an Egg and Spoon Relay Race and most importantly Flag Football. They were all lots of fun.

The rules were that each team needed to demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times or would have points deducted and to compete hard and have a great time. For lunch, students were served pizza, ice pops, and water, all provided by the school. Then everyone went inside, where we watched a movie and had popcorn until it was time to leave. We try to make Field Day a group activity and not an individual activity because we want everyone to have a good time. To see everyone with big smiles on their faces makes us all want to continue Field Day each and every school year.



Spring Social by Kevin Halpern

On May 3rd, students in grades seven through twelve can attend this year's FLP Annual Spring Social. This is Fort Lauderdale Prep's version of a prom. The event will take place at the Inverrary Hotel, near the school. Most students pay a fee to enjoy the evening of dinner and dancing, but seniors can attend for free. The dress code for the event is always formal. This includes suits and dress shirts for guys. Girls wear dresses and formal clothes meant for a dressy occasion. The school will again be hiring a DJ and renting out a ballroom for the night. The party lasts from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The ballroom has a dance floor. Tables, chairs, glasses, and all decorated in a festive, fancy manner. During Spring Social the DJ usually runs some little 'competitions.' In the past these have included a line dance challenge, and a hula-hoop challenge. Last year's hula-hoop champion was our computer teacher Mrs. Miller. This will be a new experience for newcomers, and hopefully, another great night for veterans returning for a wild night of fun.

MLK Day by **Stephie Charleriste**

Martin Luther King Jr., an American Baptist minister, was one of many civil rights activists in the 1960s. He was steadfast in his belief of using peaceful protests and discouraging violence at every turn. He is a prominent figure in black history and his legacy continues today. His "I Have a Dream" speech serves as a symbol of hope and equality for men and women of different color, races, and nationalities. The speech was recited on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial located in Washington, D.C. on August 28, 1963. It is estimated that 250,000 people were in attendance. In 1964, King was given the Nobel Peace Prize. He is revered for his many actions towards the betterment of American society. In response to the multitude of campaigns issued by activists inspired by King, President Ronald Reagan signed a bill, in 1983, creating Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



Mrs. Ilyne by **Isaiah King**

We see her every day with her smiling face. But who is Ms. Ilyne? Yes, we know her as Ms. Dykens' daughter, but there's much more. Ms. Ilyne is a former student of Fort Lauderdale Prep. She attended here from 2000 to 2004. She attended Sheridan College from 2005 to 2009. Five years later in 2005, she returned to FLPS and became a teacher's assistant. Ms. Ilyne has been a teacher's assistant for the past eight years and really enjoys her job. She especially likes working alongside Mr. Young in Rm. 1 teaching the 1st & 2nd grade students.

Ms. Ilyne loves teaching. Her mother, Ms. Michelle Dykens, inspired her to teach from a very young age. Growing up with dyslexia, she understands the struggles that some children must deal with in school. Despite those obstacles, she has helped many children to achieve academic success. Even though her teaching style is serious, she does enjoy having fun with her students also.

She plans to continue pursuing her education so that she can continue teaching students for years to come. If you see her in the hall, don't forget to say hello and thank you for being a member of our school family. We are very proud to have her at FLPS.

Growing Students by **Tamar Davis**

We admire witnessing our students grow and thrive at FLP. We show the accomplishments of our students throughout the school halls by displaying their art, accomplishments and student awards, and acknowledging their school spirit and cooperation. Recently, a new art project has been in the making. Ms. Mason, the art teacher, has been working with Stephie, Brandon and Tamar to complete a massive, fabricated tree out of canvas. The tree was painted multiple colors of brown - mahogany, butternut, chestnut and burnt sienna - to create a realistic soft sculpture tree image. The process required a lot of effort from everyone, but it was amazing to see the tree finally ready to put up in the hallway. Students in the lower school division will have their artwork hung on the tree, as a substitute for leaves. Soon, more branches will be added on the top portion of the wall and grass at the bottom to make it even more realistic. It will be another way to show the accomplishments of FLP students and for student artwork to be displayed.

Bowling for Pleasure by Trien Hoang

In school, the principle policy prioritized for pupils is chiefly the provision of much necessary and important education. Continuous academic activities require time for lax and tranquility, as to not strain a child's ability to develop.

