

SEPTEMBER
2025

DELFINES

DOLPHINS

ISSUE
3

We are Respectful.
Somos respetuosos.

We are Responsible.
Somos responsables.

We are Safe.
Estamos a salvo.



*Just another day in
Agriculture!*



BREAKING NEWS

6th grade Science

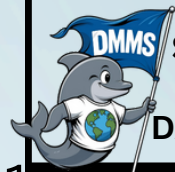
(Ms. Arias's class)

Top achievers on the
first checkpoint of the year:

SKYLAR PRUITT 93%

JULIE DANH 87%

DANIELA BENITEZ 80%



WAY
TO
GO!



Agriculture students
working in the barn
to take care of our
animals and **working**
out back to get ready
to do some
gardening with the
environmental
science students.

Mrs. Gutierrez, Ag. Teacher



GO W.I.L.D. AT SUNCOAST YOUTH CONSERVATION CENTER

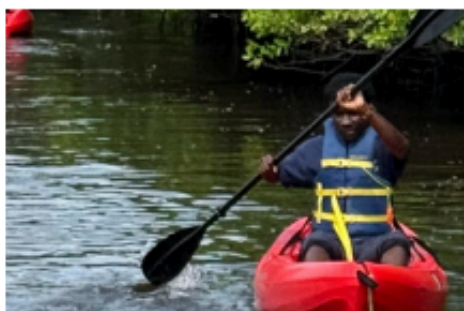
SPRINGS PACELLI

Our field trip took place at the Suncoast Youth Conservation Center (SYCC) in Apollo Beach, right along the shoreline of Tampa Bay. The area where we kayaked is a coastal estuarine ecosystem, home to mangroves, estuary waters, and abundant wildlife. Students embraced the W.I.L.D. spirit by showing **Wonder** as they spotted animals in their natural habitats, demonstrating resilience whilst paddling, and experiencing the strength of community as they worked together on the water.



DISCOVERING NATURE, LIVING W.I.L.D. PADDLING INTO LEARNING

The adventure didn't just stay outdoors — it tied directly back to our classroom. Students discovered the **Impact** of mangroves in protecting our shoreline, **Linked** classroom learning with discoveries out on the estuary, and reflected on how to **Defend** Florida's coastal ecosystems for the future. This hands-on journey made learning unforgettable and truly brought our Go W.I.L.D. program to life.



I loved the field trip when we did kayaking it felt so freeing and it was so fun even when I got stuck it was also fun playing with my friends in the water and doing the leaf scavenger hunt. Thank you for having us



Seeing the mangroves made me want to protect ~~the~~ them more because they protect us from bay storms. ~~also~~ Thanks you for letting us come.



Thank you for the trip than trip impacted me because I learn how to kayak for the first time and I had fun doing it and hold a crab for the first time.

I wonder how many more animals are in the water or how Do they eat and how Do they survive wit out getting eaten By other animals?

CRYSSA

MYON CHALLENGE

The October MYON Challenge is honoring Hispanic Heritage month. Students must read two of the books from the list, complete a 5W's (who, what, when, where, what) for each book read, and do a short writing task. All students who complete all parts of the challenge correctly will earn a certificate and candy bar.

MEDIA CENTER

Mrs. Hawley, Media Specialist



DESIGN CHALLENGE

The October Design Challenge is honoring Hispanic Mosaic Artist, Antoni Gaudi. Students can pick up a tile from Ms. Hawley in the Library then use any materials to decorate their tile. They must turn in completed tiles to Ms. Hawley by October 28th. The student with the most creative design will be awarded a certificate and candy bar. All tiles will be displayed in our mosaic artwork in the Dowdell Media Center.

DIGITAL READING PLATFORMS

Sixth grade reading classes have learned about the digital reading platforms in the HCPS HUB Virtual Library Folder. Students engaged with reading via ComicsPlus, MYON, and Boundless. A pink flyer was sent home for parents to assist students with installing these free reading platforms on their cell phones. More information can also be found on the Media Center Canvas Page.

As part of our Magnet Program at Dowdell, all students participate in a Library Lesson each quarter. This year our theme is "Investigating Invasives". Science classes are attending this lesson to learn the difference between native and invasive species and the impact invasive species have on our native ecosystems.



BEANSTACK CHALLENGE

The October Beanstack Challenge is a reading list challenge. Students must check out a book from the front display table to read, log their reading in Beanstack, and complete a short review. Each badge earned in the Beanstack platform will enter the students in a gift card drawing.

