To announce a professional development opportunity for 4th and 5th Grade Social Studies teachers.

- The Department of Social Sciences is offering professional development to 4th and 5th grade Social Studies teachers through the 4th and 5th grade teachers “Social Studies Academy.”
- The purpose of this academy is to train teachers on research based instructional strategies which strengthen students’ social studies content knowledge and assist in improving students’ literacy skills. The academy will have a special focus on Civics content designed to build upper elementary students’ Civic knowledge and positive dispositions.
- The following details regarding this professional development opportunity should be noted:
  - Participation is voluntary.
  - Teachers participating in the academy must attend all 4 days of workshops, complete all follow-up requirements related to the workshops, and participate in at least 1 District related academic competition/program (geography bee/history bee) in order to receive Master Plan Points (MPP).
  - Participating teachers will earn a total of 28 MPP’s, receive valuable content knowledge, instructional resources, and be exposed to best practices as well as limited school support.
  - Substitute coverage will be provided for all participants.
  - **Academy dates:**
    - Friday, October 28, 2016
    - Friday, November 18, 2016
    - Friday, December 16, 2016
    - Friday, January 27, 2017
  - **Location:** Miami Dade College North Campus
    - 11380 NW 27th Ave, Miami, FL 33167
- Interested teachers please register at:
  - [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DY2KFCL](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DY2KFCL)
- MyLearningPlan session registration information will be emailed to interested teachers at a later date.
- Please direct inquiries to Dr. Sherrilyn Scott, Supervisor, Department of Social Sciences, sherrilynscott@dadeschools.net or Ms. Raquel Sotolongo, Curriculum Support Specialist, Department of Social Sciences, rsotolongo@dadeschools.net. All future correspondence concerning this initiative will be sent directly to registered participants.

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