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**YOUTH CRIME WATCH (YCW)  
OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
"THE YCW VISION"  
ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER  
SPRING/SUMMER 2010 EDITION**

**Youth Crime Watch (YCW) of Miami-Dade** has continued to serve the Miami-Dade schools in responding to request for services from school faculty representatives on youth crime prevention presentations and YCW program (club) implementation trainings. Although this year we were not able to fulfill numerous requests from the Miami-Dade schools due to our budget being reduced in half, we are very grateful to MDCPS Superintendent Alberto Carvalho, MDCPS School Board Vice-Chair Perla Tabares Hantman and MDCPS School Police Chief Charles Hurley for the funding they obtained for us. Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County served over 40,000 MDCPS students for the 2009-2010 school year with crime prevention educational services. In lieu of budget cuts and fiscal challenges in the Miami-Dade schools, faculty representatives continue to reach out more to YCW of Miami-Dade for safety education and best practices on youth crime prevention endeavors in order to maintain the safety of their students and school.

**Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Division of Student Services** held their annual Mini-Conference on Monday, March 1 at Coral Gables Senior High School. The annual conference focuses on providing school-site student services professionals with ideas, programs, and activities that address the personal/social, academic, career, community, and health development areas of our students. YCW of Miami-Dade

County once again participated by conducting workshops that focused on our youth crime prevention educational services and best practices which have been successful in curbing school crime. Crime prevention educational materials were also disseminated to workshop attendees. Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade also participated in the MDCPS Student Services/ Amigos for Kids “Blue Ribbon Child Abuse Awareness” event at the Dade County Auditorium on Monday, April 26 and in the 2nd Annual MDCPS Student Services “TRUST Program Resource Fair” at Carlos Albizu University on Friday, May 21 .

**The 16th Annual YCW of Miami-Dade Awards Luncheon** was held on Wednesday, May 19 at Outback Steakhouse. MDCPS School Police Chief Charles Hurley and Mark Zaher of MDCPS School Operations presented awards to the YCW Exemplary Award recipients and the YCW Poster/Essay Contest winners.

**Youth Crime Watch (YCW) of Miami-Dade County** in conjunction with the Miami-Dade Schools Police Department once again coordinated the **YCW “Stop The Violence” Blue Ribbon Week** campaign for all grade levels during the week of April 20 (April 19–23, 2010). “Stop The Violence Day” is on April 20. It was a successful venture in promoting youth crime prevention to Miami-Dade County Public School students. Several of our YCW school programs (clubs) participated in the campaign and demonstrated their willingness to educate their peers to “stop the violence” by: decorating their schools with blue ribbons to visualize a commitment on living a violence-free lifestyle, posting violence prevention posters on several safety topics, scheduling YCW “Blue Ribbon Week” assemblies, and broadcasting safety tips & the YCW “Stop The Violence” poem during school announcements. We thank the following Miami-Dade schools for their participation in the campaign: Arch Creek Elementary, Edison Park Elementary, Gulfstream Elementary, Oliver Hoover Elementary, Liberty City Elementary, Miami Gardens Elementary, Silver Bluff Elementary, Devon Aire K-8 Center, Bob Graham Education Center, Eugenia B. Thomas

K-8 Center, Kenwood K-8 Center, Carol City Middle, Miami Lakes Middle, Nautilus Middle, Redland Middle, Rockway Middle, Homestead Senior High, and Dr. Michael Krop Senior High. The Miami-Dade County School Board recognized YCW of Miami-Dade at the April School Board Meeting by presenting a proclamation as an approved resolution. The proclamation designated the week of April 19-23, 2010 as YCW "Stop The Violence" Blue Ribbon Week throughout the district. We sincerely thank School Board Vice-Chair Perla Tabares Hantman and her staff for spearheading the proclamation acknowledgment.

**The annual Youth Crime Watch (YCW) of Miami-Dade "Poster & Essay Contest"** was once again a successful endeavor where Miami-Dade Public School students were given the opportunity & forum to present their creative action plans on youth crime prevention. The theme for this year's contest was "Helping My School's Safety". The students illustrated or wrote their ideas or comments on a poster and/or in an essay in answering the following criteria questions:

What steps could be taken to prevent violence in your school?