Each year at FLPS, with full comprehension of the matter, the teachers create an entertaining component in the field of education. This year they came up with a school wide 'Lip-Sync' competition. To add to the suspense and fuel the students' aspiration to win, a bowling trip would be the grand prize for the upper school winners, and an ice cream party and movie for the lower school winners. To everyone's amazement, 10th grade came out on top for the upper school and Room 4 (Grades 5 & 6) for the lower school.

On February 6th, 10th graders – except two who were absent that day – boarded an FLPS van with full anticipation for the hype the event would bring. When we all arrived at the destination, the students began conversing in an undertone of excitement. Although the bowling alley only had senior citizens at that time of day, and no one else around their age, everyone enjoyed the occasion. There were two competing bowling teams and one clutched victory, as the result of the other's slip-ups. Teases were thrown and taunts were lobbed, but those only brought about a lighter atmosphere.

After bowling the students had pizza for lunch, then packed up and returned to school, still thirsting to spend more time with bowling balls. "It was a lot of fun. I want to go back," one participant commented. May the best class win a bowling trip again next year!



Black History Month by Brandon Small

February is Black History Month. It is celebrated nationwide. We take this time to remember and honor those African American men and women who made contributions to the civil rights movement and pushed the boundaries for black people in America. One way we celebrated this was for students of various ages and grade levels to complete Black History month themed art projects, under the guidance of the art teacher, Ms. Mason. They consisted of various civil rights leaders and prominent figures in pop culture in an array of colors. These projects can be viewed in the hallways for the entire month. These included people such as Martin Luther King Jr., minister, activist, and arguably the leader of the civil rights movement; activist Rosa Parks, most famous for her refusal to give up her bus seat; award winning actor and musician Will Smith; Blues and R&B singer Etta James and many more. These are all people who overcame adversity. They inspire us to fight injustice wherever it may be and are part of the reason the American people are able to live unified, as we are today.



New Student by Marc Etienne

Lynai Bryant is a new student at FLPS and she is fitting in well. I remember her first day at FLPS when Ray'ven, Cosby, Burthland, and I immediately connected with her. I made her feel welcome when she couldn't find a seat and told her to sit in the open seat next to me. I then introduced her to everyone in the class and she clicked with everyone. When the bell for first break rang she already found a group to hang out with and made even more friends. Mr. Kruh said that she's a hard worker and shows flashes of strong effort. She is a freshman who aspires to go to college and do big things.

I.T. Stands for Influential Turbulence by Trien Hoang

With the age of technology ever advancing, so must those who live in it; otherwise, they will be left without knowledge, help, and the convenience, eternally lingering amidst the unknown, until their final days. To help students cope with the situation, schools all over the world offer computer courses, and, here at FLP, it is no different. Those under Ms. Miller's guidance and her up-to-date technological equipment are lucky to learn from a professional; the basics and the essentials of I.T.

To help her students further polish their finesse and master I.T. skills, Ms. Miller annually assigns a project. This year it revolved around the creation of a PowerPoint project celebrating Black History Month. It required students to use a camera and the PowerPoint software. It began on February 4th and ended a few weeks later. There were three steps to the project; first, the students needed to take snapshots of something that signified Black History Month; second, they were to interview someone who had gone through African-American related events in the past and then take note about his/her thoughts on them; third they needed to compile everything into a PowerPoint presentation and present it.

When asked about the significance of the project, Ms. Miller answered, "I believe PowerPoint is a necessity for all. Students will need it for college, for work, and it is a good skill to list on one's resume when looking for a job. It is important for students to learn more about this country's history, and learn this software."

With that said, the project came to an end, bringing a sense of accomplishment and relief.

Student Clubs by Tamar Davis

There are many activities for FLPS students. For example, plenty of sports and games in gym class, karate, computer, art and our student clubs. This year Student Clubs consist of chess, jewelry making, Anime, board games, and piano. Each club is offered by one of our hard-working upper-school teachers. The students are only two weeks into clubs and everyone thus far is having enjoyable relief once a week from our daily academic work. In clubs students learn new techniques for making necklaces and bracelets from Ms. Dykens, watch new Anime, and play interactive anime related games with Mr. Davis, and play competitive board games with Mr. Molloy. These show a wonderful side of students when they aren't busy with assignments. Many students have claimed the clubs to be "exciting and funny."



