

ALL PRINCIPALS/APs/TEACHERS: Patriot Day – The Anniversary of the September 11, 2001 Terrorist Attacks on the United States

Category: For Your Information

Audience: All Principals/APs, All Teachers

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

Attachment(s): [Patriot Day Resource Guide September 2015.docx](#)
[Patriot Day Narrative 2015.doc](#)
[Patriot Day 2015 Power Point.pptx](#)

The Department of Social Sciences has prepared instructional resources to commemorate the anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks against the United States.

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- Patriot Day will be commemorated on Friday, September 11, 2015. This day marks the anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks against the United States at the World Trade Centers, the Pentagon, and aboard United Flight 93 over Pennsylvania.
 - Nearly 3,000 innocent victims perished on September 11, 2001 as planes struck the skyline of New York City's World Trade Center, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and a farm field in Pennsylvania. Many victims died in the first few minutes; others died seeking safety following the senseless attacks. First responders including police, firefighters, members of the Armed Forces, and private citizens also made the ultimate sacrifice working to assist others in the immediate aftermath of the attacks.
 - In honor of the thousands who lost their lives on September 11, 2001 and their families, schools may wish to hold brief remembrances on Friday, September 11, 2015.
 - As part of the remembrance, schools are encouraged to observe 30 seconds of silence at 8:46 a.m. on September 11, 2015. This marks the exact time the first hijacked plane crashed into the World Trade Center in New York City. A brief narrative is attached that may be read aloud to students prior to the observance of the 30 seconds of silence.
 - The Department of Social Sciences has also developed an instructional resource guide for elementary and secondary school classrooms. This guide includes background information on the events of September 11th, lesson plans, suggested Internet resources, and other activities to support the character education core value for September (respect). To access these instructional resources, please see the attached documents to this briefing.
 - A brief Power Point presentation is also provided for school's wishing to commemorate Patriot Day during opening exercises or during special programs on Friday, September 11, 2015.
 - If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Robert C. Brazofsky, Executive Director, Department of Social Sciences, at 305 995-1982 or by e-mail at rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net.

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