



***EDUCATION IS
OUR SUPERPOWER!***

DR. CARLOS J. FINLAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MARIE ORTH-SANCHEZ, PRINCIPAL
ELENA OCTALA, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

OUR ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



Marie Orth-Sanchez
Principal



Elena Octala
Assistant Principal



Bianca Alonso
Lead Teacher

WHO WAS DR. CARLOS J. FINLAY?



Born in Cuba and educated in Europe and the United States, Dr. Finlay discovered that the common household mosquito, the *Aedes Aegypti*, transmitted yellow fever. His findings saved thousands of lives.

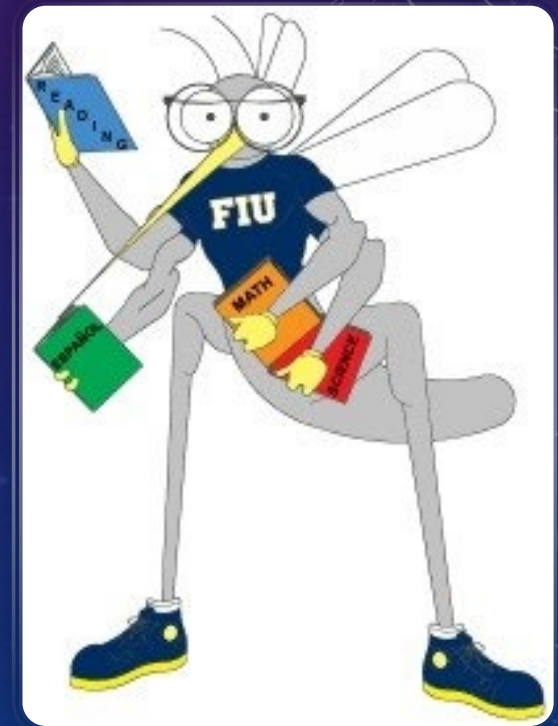
SKEETER VISION AND MISSION

VISION

Our vision at Dr. Carlos J. Finlay Elementary School is to have our students become bilingual/biliterate, responsible, and productive citizens in a global society.

MISSION

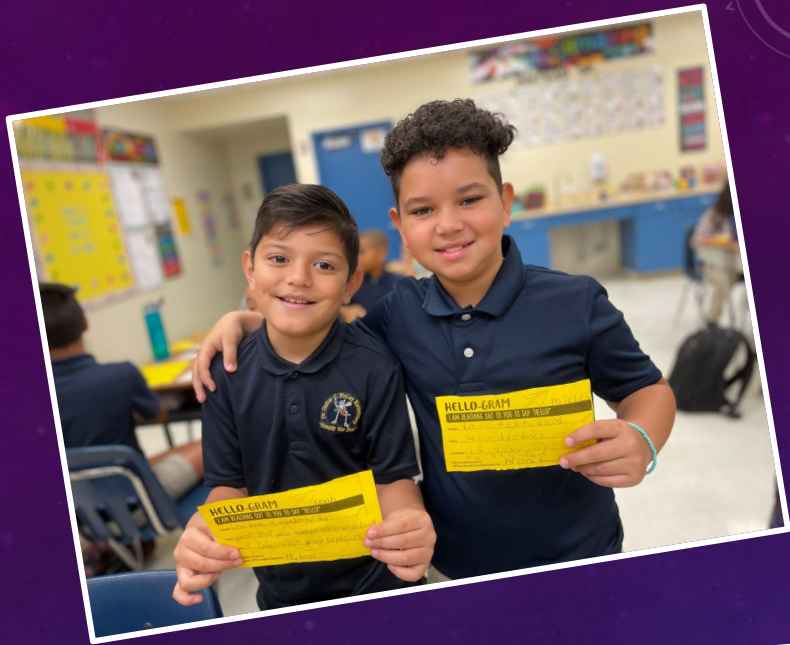
Dr. Carlos J. Finlay Elementary School will collaborate with students, parents, teachers, Florida International University, and our entire community as we strive to provide a high quality, child-centered, bilingual education that will empower our students to become responsible and productive citizens in a global society.



ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

- Bilingual School Organization (BISO)
- Title 1 School with 78% F/R Lunch
- Professional Development School with Florida International University







OUR STAFF

Highly Qualified Teachers with
65% of our teachers earning
advanced degrees

Seven National Board-Certified
Teachers

Average amount of years at
our school: 14.6 years



OUR STUDENTS

Current enrollment is 563 students.