"I just want the students to have fun and enjoy the games and they really seem to," Mr. Davis stated. The students and teachers have good things to say about all clubs at FLPS and we always do our best to keep the process going.

Winter Break by Brandon Small

Students at Fort Lauderdale Preparatory School enjoyed their Winter Break off from school from December 21, 2018 to January 7, 2019, and started off the new year with vigor. This two-week break period allowed students and teachers to relax, spend time with their family and friends and get some well deserved rest after working so hard for two marking periods and preparing for Midterm (3rd Marking Period) Exams. I took the time to interview some students and faculty about how they spent their break from school and work and their responses were varied. Students such as Stephe Charleriste (and myself) spent their break fully utilizing the time off and getting ample amounts of rest at home. She gleefully commented that she spent the days "eating and sleeping." Others like Marc Etienne visited family members over the fortnight. He spent the holidays at his aunt's house. Trascien and Kevin Halpern went above and beyond and went on trips out of state for their break - Kevin going up north to New York and Trascien to Colorado. Trascien trip was to the snowy mountains of Colorado. He enjoyed his stay. We trust that the students will keep working hard until their summer break.

Ms. Yvette by Marc Etienne

Ms. Yvette is a secretary at FLPS. She was born in the U.S Virgin Islands. She attended Parsippany High school and Middlesex College in New Jersey. She has been working at FLPS for 22 years and has two kids. Her son graduated from FLPS and her daughter graduated from Piper High School. When she moved from New Jersey to Fort Lauderdale, she started looking for work, and decided to apply at FLP. She plans on staying and retiring from here. Her message to parents is, "Always take an interest in your kids education and don't expect to leave everything up to the school to take care of."



Fun After Hours by Kyandrew Fox

Fort Lauderdale Prep had their first ever after-school sleepover. You could tell the administration was nervous about the idea, but they agreed. Students admit that they did not believe that Ms. Kelly and the other Administrators would say yes. On the day of the sleepover the students did not know what to expect. Some people wondered if they would go home at 3:45 and then come back. The sleepover was great. They had activities such as football, cup tower, and ping pong cup competitions. The team captains were Kyandrew and Nixen. For football, Nixen's team believed that they would win but Kyandrew's team won with 4 interceptions and 27 points. Nixen was devastated by his team's loss. When everyone went inside, it was time to eat. We had wings, pizza and drinks. Once everyone finished eating, the boys and the girls separated into their rooms, and set up their beds. After everyone finished setting up their stuff, there were even more activities. Once we finished with the activities, we went outside for a walk where they had a little treat waiting for us. The students believed that they were going snipe hunting, but Mrs. Kelly and Ms. Dykens decided to prank them with a black plastic snake. Most students did not notice the snake until someone tried to capture it. Once everyone saw that kid run, everyone ran, it was every man for themselves. One student was so scared they actually started tearing up. After the prank, it was time to wind down, so everyone retired to their respective sleeping areas. Once the ladies left for their room the men decided that they were going to 'turn up', and they did. The music was so loud that Ms. Dykens had to come and tell us to lower it. When the music volume went down the movie started up. In my opinion, the movie wasn't scary, but I heard that someone was so scared that he went around asking people for their blankets. The sleepover was a great experience and we hope there will be another one.



Grad Bash by Kevin Halpern

Each year seniors end their year with a bang and go on a senior trip. This year, students have decided to travel up to Universal Studios, Orlando for their grand finale. The trip will take place Friday, April 5th to Sunday, April 7th. Students will meet in Deerfield to board an Amtrak train that will take them to their designation. The train will make 2 or 3 stops on the way there. The hotel the students will be staying in is the Cabana Bay. Six rooms have been booked for the group. The hotel has amenities such as a pool, gym, game arcade, and more. During the evenings, the hotel shows a movie in the pool area.

On Friday night, students will have dinner at City Walk. This is part of Universal Studios where there are a lot of restaurants such as Hard Rock Café, a Chocolate Factory, and Sports bars (for minors), as well as many others.

FLPS is going to provide students with a list of what to bring, what to wear, and other things they might need. On Saturday, students will head into the parks at 7 p.m. and leave at 2 a.m. The park include rides, concerts, dance parties, and other events being held at the time. On Sunday afternoon, students will travel home, bringing fond memories and fun merchandise with them.