



DOWNTOWN ACADEMY
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Proud to be 2007 National Charter School of the Year!

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Dear Parents, Guardians, Students, Members of the DATA Board, Teachers, and Staff:

Greetings from the Downtown Academy of Technology and Arts; we hope you and yours are all happy and well.

There will be no Park Day this week; all students are expected to be in full uniform while attending school each day this week.

Tuesday, March 11th will officially start the FCAT testing. Students will be testing in the morning on both Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Thursday and Friday are make-up days. **Students are not allowed to enter the test late, please make sure that your student is on time.** In order to be ready to do their best, please make sure that students are getting plenty of rest and eating a good breakfast. All students are welcome to order and have breakfast here at school. Electronics (such as cell phones, MP3 players and PSPs) are strictly prohibited; please make sure students are not in possession of these devices during FCATs.

The PTRG will be sponsoring the Scholastic Book Fair this month. From Monday, March 24 to Wednesday, the 26th students will be able to purchase book. **The Book Fair will be open twice daily, from 7:30 until 8 A.M. and then again from 3 until 3:45P.M.; (Wed. 3/26 until 6 P.M.).**

The Downtown Academy of Technology and Arts will be hosting an **Open House for perspective students on Wednesday March 26, 2008. Between the hours of 3 and 6 P.M.;** parents and students are welcome to come to the school and visit. Guests are asked to talk to teachers about classes and what to expect entering sixth grade at DATA. Please invite friends and family members to attend the Open House and enroll for next year.

Thursday March 27th is an early release day. Students will be dismissed from school at 1 P.M. On that day, **Gold Coast Roller Rink** will be opening their doors to our students. **Between the hours of 3 to 6 P.M.;** our students have access to skating, music, video games and food. **Admission to the event will be \$7 (add \$1.00 for skate rental), and the event is open to all friends and family.** Please plan for prompt departure at 6, an elementary school has rented the space starting at that time.

Did your child earn a DATA dollar today? Encourage your children to do positive things. All the teachers and staff are giving away DATA dollars for anything they see students do that is positive. There will be many more prizes that DATA dollars can be exchanged for; and there will be an iPod given away at the end of the year.

Students have no school on Friday March 21, 2008; Broward County Public schools are closed.

Thank you for your continued assistance, input, and support.

David Jett, Principal