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## The SAVES Program and Miami-Dade County Public Schools Celebrate World Refugee Day

Miami-Dade County Public Schools

For many years, a lot of countries have been celebrating their own Refugee Day. One of the most widespread is African Refugee Day, which is celebrated on June 20<sup>th</sup> in several countries.



To express solidarity with Africa, which hosts the most refugees and which traditionally has shown great generosity, the UN General Assembly adopted Resolution 55/76 on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2000.

In this resolution, the General Assembly decided that starting in 2001, June 20 would be celebrated as WORLD REFUGEE DAY.

Now, every year on June 20<sup>th</sup>, thousands of organizations in hundreds of countries come together to focus global attention not only on the plight of refugees, but also to their determination, their will to survive, and to the contributions they make to their host communities.

The SAVES Program and the staff at Robert Morgan Educational Center prepared their first World Refugee Day celebration: "A New Home, a New Life". The program included the presentation of flags

representing the countries of some of the refugees enrolled at this school, an invocation by Dr. Saundra Young, Assistant Principal, a historical look at the meaning of World Refugee Day, dance performances, cultural costumes and food from the nations represented by the students. The program was carried out to perfection, and the audience clearly understood the importance of World Refugee Day.



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