MEDIA CENTER CANVAS PAGE

Students should check the Media Center canvas page weekly to view the latest updates and schedule. The "Programs and Sign Ups" page has the most updated information for students. The SLAM books have arrived, and students can watch the video to learn how they can participate in SLAM at Dowdell!

thankyou
to everyone who supported our Scholastic Book Fair. We earned over \$500 in books from Scholastic!



DID YOU KNOW? DMMS IS A FLPS!

The Florida Power-Library Schools program is sponsored by the Florida Association of Supervisors of Media and the Florida Department of Education's Library Media Services in order to recognize outstanding school library programs in Florida. Quality library programs have been proven to improve student achievement!



FROM THE COUNSELOR/DE LA CONSEJERA

Sept. 2025

STRESS AND ANXIETY/

ESTRÉS Y ANSIEDAD

Talk with your student about stress and anxiety with this prompt: /Hable con su estudiante sobre estrés y ansiedad con este mensaje:

Ask your child what they do or feel when they're stressed. These signs will help you notice when your child is stressed, so you can ask them how to help or support them. /

Pregunte a su hijo qué hace o qué siente cuando está estresado. Estos signos lo ayudarán a observar cuándo su hijo está estresado, y así podrá preguntarle cómo ayudarlo o apoyarlo.

REMINDERS/RECORDATORIOS

- Check your student's grades WEEKLY on Canvas (access through Clever) /Revisa las calificaciones de su estudiante SEMANALMENTE en Canvas (acceso a través de Clever)
- ACT Now Presentations the last two weeks of September in PE classes /Presentaciones de ACT Now las últimas dos semanas de septiembre en las clases de educación física

ASK YOUR STUDENT/

PREGÚNTELE A SU ESTUDIANTE

Ms. Courson went into all math classes & reviewed how to calculate GPAs. Tell your student to use their progress report grades to calculate their own GPA. If it's a 2.0 or above, they're doing well! If it's below a 2.0, they need to speak with their teachers and/or Ms. Courson.

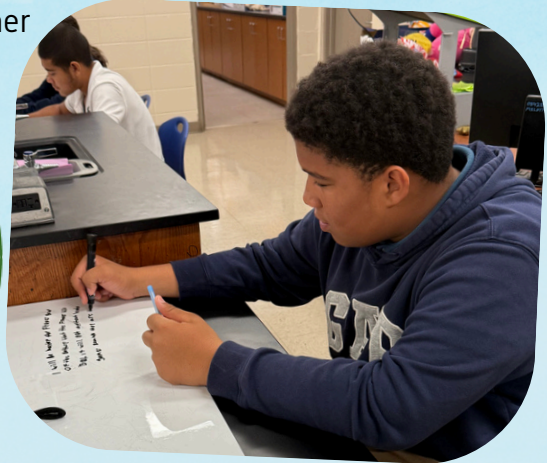
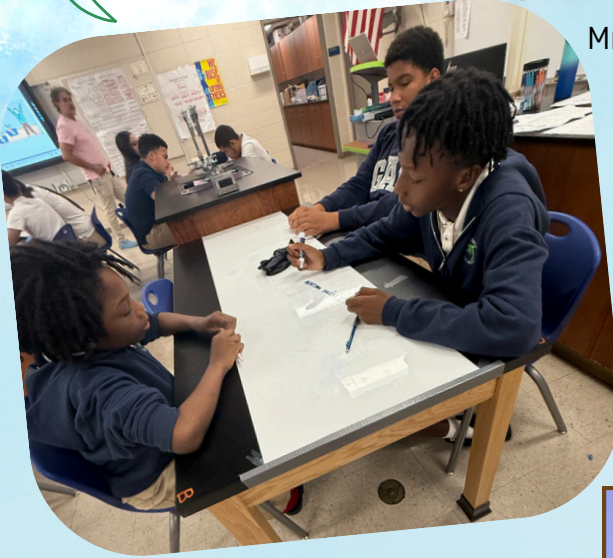
La Srta. Courson entró en todas las clases de matemáticas y revisó cómo calcular los GPA. Dile a su estudiante que use las calificaciones de su informe de progreso para calcular su propio GPA. ¡Si es 2.0 o más, lo está haciendo bien! Si es menos de 2.0, necesita hablar con sus maestros y/o con la Srta. Courson.

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MAGNET connection

Mrs. Pacelli, Magnet Lead Teacher



DEFEND: SCIENCE

If people don't recycle, it will become harder and more expensive to make new phones and video games.



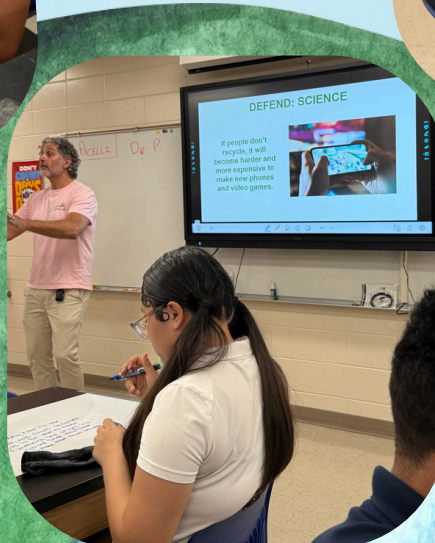
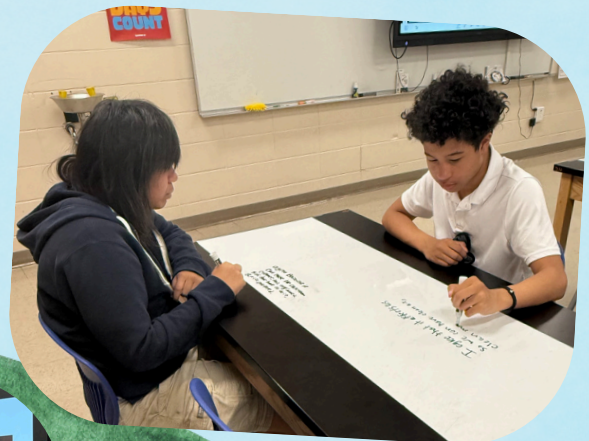
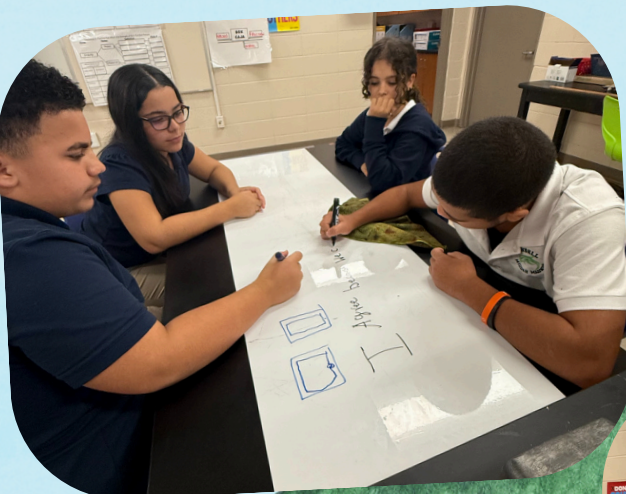
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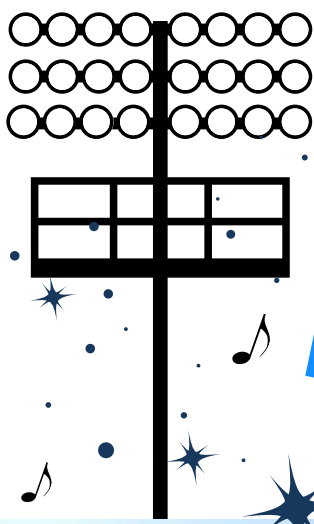
Schools should be leaders in recycling because it directly affects students' everyday lives.



Every Wednesday is **W.I.L.D. Wednesday**. Students have the opportunity in their core classes during bellwork to explore environmental issues. On this Wednesday, 9/19, students had to DEFEND their opinions on recycling statements.

Do you **AGREE** or **DISAGREE**?





FRIDAY Night LIGHTS

Ms. Karunakaran, band director



Our band students got to attend a high school football game at East Bay and play along with their band!

