

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 ITS HOLIDAY WISH  
PROGRAM AND COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY** } Revised

**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 its 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. } Revised

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 it was 1st in the state. } Revised

Devon Aire K-8 is to be commended for its Holiday Wish Program, its commitment to the community and for teaching students the importance of helping others. } Revised

**Revised 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 its Holiday Wish Program and commitment to the community. } Revised

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-014**  
**OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,**  
**RECOGNIZING DEVON AIRE K-8 FOR ITS HOLIDAY WISH PROGRAM AND** } Revised  
**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 its Holiday Wish Program, its commitment to the community and for teaching students the importance of helping others; } Revised

**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 its Holiday Wish Program and commitment to the community. } Revised

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

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary

