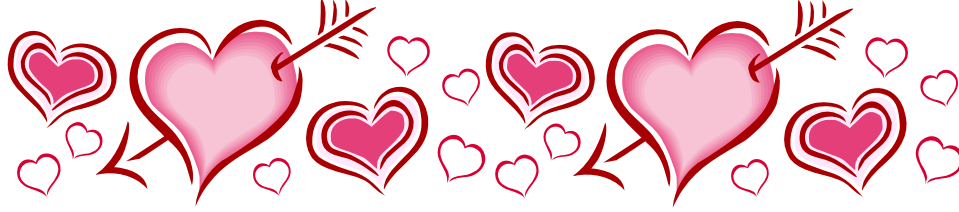


# C.E.A. Newsletter

Conchita Espinosa - Founder

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February 2011-2012 School Year

## HOLIDAY

School will be closed on Monday, February 20, in celebration of Presidents' Day.



*Washington Lincoln*

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## WALK FOR THE FUTURE

Your calendar should be marked for May 4 for our 4th Annual Walk for the Future. Walk for the Future's focus is on community building through a united purpose. We are raising funds that will enhance our physical facilities and benefit all of our student body. We have these wonderful facilities because of the efforts of many generations of students and we want to continue to build on what has come before. As a community of like-minded people our efforts create a sense of unity, pride, and immense satisfaction in a job well done.

That's what it's about – working together.

Students will get sponsors to support their walk; classes will hold bake sales; corporate sponsors will be found – all in an effort to make this fundraiser our best ever. We are looking for 100% participation and raising \$100,000.

If you want to be a corporate sponsor, contact Lizzy Mesa at [imesa@conchitaespinosa.com](mailto:imesa@conchitaespinosa.com). If you want to sponsor a student, you can fill out a form or go to [www.conchitaespinosa.com](http://www.conchitaespinosa.com) click on Walk for the Future and then PayPal and you'll be able to sponsor a specific student. Please be sure to let your out-of-town relatives and friends know of our efforts.

We know that we'll meet both our goals.

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## REPORT CARD NIGHTS

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Report Card Nights. Your presence and comments help us as we continue our work with your children. The outstanding attendance (over 92%) was wonderful. This commitment to partnering with us to insure the best for our children is one of the aspects that makes CEA such a special place. Thank you!

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SUMMER '12

Our summer programs are designed to give our students the opportunity to enjoy the summer celebrating their passions in the arts and the time to immerse themselves in projects (art, dance, music, writing) that they don't have the time to do during the regular part of the year. This year's offerings are no exception.

Brochures for our summer programs are available in the office, and if you need additional information, please speak with Loriana Novoa.

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### SPELLING BEE CHAMPS!

Congratulations to our awesome spelling bee champs – Elementary – Valentina Rodriguez– 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and Nicole Valmana – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. They will be representing our school on March 10 at the Miami Herald Spelling Bee. We know they will represent us well and spell S-U-C-C-E-S-S for CEA.

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### GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNER



Congratulations, Sebastian Roa, our 2011-2012 National Geographic Geography Bee winner. Sebastian was the class winner from Mrs. Frades' 5<sup>th</sup> grade class and competed against the winners from each of our 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade homerooms. He took the test to see if he qualifies for the state bee.

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**2012 SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS AND EXHIBITION**



**Congratulations to Jessica Hernandez, Cristina Martinez, and Nicole Valmana for having their art accepted into the Scholastic Exhibition. Jessica and Cristina won silver keys and Nicole won a gold key. There were 5 artworks chosen to be exhibited in New York. Nicole's work was one of the 5! That's an amazing feat – over 3,000 artworks were submitted from middle and high schools. We are very proud of our artists and their talented teacher, Debbie Marlin. Keep CREATING!**

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**CONSERVATORY OPEN CLASSES**

Parents have had a wonderful time watching their children during our Open Classes. They see the hard work and dedication of teachers and students. They see the joy on the faces of all the participants. They see the growth of their children, and the important part these classes play in their lives. We are blessed to have such committed students, parents and faculty.

Marisol Moreno has been here for Open Classes and is beginning choreographies for our Festival of the Arts. She'll be returning in March.

**FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS 2012**

Your calendar should have a big red circle around June 2! That, of course, is the date for our Festival of the Arts. We're already preparing and eagerly awaiting the day. Be prepared to be dazzled!

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**CATHY ROE DANCE COMPETITION**

Our Junior and Senior Dance Advisory students are working diligently in preparation for the Cathy Roe Dance Competitions in Orlando the weekend of February 24. In preparation for this competition and to have an additional performance opportunity, there will be an open dance rehearsal on February 16 at 6:00 p.m. for the girls dancing solos. You are invited to come enjoy their hard work and their beauty and grace. Ms. Danella has been working with them and we know they will represent us well.

