

**2017-2018 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC ASP Miami - Website articles**

August 2017

West Perrine and Palmetto Estates students, families, and staff...

**WELCOME to After School Programs' 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC) program for the 2017-2018 school year!** We are proud to announce that we have once again been awarded the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC grant to fund the aftercare enrichment programs at Robert Russa Moton Elementary, and Pine Lake Elementary (located at Ethel F. Beckford/Richmond Primary Learning Center (PLC)) schools!

We are very excited to have the opportunity to continue serving K-5 children and families in the community. As you know, from dismissal, until 6PM on school days, enrolled students will participate in a number of academic and personal enrichment activities, enjoy dinner and a snack, and receive homework help. We will also be providing the children with enhanced opportunities to learn STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) and fine arts skills!

If you have not enrolled your child or children, and would still like to, please DOWNLOAD the attached application and return it to the Site Director at the Site you want your child or children to attend

If you have ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, or if you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact us at either site using the information below:

**Pine Lake Elementary School**

(operating at Beckford/Richmond PLC)

**Pine Lake:** 16700 SW 109 Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33157

**Beckford/Richmond PLC:** 16929 SW 104 Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33157

**Robert Russa Moton Elementary School**

18050 Homestead Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33157

**Site Coordinator/Director: Ms. Marijo Love**  
Site Phone Number: 786-863-4715

**Site Coordinator/Director: Mrs. Twanda Jones-Ballard**

Site Phone Number: 786-339-3415

***We look forward to seeing your children in ASP Miami's 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC after school program!***

September 2017

**URGENT NOTIFICATION!**

West Perrine and Palmetto Estates students, families, and staff...

Unfortunately, unforeseen circumstances regarding the administration of After School Programs' (ASP) 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC) programs in Miami have caused a delayed start for the 2017-2018 school year. The program is pending further direction from Florida's Department of Education regarding its official start date.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause to some, as many of you rely on the aftercare enrichment services provided by ASP's 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC program's in the community. Please continue to check back to this website, or contact the Site Director at your child(ren)'s site for updates. We will do our best to keep you informed!

In the interim, information regarding other 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC sites in the surrounding areas have been provided, and made available via the main office at both locations. Feel free to contact us should you need any additional guidance and or support.

Thank you for your understanding!

Sincerely,

Your ASP 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Miami Team!

September 2017

**URGENT NOTIFICATION!**

West Perrine and Palmetto Estates students, families, and staff...

It is with great concern that ASP encourages all of you to please, take time to ensure that you and your loved ones are FULLY PREPARED FOR THE HURRICANES that appear to be heading our way! Your safety and well-being is of the utmost importance! If you have ANY questions regarding hurricane preparedness, please visit the State of Florida's website dedicated to hurricane preparedness at:

<http://www.stateofflorida.com/articles/hurricane-preparedness-guide.aspx>

**BE PREPARED! BE WELL! BE SAFE!**

October 2017

West Perrine and Palmetto Estates students, families, and staff...

We hope that you and your loved ones remained safe during hurricane Irma! Unfortunately, the community was amongst the areas in South Florida that experienced a great deal of damage as a result of hurricane Irma's destructive maneuvering through the State of Florida. There are several community service initiatives taking place to support you as you recover! The Miami-Dade Public Library System has compiled a listing of post-hurricane Irma resources that may address all of your post-Irma needs.

Click on the link below to access the listing of post-hurricane Irma resources directly!

<http://www.mdpls.org/community-resources/hurricane-irma-assistance.asp>

Unfortunately, there are no new updates regarding the start of After School Programs' (ASP) 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC) programs in Miami. Thank you for your patience, as ASP awaits an update from the Florida Department of Education regarding the delay!

November 2017

West Perrine and Palmetto Estates students, families, and staff...

The holidays are upon us! While we are still waiting for the official State approval to open ASP's 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC sites in Miami, we are working in conjunction with school staff at both sites to provide information and guidance to parents of students registered for the program. We understand that this delay has been a great inconvenience to many of you, and offer our regrets.

Please continue to check back to this website, or contact the Site Director at your child(ren)'s site for updates. Information regarding other 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC sites in the surrounding areas have been provided, and made available via the main office at both locations. Feel free to contact us should you need any additional guidance and or support.

We will continue to do our best to keep you informed!

December 2017

West Perrine and Palmetto Estates students, families, and staff...

**OUR PROGRAM START IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!**

We are happy to announce that After School Programs' 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC) program for the 2017-2018 school year will resume it's after school activities at the start of the New Year! Application updates will be necessary, as phone numbers, addresses, and other information may have changed during the four-month delay. The Site Director at each location will contact you for updates, and new applications will be made available leading up to the start date, and for two weeks thereafter. Please continue to reach out to us with any questions or feedback regarding the program. We are here for you!

Also, during the past five years that we have served the West Perrine and palmetto Estates communities, we have always provided resources to assist with the upcoming holidays. This year is no different as one of our partners, 'Be Strong, International, Incorporated' (Be Strong) will provide information, guidance, and support to families in our community who need resources of all kinds during this holiday season. If you are in need of resources, feel free to contact 'Be Strong, International ,' for directions as to where to find the support that you may need!

Be Strong International, Inc. (<http://www.bestrongintl.org/>)

9730 E. Hibiscus Street, Suite B , Palmetto Bay, FL 33157 Phone: 305-969-7829

January 2018

West Perrine and Palmetto Estates students, families, and staff...