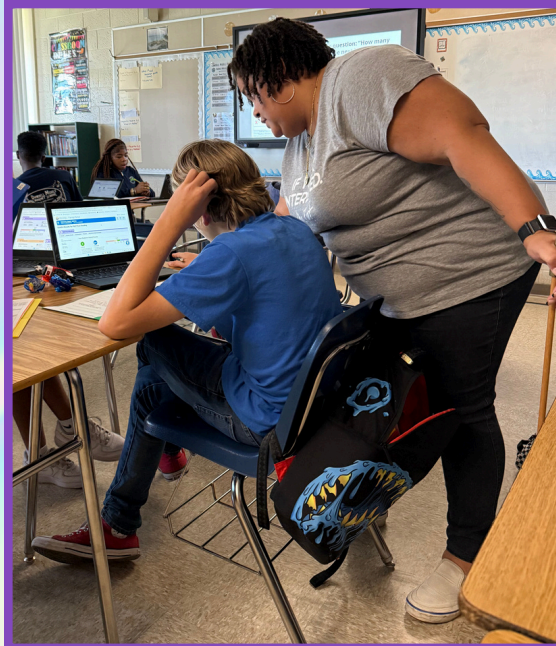
MIDDLE SCHOOL Band NIGHT





To Mrs. Pacelli, our magnet lead, for bringing many **EXCITING** opportunities to our magnet students to experience!

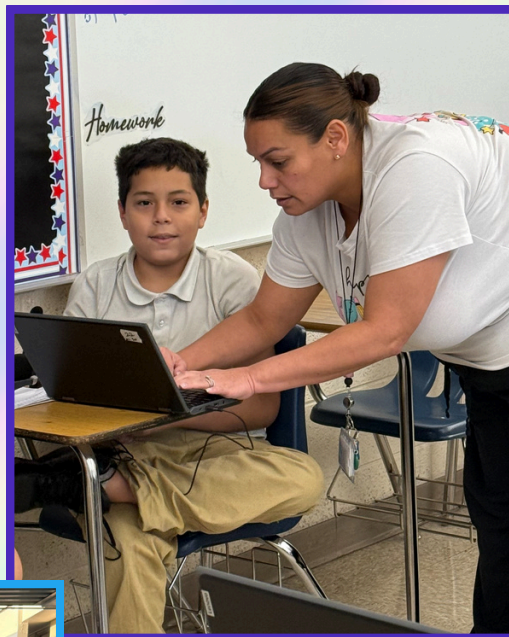
SHOUT OUTS



To Ms. Reynolds & Mrs. Moore for going the extra mile to help our students!



To this beautiful & talented young reporter from the yearbook!



To this talented young man with a big vision!



To our SNS Ladies...They have school spirit!



To our Reading Coach & Media Specialist! ❤️



6TH GRADE

CAPTURE THE FLAG



PE

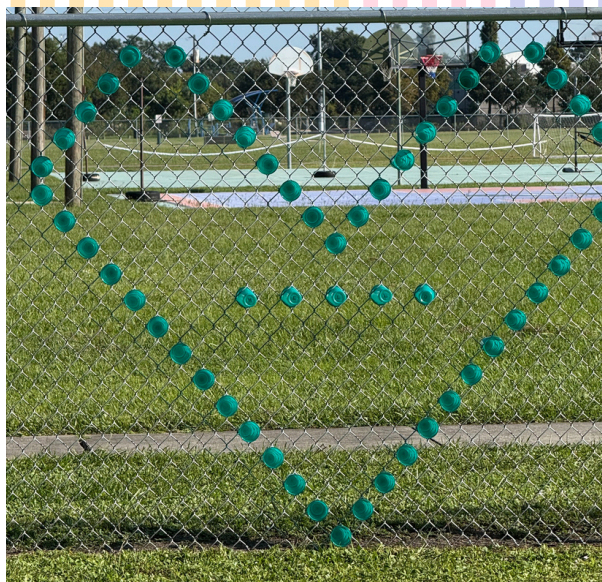
Coach Callahan, PE Coach



7TH & 8TH GRADE

PICKLEBALL





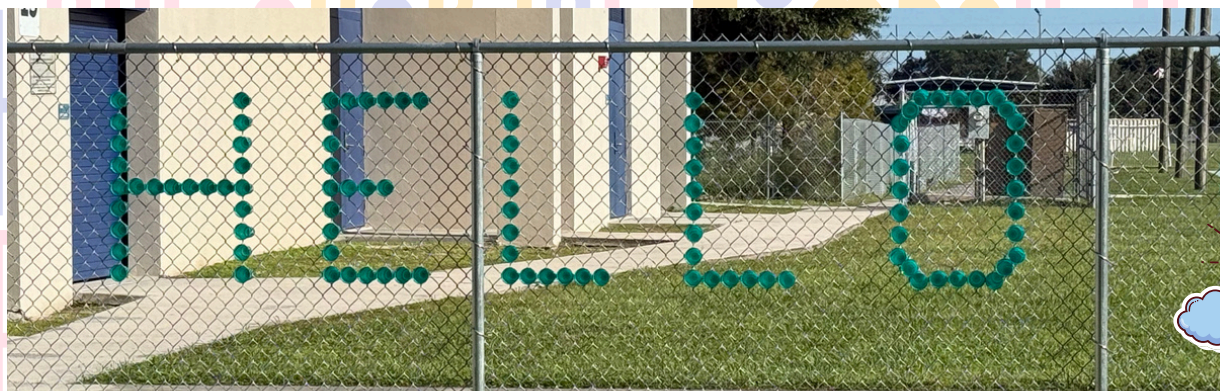
Mrs. Mastropietro and a group of students started off Start with Hello week by decorating the fence so the HELLO message could stand out amongst our students!



