

Mr. Carlos L. Curbelo, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-014 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING DEVON AIRE K-8 FOR THEIR HOLIDAY WISH
PROGRAM AND COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The Holiday Wish Program has been a tradition at Devon Aire K-8 Center for 7 years. The program was developed with the intent of developing awareness in their students of the needs of others. Over the course of the years the program has expanded from providing gifts and food baskets to a select group of 40 students, to partnering with a sister school and being able to provide to over 400 students. Devon Aire K-8 has assisted Fredrick Douglas Elementary School, Liberty City Elementary School, West Homestead Elementary School and for the past three years Campbell Drive Elementary.

For Thanksgiving, each homeroom class creates a basket filled with enough food to feed a family of 8. The baskets are decorated and include special notes and wishes from the students. The baskets are delivered to the individual families at a ceremony at the sister school. During the 2011 school year, the program was able to assist over 80 needy families at Campbell Drive Elementary.

For the Christmas holiday, each Devon Aire homeroom collects toys for 3-5 students. During the week prior to the winter break the gifts are delivered by Santa. This school year, through the Holiday Wish Program over 1,500 toys were delivered. Santa's workshop, which consists of staff and students, works for three days straight to ensure that each gift is wrapped with care and that all students are accounted for. Select students from Devon Aire assist with the gift distribution and the PTSA provides pizza for each student at the sister school.

The generosity of the Devon Aire community is overwhelming. Even at this time of economic uncertainty, many members of the Devon Aire community are happy and eager to provide to those who are most needy. This generosity is also evidenced by the Devon Aire contributions to the United Way. In 2010 Devon Aire was 1st in the nation for K-8 Centers in fund donations and in 2011 they were 1st in the state.

Devon Aire K-8 is to be commended for their Holiday Wish Program and for their commitment to the community.

**Replacement
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**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. CARLOS L. CURBELO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-014 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Devon Aire K-8 for their Holiday Wish Program and their commitment to the community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-014
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING DEVON AIRE K-8 FOR THEIR HOLIDAY WISH PROGRAM AND
COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, the Holiday Wish Program has been a tradition at Devon Aire K-8 Center for 7 years; and

WHEREAS, the program was developed with the intent of developing awareness in their students of the needs of others; and

WHEREAS, during the 2011 school year, the program was able to assist over 80 needy families at Campbell Drive Elementary; and

WHEREAS, this school year, through the Holiday Wish Program over 1,500 toys were delivered; and

WHEREAS, during this time of economic uncertainty, many members of the Devon Aire community are happy and eager to provide to those who are most needy; and

WHEREAS, Devon Aire K-8's commitment to charity is also evidenced by the its contributions to the United Way. In 2010 Devon Aire was 1st in the nation for K-8 Centers in donation funds and in 2011 it was 1st in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Devon Aire K-8 is to be commended for their Holiday Wish Program and for their commitment to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-014 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Devon Aire K-8 for their Holiday Wish Program and their commitment to the community.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented this eighteenth day of January A.D. 2012

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary