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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 **Park Day this Friday**. The students will be **allowed to attend school out of uniform on that day for \$1**. Students should remember to follow all Broward County Schools' dress code guidelines. **Volunteers are encouraged** to join us. If you are interested, **please call us ahead of time**.

Please remember to attend the Earth Day events this weekend at the Museum of Discovery and Science. Many of the "green" projects that you have been working on will be on display; plan to be there!

We are taking orders for the yearbook. Advance orders will be accepted and offered the discounted rate of \$25. If you wait until May 5th, the yearbook will be full price, \$30. Checks can be made out to DATA or Downtown Academy.

Next week Friday, we will be having a Field Day. Sponsored by Student Council and in conjunction with Pompano Charter Middle School, **the entire DATA student body** will be participating in events designed to promote school spirit, teamwork and cooperative learning. Because we will be off campus for the entire school day, **students will need to pack a lunch or bring \$5.00 to participate in the pizza party for lunch that day.** We will leave school by 8:30 and return to school by 2:45 on April 25, 2008. **The place is Pompano Charter Middle School, 3311 North Andrews Ext. Pompano Beach 33064. Call 954-943-0471 for directions.**

The PTRG will be having its next meeting this week. The meeting will take place on Thursday April 17 at 6 P.M. This will be one of the last times to participate in a discussion about the 8th grade promotion ceremony.

It is well known that the DATA students have taken educational trips abroad for the past three years. Now we have started the Travel Club that will plan fundraisers and choose the destination for the upcoming year. **The club meets every Tuesday from 3-3:40 P.M.** This week's meeting is very special. **A representative from EF (the tour company) will be here at the school tomorrow during the club time. Parents, this would be a great time to come in and ask questions; possibly offer some input on the next destination. Please plan to attend if it is at all possible for you to do so.** The travel club is proud to announce **the 1st Annual Silent Art Auction and Dinner. Tickets for the event will be \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door, dinner is included with the price of admission.** This annual event will begin the fundraising needed for more students to take part in the annual trips abroad. **The menu will have food representing the area of the world that the trip is touring. The date for the dinner and silent auction is Friday May 16, 2008, from 6- 8:30 P.M.** This event will take place here in the Fellowship Hall. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this exciting event.

Attention 8th graders that are attending the **Sea World trip on May2:** remember you have money due. Students should be **paid in full by April 24th. The cost of the trip is \$75 (price goes up if less than 30 students attend).** There will be a fund raising **car wash this Saturday (April 19) from 9 A.M - 12P.M.** Please support and tell your friends.

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

David Jett, Principal