Start With Hello

Build a strong and resilient school community.

Empower students to embrace empathy and reject bullying and social isolation.







HOOPS

GIRLS

Coach DeDecker, Girls Coach





SCIENCE

Mr. Steven Wilson, Science SAL

The Science department has got a new look. The teachers are wearing Science Crew shirts for our spirit wear. Check out the teacher in the photos. Look for teachers wearing the science Crew shirts on Wednesdays!!



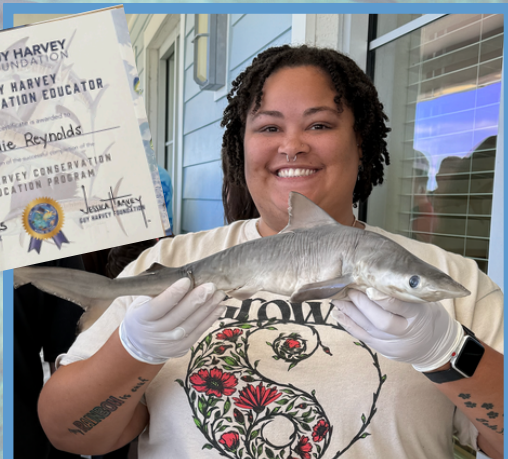
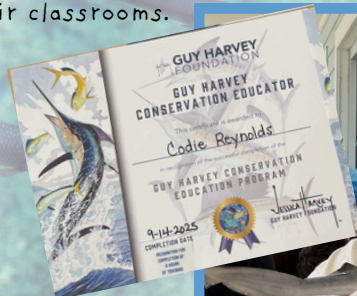
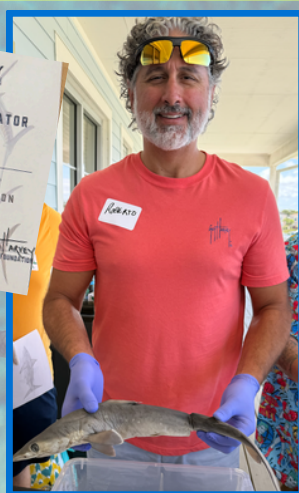
All grade levels are coming up to their first checkpoint based on the units covered.

- 6th grade is working on what are the effects of Subsurface Events on the Earth's System? Students are looking at the Rock Cycle and how it relates to events like plate movement and the effects of this movement.
- 7th grade is working on structures of cells and the function of cells. Looking into plant animal cells and their structure. Then we will start on Human Body Systems and Homeostasis. The function of each system in the human body and how they work together to create a stable system.
- 8th grade is moving into forces and how they affect an object's motion. Students will explore how forces cause objects to move. Then students will look at how to graph and analyze a graph on the motion of objects.
- IAPS is cruising along and have moved into Unit B Properties of Matter. Students will be learning about physical and chemical properties of Matter, the periodic table, models of Atoms, electrons, creating circuit boards, conservation of mass, compounds and elements, reactants vs products and Nature of Science skills.

WE ARE A
**GUY
HARVEY**
CONSERVATION
SCHOOL!

APOLLO BEACH, Fla. — Three of Dowdell's teachers participated in the Guy Harvey Conservation Educators program. The program offers grants for field trips and classroom supplies, enabling Guy Harvey Conservation (GHC) Educators to enhance their teaching and instill conservation values in students.

Through the program, teachers from Polk, Pinellas, Pasco and Hillsborough counties can attend free training sessions at the Suncoast Youth Conservation Center in Apollo Beach and earn grants for their classrooms.



CONGRATS!

What is happening in **ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE !**

Mrs. Pacelli, Environmental. Science Teacher



Is it
ABIOTIC or Biotic?



