

Ms. Illa,

It has been truly a wonderful experience working with you. Through your leadership our partnership projects were a tremendous success. Our students expressed excited gratitude for the opportunities they were all afforded to participate in activities that extend classroom learning. Thank you for all your hard work and superb professionalism. You were always available as a point of contact, and your guidance has been invaluable to our STEAM program.

Again, on behalf of Nautilus Middle School, thank you for working with us and being instrumental in the success of our STEAM activities and program. I look forward to working with you next year!!!

Regards,



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## Kylee Crook

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**From:** Koren Illa  
**Sent:** Friday, June 21, 2019 8:18 PM  
**To:** Sara Ryan; Rebecca Sell; Kylee Crook  
**Subject:** Fwd: Steam program letter - Celine Clark South Pointe Elementary

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**From:** Clark, Celine E. <clarkcc5@dadeschools.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 21, 2019 6:14:40 PM  
**To:** Koren Illa  
**Subject:** Steam program

Hi Koren,

I wanted thank you again for all of your hard work this past school year in helping us as we embarked on the STEAM designation process. Since this was the first year that we took on the challenge of becoming a STEAM designated school, having you and the City of Miami Beach to support us in this process was invaluable. I don't think we could've gotten through all of the coordination with the various community partners if it wasn't for the support that you and City of Miami Beach STEAM team provided, in addition to the support that we received from the county's STEAM team. We were thrilled to see how excited our students were to have new challenges and projects to embark on, as well as new experiences learning about the cultural institutions of Miami Beach. The STEAM approach really focuses on critical thinking and problem solving, and well as hands-on learning and collaboration, and it is this type of real-world, quality learning experience that we try to provide for our students every year.

I'm so glad that the STEAM Plus Program has taken off for the public schools of Miami Beach and I can't wait to see how it continues to develop in the future.

Best regards,

Celine Clark  
IB Coordinator  
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**Subject:** FW: Thank You Letter

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From: Menes, Eloisa <emenes@dadeschools.net>

Sent: Friday, June 21, 2019 2:37 PM

To: Koren Illa <killa@thebass.org>

Cc: Costa, Maria P. <MCosta@dadeschools.net>

Subject: Thank You Letter

Dear Koren,

I want to take a moment to thank you, the Bass Museum, and the City of Miami Beach for supporting our school, Fienberg-Fisher K-8 Center this 2018-2019 school year. This year we are seeking our STEAM designation with the collaboration of administration, teachers, students, partnerships, and the City of Miami Beach. Our teachers and students are finding ways to be more mindful of real world problems and working towards finding solutions. The STEAM partnerships provided by the City of Miami Beach have been beneficial to Fienberg-Fisher K-8 Center. You have helped to coordinate three of the partnerships: Young Musicians Unite, Miami City Ballet, and Bass Museum. These partnerships were essential in meeting requirements for the STEAM designation. Our students benefited from the lessons provided by these partnerships. Young Musicians Unite provided guitars for the students and assisted the music teacher providing lessons. The Miami City Ballet provided our kindergarten students with lessons that embedded dance within the science or math lessons. The students really enjoyed using physical movements to learn their lessons. The Bass Museum worked with our second grade classes to create a quilt and assisted with an authentic assessment. The students work was displayed at the Bass Museum and students and their families were invited to visit the museum to see the display. Our students gained an interest in art and were proud of their work. In addition, the Bass Museum provided a field trip for the students to see the museum. You did an amazing job coordinating the visit! Students not only enjoyed the museum but participated in hands on activities. The overall process for acquiring our STEAM designation has been complex but worthwhile. I look forward to working with you again next year.

Sincerely,

Ms. Menes

Fienberg-Fisher K-8 Center

STEAM Coordinator