



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.

Thank you to all the students, parents, family members and friends that “GOT THEIR GREEN ON” and participated in the Earth Day events that took place this past weekend at The Museum of Discovery and Science. It was an incredibly successful weekend and the world may be a better place due to all of our efforts. I look forward to next year and another opportunity for our students to help educate the mass public.

Tomorrow the whole school will be walking to the **Museum of Discovery and Science**. The students will be able to tour the exhibits and receive a special seminar lecture before viewing **the Grand Canyon Experience at the IMAX**.

On 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. Students are not expected to attend school in uniform but they **MUST** be in shirts that are of specified team colors (**6th grade- NAVY, 7th grade- YELLOW and 8th grade- WHITE**). Students may wear uniform shirts but if a student fails to wear the specified team color, they will not be permitted to participate in the events; **Broward County Schools’ dress code policies will be enforced**. 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.**

Community service is an important part of every student’s academic development. There are many opportunities for students to fulfill the twenty hours of commitment to service. **If your student is still in need of volunteer hours, please have them discuss the situation with Ms. Friend.** There is a commitment to twenty hours of service to the school on behalf of all the parents. Many parents have fulfilled this commitment by attending PTRG meetings, Board Meetings and/or participating in Park Days and other various field trips. With numerous opportunities to fulfill the commitment; many parents are in danger of failing to meet the commitment. **The PTRG has voted to allow for a one time, \$50 donation to the school; this donation is intended to fulfill the community service commitment for the parents to the school. Please feel free to use cash, check or money order (made out to DATA or Downtown Academy) to make this donation.** It is not mandatory that anyone make donations to the school but every student and parent are expected to fulfill the community service portion of their admission to and attendance of the school. It would be unfortunate for anyone to allow for this to interfere with any students’ future at the Downtown Academy. If there are any questions; please contact the principal immediately!

Many students have taken it upon themselves to bring “personal hygiene” products to school. Although many of you may view this as harmless; it is highly inconsiderate of students that have medical conditions such as allergies. Please do not bring hair spray, combs, brushes, colognes, perfumes, lotions, body sprays or anything like that to school. Application or use of these items during class will result in (may not be limited to) a removal from class. Students should dress and groom themselves at home before school.

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

David Jett, Principal