Serving students in Pre-K through 5th grade

96% Hispanic, 2% White, 1% Asian, 1% Other

Two Head Start classes – 3 and 4 year olds

Two VPK classes

12% ESE Population

12% Gifted Population

41% ELL Population





PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES



Bilingual School Program



Music and the Brain



Skeeter STEAM Lab



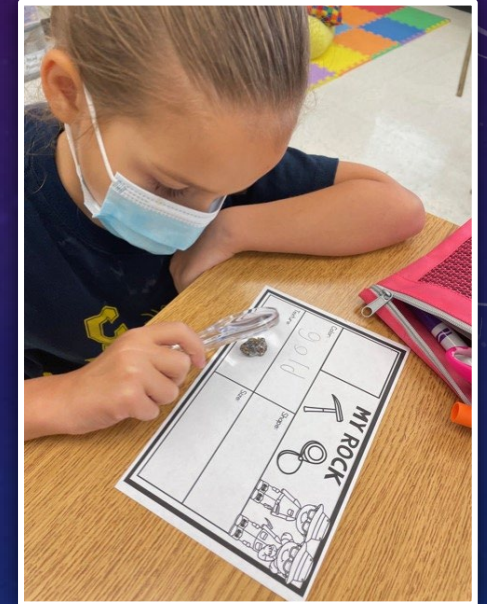
W-SKTR Daily Announcements



Green Schools Challenge

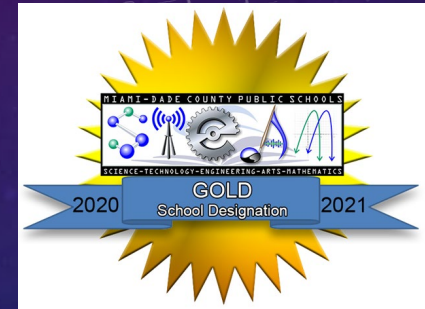
CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

- Green Team
- Robotics Club
- SECME Club
- Finlay Singers
- Art Club
- Kindness Squad
- Coding Club
- Cheerleading



AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- STEAM Platinum in 2023
- STEAM Gold in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
- ECTAC's Exceeding Expectations Award in 2018 and 2019
- Fairchild Challenge Award
- Creative Visions Award Winners
- Florida School Recognition Award
- Superintendent's Platinum Award
- Golden Apple Award
- United Way Recognition Award





SAFETY & SECURITY

Our school is dedicated to the safety of your child.

Security personnel and an M-DCPS School Resource Officer are on campus everyday during school hours.

Our school has a single point of entry after morning arrival.

Visitor Screening is required before entering the building.

A Dismissal Pass is required when picking up your child after school.

A valid picture ID is required when picking up your child before the end of the day.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

School Hours:

Head Start – 8:15 AM to 3:05 PM

VPK – 1st Grade – 8:20 AM to 1:50 PM

2nd -5th Grade – 8:35 AM to 3:05 PM

*Per Board Rule: Students may not be picked up within the last 30 minutes of the school day.

School gates open at 7:45 AM. There is no student supervision before 7:45 am.

Breakfast is offered free of charge from 7:45 AM to 8:15 AM. Lunch is also free of charge.

After School Care:

Please see Ms. Lidia in room 39 or 305-552-7122 ext. 2124 after 1:30 pm.

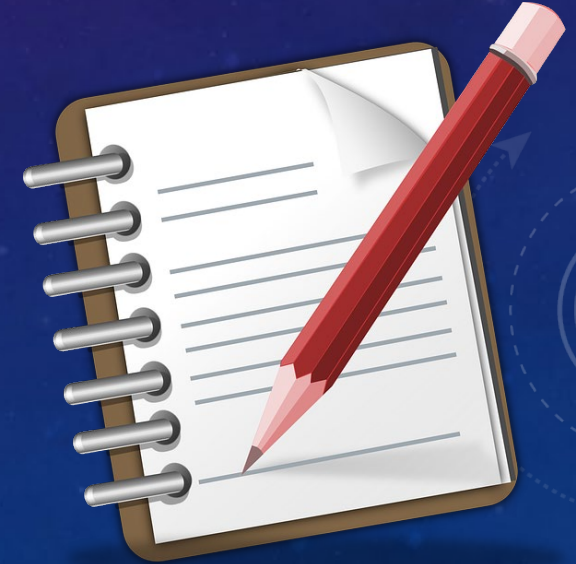
Dr. Carlos J. Finlay Elementary is a mandatory school uniform school.

Dark Yellow or Navy Blue polo top

Khaki shorts, skorts or pants

Class Ratios: Grades K-3 = 1:18

Grades 4 & 5 = 1:22



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**Thank you for choosing
Dr. Carlos J. Finlay
Elementary**