How can everyone at your school work together in helping your school's safety?

What changes can I add in my school to make me feel safe?

What would you do to encourage your peers & classmates to anonymously report warning signs or threats that can lead to school crimes?

What can you do to educate your peers & classmates on school safety and youth crime prevention?

How could you assist School Police on the safety of your school?

We thank the following Miami-Dade schools for participating in the YCW of Miami-Dade Poster & Essay Contest: Coral Reef Elementary, Coral Gables Elementary, Greenglade Elementary, Gulfstream Elementary, Oliver Hoover Elementary, Miami Springs Elementary, Silver Bluff Elementary, Treasure Island Elementary, Ruth K. Broad/Bay Harbor K-8 Center, Dr. Rolando Espinosa K-8 Center, M.A. Milam K-8 Center, Carol City

Middle, John F. Kennedy Middle, Horace Mann Middle, Miami Lakes Middle, Richmond Heights Middle, Miami Beach Senior High, Miami Killian Senior High, and Here's Help Alternative Outreach.

**YOUTH CRIME WATCH OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
POSTER CONTEST WINNERS 2009-2010  
THEME: HELPING MY SCHOOL'S SAFETY**

**ELEMENTARY LEVEL 1 (K- 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE)**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE- Aden De Leon (1<sup>st</sup> Grade) Ruth K. Broad/Bay Harbor K-8 Center**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE- Frances Lopez (Kindergarten) Dr. Rolando Espinosa K-8 Center**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE- Brooke Scott (1<sup>st</sup> Grade) Coral Gables Elementary**

**ELEMENTARY LEVEL 2 (3<sup>RD</sup> -5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE- Maya Fayad (5<sup>th</sup> Grade) Ruth K. Broad/Bay Harbor K-8 Center**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE- Karolyn Ranero (4<sup>th</sup> Grade) M.A. Milam K-8 Center**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE- Eleazar Sanchez (4<sup>th</sup> Grade) Silver Bluff Elementary**

**MIDDLE (6<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE- Alina Pozzan (6<sup>th</sup> Grade) Ruth K. Broad/Bay Harbor K-8 Center**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE- Natalie Orellana (6<sup>th</sup> Grade) Richmond Heights Middle**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE- Yanexi Millo (8<sup>th</sup> Grade) Miami Lakes Middle**

**SENIOR HIGH (9<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE- Michael Bonilla (11<sup>th</sup> Grade) Miami Killian Senior High**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE- Braulio Trejo (11<sup>th</sup> Grade) Here's Help Educational Alternative**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE- Trevon Albury (9<sup>th</sup> Grade) Here's Help Educational Alternative**

**YOUTH CRIME WATCH OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS 2009-2010  
THEME: HELPING MY SCHOOL'S SAFETY**

**ELEMENTARY LEVEL 1 (K- 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE)**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE- Naomi Simanjuntak (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) Dr. Rolando Espinosa K-8 Center**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE- Alison Rivera (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) Coral Reef Elementary**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE- Alexandra Lopez (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) Dr. Rolando Espinosa K-8 Center**

**ELEMENTARY LEVEL 2 (3<sup>RD</sup> -5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE- Stacey Ramirez (4<sup>th</sup> Grade) Treasure Island Elementary**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE- Bryan Alcarazo (5<sup>th</sup> Grade) M.A. Milam K-8 Center**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE- Hugo Desloges (5<sup>th</sup> Grade) Ruth K. Broad/Bay Harbor K-8 Center**

**MIDDLE (6<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE- Yanexi Millo (8<sup>th</sup> Grade) Miami Lakes Middle**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE- Claudia Cruz (8<sup>th</sup> Grade) Miami Lakes Middle**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE- Stephanie Charles (7<sup>th</sup> Grade) Horace Mann Middle**

**SENIOR HIGH (9<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE- Eduardo Keane (12<sup>th</sup> Grade) Miami Beach Senior High**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE- Ana P. Aun (10<sup>th</sup> Grade) Miami Beach Senior High**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE- Davin Cotton (9<sup>th</sup> Grade) Here's Help Educational Alternative**

**YCW OF MIAMI-DADE  
EXEMPLARY AWARD WINNERS  
2009-2010**

**YCW SCHOOL OF THE YEAR**

**Elementary:**

Gulfstream Elementary School

**Middle:**

Bob Graham Education Center

**Senior:**

Dr. Michael Krop Senior High School

**YCW ADVISOR OF THE YEAR**

**Elementary:**

Miriam Castillo– Miami Gardens Elementary School

**Middle:**

Marly Bouza– Miami Lakes Middle School

**Senior:**

Kim Ferreira– Dr. Michael Krop Senior High School

**YCW STUDENT OF THE YEAR**

**Elementary:**

Ulises Salinas- Oliver Hoover Elementary School

**Middle:**

Keyla E. Rodriguez- Richmond Heights Middle School

**Senior:**

Aboubalie Salvador- Dr. Michael Krop Senior High School

**YCW of Miami-Dade "School News" January-May  
2010**

**Dr. Michael Krop Senior High's** YCW "crime educators" school program (club), proactively coordinated more youth crime prevention activities and events at the school during the second half of the school year. Dr. Krop's YCW "crime

educators” school program coordinated the school’s MDCPS Youth Violence Prevention Summit. The summits were an initiative by MDCPS Superintendent Alberto Carvalho for every Miami-Dade Senior High school to host a youth-driven Violence Prevention Summit on the evening of Thursday, January 14. School Principal Dr. Matthew Welker delegated for the school’s YCW “crime educators” program to take the lead in organizing the summit. YCW School Advisor Kim Ferreira and the student members excelled in their orchestration of the event. The school’s summit was comprised of a “call to action—all eyes, all hands, all hearts” motivational presentation conducted by Ms. Ferreira and student members of the YCW “crime educators” governance committee, a question & answer session with a panel of youth crime prevention experts, a YCW Student of the Week recognition presentation, and an inspiring “Come Together as One” video presentation during the summit’s finale. Students, parents, faculty, and administration attended the summit. YCW of Miami-Dade County set up a YCW Exhibit Materials Booth to disseminate youth crime prevention materials to summit attendees. The YCW “crime educators” school program also coordinated the Drinking & Driving Prevention “Ghost Out” activity at the school. The “Ghost Out” activity is set up with students illustrating in a dramatic way the devastation that drinking & driving can cause. The goal of the program is to impact students to make the decision to never drink & drive and to never get into a vehicle with an impaired driver. Students were all dressed in black. Their faces were painted white with black circles around their neck. During the school’s lunch sessions, they walked around with a baby casket wearing signs around their neck about how they died (in part of the “Ghost Out” theme) as a result of someone operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Other YCW “crime educators” student-led activities included: manning a YCW information table at the school’s College Fair, scheduling more guest speakers to conduct youth crime prevention presentations at the school, staging a dramatized “mock accident” where a young girl was killed as a result of drinking & driving, and

coordinating “Domestic Violence” & “Teen Dating Violence” campaigns. Dr. Michael Krop Senior High’s YCW “crime educators” continue to shine as an award-winning YCW exemplary program.

**Gulfstream Elementary’s** YCW school program (club) were fantastic in their participation in the YCW “Stop The Violence” Blue Ribbon Week campaign. YCW School Advisor Lynda Jimenez and the YCW student members decorated the school with blue ribbons in most areas on school campus, displayed posters & signs on a wide array of youth crime prevention topics, and presented safety tips & the YCW of Miami-Dade “Stop The Violence” poem during the morning announcements. The program also held their school-wide YCW Installation Assembly on December 12, 2009. Other activities coordinated by the school’s YCW program included: coordinating a “Help Haiti Children” Drive with the School Counselor, spearheading a “Bullying Prevention” school campaign, and participating in the YCW of Miami-Dade Poster & Essay Contest. Gulfstream Elementary was selected as the YCW Exemplary Elementary School of the Year. Ms. Jimenez is retiring at the end of the school year as a MDCPS Paraprofessional. She has been Gulfstream Elementary’s YCW School Advisor for an astounding 12 years in a row. We wholeheartedly appreciate all her years of service and dedication to Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County and we wish her the best in her retirement.