RECYCLING

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PLANTING SEEDS



EXCELLENCE *in* EDUCATION



Mrs. Nikole Johnson
Teacher of the Year



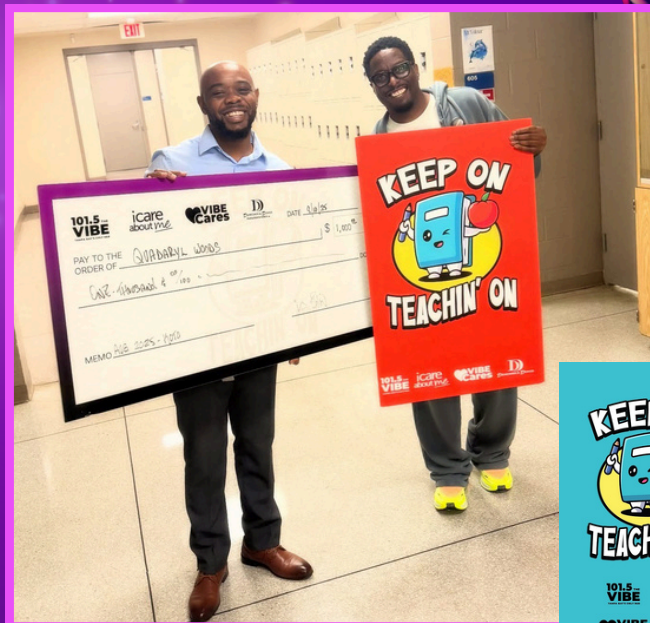
Ms. Rachele Roman
Ida S. Baker Diversity Educator
of the Year



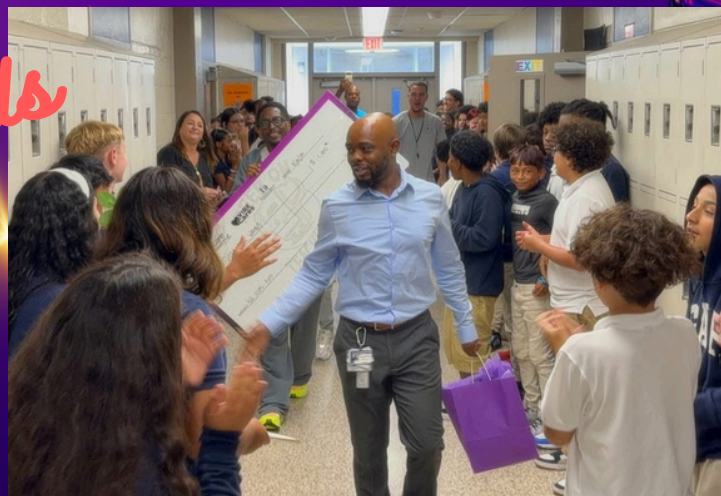
Mrs. Ronisha Marcus
Instructional Support Employee
of the Year

SHINE LIKE A STAR

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Mr. Quadaryl Woods
101.5 the VIBE
Teacher of the Month





Does your student need an eye exam?



Use the QR code to sign up online or contact our school nurse, Mylene Mangosing, for a paper form.

Mylene Mangosing, RN Krystal Bowen, LPN

FREE

Vision Health Services

Screenings - Eye Exams - Eyeglasses

*For any youth Pre-K to age 17

For each child, scan the QR to complete the LWVI Consent Form for vision health services:

Questions?
Contact:
Vision Health Programs
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Servicios de Salud Visual

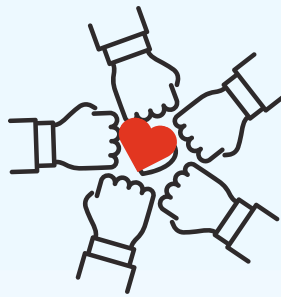
Exámenes de la Vista | Los Anteojos

*Para cualquier joven de 5-17 años

Para cada niño, escanee el QR para completar el Formulario de consentimiento de LWVI para servicios de salud visual:

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Elizabeth Hawley, Media Specialist
Andrea Kirkland, Behavior Resource Teacher
Tameka Holloway, Student Success Coach
Ciera Fox, RtI Lead Teacher
Deana Mastropietro, School Social Worker
Jennifer Berger, School Psychologist
Jamont Allen, Technology Specialist
Tina Johnson, Student Nutrition Manger
Idelsa Lorenzo, Head Custodian



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