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**CEA APP**

If you didn't know, CEA now has an app you can download for both android and Apple users. This app makes it easier to access the calendar, lunch menu, and newsletter. The download is free from iTunes or your android app store.

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**YOUTH FAIR TICKETS**

Youth Fair cards will go on sale Tuesday, February 7. If you want to purchase tickets, please send the money in an envelope with the student's name, grade, teacher, and the number and type of tickets you wish to purchase. CASH ONLY please. The Youth Fair is March 15 – April 1.

**Gate Admission Card**

<u>Our Price</u>	<u>Fair Price</u>	<u>You Save</u>
\$8.00	\$10.00	\$2.00

On March 15, the first day of the fair, the admission is 2 for 1. So one ticket will allow 2 into the fair.

(General admission for ages 6 and over, 5 and under free admission)

**22 Coupon Card**

<u>Our Price</u>	<u>Fair Price</u>	<u>You Save</u>
\$17.00	\$25.00	\$8.00

(This can be used any day of the fair including weekends.)

**P\*O\*P Card**

<u>Our Price</u>	<u>Fair Price</u>	<u>You Save</u>
\$20.00	\$25.00	\$5.00

(This can be used for unlimited rides, Monday – Friday. It is not valid on the weekends.)

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**BOOK FAIR**

Our Book Fair was a huge success thanks to our wonderful parent volunteers and your encouragement of reading and books. We earned \$2,486.69 that will be used to purchase books for our library and \$621.67 in books. As always, thank you for your cooperation and support. Thank you to our Fair Helpers.....

Lizzy Mesa  
Lisette Banegas  
Sandra Curbelo  
Litza Lopez  
Ileana Artime  
Mercedes Rodriguez  
Terry Weichler  
Andrea Bruno

Maro Belfort  
Jeannie Barreto  
Olga Ruiz  
Janet Bruzos  
Silvia Trujillo  
Ofelia Taboada  
Katia Gracia

Daphne Villasuso  
Diana Casanova  
Angela Vilomar  
Daniea Quevedo  
Marisela Echenique  
Jeanette Ozga  
Adiane Leiva



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**UNICEF**

**Thank you to everyone who helped with collecting money for UNICEF. We collected \$1,942. This great cause benefits each year from our pennies and dimes. Thank you for helping children know that it is never too early to be of service to others in the world.**

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**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

**Don't forget to clip the Box Tops for Education coupons that are on items you purchase. Bring them in to your homeroom teacher. Life Cue collects them and sends them in. We just received a check for \$906.76. Thank you to everyone who sent them in.**

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**BARNES AND NOBLE LITERARY CELEBRATION**

**Our Barnes and Noble Literary Celebration was a great time to share our love of reading, and it was a great way to raise funds for our library. Thank you to everyone who bought books that night and throughout that week online. We recently received a check for \$1,072.01. Read on!**

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**TEACHER OF THE MONTH**


**In February we celebrate the dreams of spring, the warmth of the heart, the courage to lead, and the joy we find in the space we have for creating. Our February Teacher of the Month leads the way in all these areas – Mrs. Deborah Marlin. Mrs. Marlin has been our art teacher for 8 years. Our students have flourished under her direction. She is encouraging, creative, fun, and knowledgeable. Her students form an understanding of the fundamentals of art and the work it requires to master an art form.**

**Thank you, Mrs. Marlin, for the dedication you show to your teaching and your art.  
You are an inspiration to all of us!**

*Be brave enough to live creatively. The creative is the place where no one else has ever been. You have to leave the city of your comfort and go into the wilderness of your intuition. You can't get there by bus, only by hard work, risking, and by not quite knowing what you're doing. What you'll discover will be wonderful: yourself. — Alan Alda*



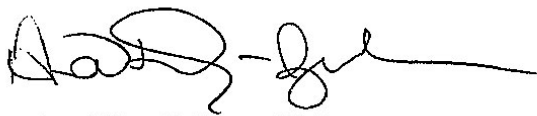
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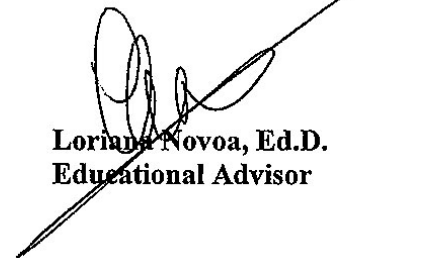
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Middle School Principal



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