**Homestead Senior High’s** YCW school program (club) took the lead in the school’s “Help Haiti” Drive. Through various student-led “Help Haiti” service announcements & advertisements, the YCW student members were very instrumental in encouraging their peers to participate in the drive. As a result, a mass amount of students donated non-perishable items, toiletries, and clothing for the victims of the Haiti earthquake. YCW School Advisor Joanie Manas, along with her Homestead Senior High YCW student members and Peer Mediators group, coordinated a Peer Mediation Conference at the school on Thursday, April 29. Numerous Peer Mediation

groups from other senior high schools attended. The topics that were prioritized at the conference were Sexting and Cybersafety. A student-led “Sexting Prevention” skit opened the conference. YCW of Miami-Dade County conducted a presentation on Sexting Prevention and the Attorney General’s Office presented on Cybersafety. The Peer Mediation groups will take the information back to their schools in coordinating Sexting Prevention and Cybersafety education student-led endeavors.

**Miami Gardens Elementary’s** YCW school program (club) promoted the power of prevention in their school’s YCW “Stop The Violence” Blue Ribbon Week campaign. YCW School Advisor Miriam Castillo and the YCW student members managed the campaign with exact precision to detail through its several activities which included: an introduction of the significance of the YCW “Stop The Violence” blue ribbon, an introduction of activities for the week, decorating the school with blue ribbons in several school corridors, displaying posters & signs on a wide array of youth crime prevention topics, presenting anti-violence messages & the YCW of Miami-Dade “Stop The Violence” poem during the closed-circuit TV morning announcements, designating a “Blue Day” for students & faculty to wear blue, having a class contest to see which class wears the most blue, and concluding the campaign with a Peace Poem during the morning announcements. Ms. Castillo was selected as the YCW Exemplary Elementary School Advisor of the Year.

**Miami Lake Middle’s** YCW school program (club) spearheaded a school-wide Peace Campaign and also participated in the YCW “Stop The Violence” Blue Ribbon Week campaign. YCW School Advisor Marly Bouza and her YCW student members visited the elderly as part of their commitment to community service and in turn they provided the YCW program with a “Peace and Love Bus”. Students watched educational videos on Peace in their classrooms. Several YCW student members conducted bullying & violence prevention classroom presentations through an

elective and social studies emphasis; an effective method to amalgamate youth crime prevention and academic studies. Moreover, Youth Violence Prevention pledges were signed and processed by students in the classrooms. The YCW school program coordinated a YCW “Stop The Violence” Blue Ribbon Week Assembly on April 20 (Stop The Violence Day) that included “Stop The Violence” presentations from Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade and the Holocaust Documentation Foundation. Ms. Bouza was selected as the YCW Exemplary Middle School Advisor of the Year. YCW Student Members Yanexi Millo and Claudia Cruz were among the winning recipients of the YCW Poster & Essay Contest.

**Carrie P. Meek/Westview Elementary’s** YCW school program (club) demonstrated the effectiveness of student-led education by having YCW student members conduct Bullying Prevention and Anger Management presentations in several classrooms on Friday, May 27. YCW of Miami-Dade County trained the YCW student members on conducting violence prevention presentations in several YCW club meetings throughout the school year as part of their preparation. The “train-the-student trainer” system is a vital component of the YCW of Miami-Dade County program. YCW School Advisor Moises Peguero and School Social Worker Yolanda Busquet have been very instrumental on the success of the school’s YCW program which was implemented for the first time in the school’s history.

**Rockway Middle’s** YCW school program (club) spearheaded a school-wide “Helping My School’s Safety” campaign. YCW student members created and posted posters incorporating the campaign’s theme on school safety. The school’s YCW program also participated in the YCW “Stop The Violence” Blue Ribbon Week campaign by having YCW student members present safety tips on school violence prevention and anger management in several afternoon school announcements. The YCW anonymous tip box continues to be an effective tool used to deter violent incidents in the school. YCW School Advisor

Miladys Baeza and the YCW student members trained students & faculty on the Anonymous Reporting process.

## **YCW of Miami-Dade at "Youth-Oriented Community Events" January-May 2010**

**Miami-Dade Police Department Cutler Ridge District's "Child Safety Day" Event** at South Dade Child Care Center on Wednesday, March 3 (*YCW Personal Safety presentations and McGruff the Crime Dog appearance*)

**North Miami's "F.A.C.T.-Families and Communities Together" Safety Festival** at Griffing Park on Saturday, March 20 (*CCW-YCW Exhibit Materials Booth and McGruff the Crime Dog appearance*)

**Commissioner Pepe Diaz's "Spring Festival" Safety Event** at North Trail Park on Saturday, March 20 (*CCW-YCW Exhibit Materials Booth and McGruff the Crime Dog appearance*)

**NBC6/Telemundo 51 "Health & Fitness Expo" Event** at Miami Beach Convention Center on Saturday, April 17 and Sunday, April 18 (*CCW-YCW Exhibit Materials Booth and McGruff the Crime Dog appearances*)

**Decroly Learning Center "Child Safety Day" Event** on Thursday, May 20 (*YCW Personal Safety presentations and McGruff the Crime Dog appearance*)

**Shops at Sunset Place "Hurricane Preparedness" Safety Event** on Saturday, May 22 (*CCW-YCW Exhibit Materials Booth and McGruff the Crime Dog appearance*)

**YCW of Miami-Dade "Weekly Award"  
Recipients January-May 2010  
Sponsored by WLYF 101.5 LITE FM**

YCW Student of the Week *January 11-15*

**Mauricio Garcia of Dr. Michael Krop Senior High**

YCW Student of the Week *January 18-22*

**Jordan Thompson of Bob Graham Education Center**

YCW Advisor of the Week *January 25-29*

**Jeff Gardner of Bob Graham Education Center**

YCW School of the Week *February 1-5*

**Homestead Senior High**

YCW Advisor of the Week *February 8-12*

**Joanie Manas of Homestead Senior High**

YCW Student of the Week *February 15-19*

**Karl Marvil of Doral Middle**

YCW Student of the Week *February 22-26*

**Oriam L. Gonzalez of Redland Middle**

YCW Student of the Week *March 1-5*

**Amanda Canovaca of Silver Bluff Elementary**

YCW Student of the Week *March 8-12*

**Ulises Salinas of Oliver Hoover Elementary**

YCW Advisor of the Week *March 15-19*

**Moises Peguero of Carrie P. Meek/Westview Elementary**

YCW Student of the Week *March 22-26*

**Aboubalie Salvador of Dr. Michael Krop Senior High**

YCW Student of the Week *April 5-9*

**Soraya Flores of Dr. Michael Krop Senior High**

YCW Advisor of the Week *April 12-16*

**Patricia Benitez of Oliver Hoover Elementary**

*April 19-23*

**YCW of Miami-Dade “Stop The Violence” Blue Ribbon Week**

YCW Advisor of the Week *April 26-30*  
**Miriam Castillo of Miami Gardens Elementary**

YCW Student of the Week *May 3-7*  
**Logan Schroeder-Stephens of Eugenia B. Thomas K-8 Center**

YCW Student of the Week *May 10-14*  
**Keyla Rodriguez of Richmond Heights Middle**

YCW School of the Week *May 17-21*  
**Miami Lakes Middle**

YCW Student of the Week *May 24-28*  
**Yanexi Millo of Miami Lakes Middle**

YCW Student of the Week *May 31-June 4*  
**Dailym Ordonez of Dr. Michael Krop Senior High**

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