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**WE ARE BACK!!**

Yes, we are back in action! **After School Programs' 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC) program for the 2017-2018 school year will begin on Tuesday, January 10, 2018!!!** Application updates will be necessary, as phone numbers, addresses, and other information may have changed during the four-month delay. The Site Director at each location will contact you for updates, and new applications will be made available leading up to the start date, and for two weeks thereafter. Please continue to reach out to us with any questions or feedback regarding the program. We are STILL here for you!

February 2018

West Perrine and Palmetto Estates students, families, and staff...

**LOVE IS IN THE AIR...**

Love for what, you might ask? Love for self, love for others, love for our community. Students are learning about important historical and present black leaders in our community, and others throughout the United States of America. Students are learning more about what it means to care for oneself. And, families are being engaged in the conversation! We all know, in light of the current events in America, and around the world, we could all use more love. Our students are learning just what that means, and how true love can be respectfully and responsibly expressed.

Share a little of your love for what we're doing in the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC after school programs by coming by to see what we are learning, and the projects that we are producing from the love in our own hearts. Every creation is an act of love!

March 2018

West Perrine and Palmetto Estates students, families, and staff...

**IT'S ALL ABOUT SPRING THIS MONTH!**

The students are studying everything green...and everything about Spring! Springtime stories of the earth's renewal, plant anatomy, earth land formations and natural habitats, animals, bodies of water, etc. Notice all the scientific experiment projects and STEM activities the students are engaged in! Ask you child or children what they created each day, as everyday this month, students are engaged in a hands-on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) based activity.

Monthly calendars for each grade level are posted throughout each month, displaying the enrichment activities that YOUR children are involved in, be sure to check them all out!

April 2018

West Perrine and Palmetto Estates students, families, and staff:

**This month's focus is all about learning at home...**

Several studies have shown that home-educated children of working-class parents achieved considerably higher marks in tests than the children of professional, middle-class parents and that gender differences in exam results disappear among home-taught children.

'Home-educated children do better in conventional terms and in every other way too,' said Paula Rothermel, a lecturer in learning in early childhood at the University of Durham, who spent three years conducting the survey for that study. She said: 'This study is the first evidence we have proving

that home education is a huge benefit to large numbers of children. Society just assumes that school is best but because there have never been any comparative studies before this one, the assumption is baseless.' Rothermel questioned 100 home-educating families chosen randomly across the UK, conducting face-to-face interviews and detailed appraisals of their children's academic progress, in line with recognised Government tests. She found that 65 per cent of home-educated children scored more than 75 per cent in a general mathematics and literacy test, compared to a national figure of only 5.1 per cent. The average national score for school-educated pupils in the same test was 45 per cent, while that of the home-educated children was 81 per cent.

Rothermel found that the children of working-class, poorly-educated parents significantly outperformed their middle-class contemporaries. While the five- to six-year old children of professional parents scored only 55.2 per cent in the test, children far lower down the social scale scored 71 per cent. Rothermel said: 'This was really a staggering finding, but better-educated parents are probably more laid back than poorly-educated parents and so are less likely to push their children.'

'In school [children] have knowledge poured into them, while at home they're proactive in choosing what they learn. It's a better preparation for university because they are used to motivating themselves, said Alison Preuss, a mother of three, who has been home teaching for six years and is director of Schoolhouse, a Scottish support group for parents who have opted out of conventional schooling.

Although many parents are unable to homeschool their children full time, most parents can supplement what their children learn in school, with clarification, support, and open discussions at home. Come to this month's parent event at R.R. Moton and Beckford/Richmond PLC, to learn ways that you can teach, or supplement what your child is learning at school, from home!

May 2018

West Perrine and Palmetto Estates students, families, and staff:

### **This month's focus is all about FAMILY BONDING!**

Family bonding is very important for a number of reasons. One reason is that today, both parents often work and the kids are involved in many different activities such as sports, clubs and hanging out with friends. The old concept of what a family should be has been thrown out the window. It used to be that one parent stayed home, the children saw their parents before and after school, and the whole family sat down to dinner EVERY night, talking about their day, talking to each other about what is going on in their lives. Today, you would be lucky if you see each other more than an hour a day and family dinner hardly ever happens at all.

To keep in touch with your family, whether it is knowing what activities your kids are involved in, parents telling their children about their day, etc., it is important that you as a family spend some quality time together. Sure, you may have busy schedules, but you all can sit down at least once a week to touch base, be together, and let each other know there is love in the family still. All too often, no one talks to others in the family or spends any time together and it seems a bunch of strangers are living together. Do you really want your kids growing up this way, and passing these bad family traits down to their family and kids?

Family time doesn't have to be a chore, but it does have to be scheduled and you all have to make a commitment to be there every time. If you as a parent tell you friends that you want to spend more time with your family, they better understand, or they aren't really the friends you thought them to be. While your kids may buck at the idea at first, if they know it is a fun time to spend together, they will be more and more eager to make sure they are there too.

Speaking of fun things to do as a family, there are so many different things that are fun and involving that you wouldn't be able to do them all in a year. Come on out to the Family Bonding parent event at R.R. Moton, or Beckford/Richmond PLC, and learn new ways to bond with your children...as a family! There will be food, fun, and many opportunities to BOND!