



# MUDPUDDLES

## FEBRUARY - MARCH 2009

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### BIG HIGH FIVES for your advancement!

To Beginning Strokes-Intermediate:  
Gaya Avidor, Romi Avidor, Peter Corrao

To Beginning Strokes-Beginning: Heather Ajakie, Lindsey Clark, Sam Davey, Salandrea Kelly, Ranon Kwan, Logan Mello, Storm Rens, Nathan Taylor, Erick Zepeda

To Advanced Mudskippers: Elai Avidor, Isabella Baena, Lily Clemens, Christian Corrao, Brian Hildebrandt, Olivia Holland, Darrow Nasca, Samuel Seeman, Amelia Wills

To Beginning Mudskippers: Samantha Burke, Baylee Caldwell, Jack Heffernan, Addison MacPhee, Garrett McGowan, Dylan Moore, Chase Novota, Benjamin Povoli, Felipe Ribeiro

### GRADUATES, CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR SUCCESS! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

*Don't forget to stop by our front desk to pick up your graduation certificate.*



**UPCOMING AVAILABLE  
BABY & ME SESSIONS:  
Wednesdays 10:15am  
(starting March 4 & April 15)  
Saturdays 9:45am  
(starting April 18)**

**THANK YOU!**  
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Our sincere appreciation goes to all of you who have shown your support for AquaChamps during this challenging time with some of our neighbors and the City of Wilton Manors! Many of you wrote letters and emails on our behalf, which has been important in helping the City Officials to know how important our school is to our community and the City of Wilton Manors. We had an amazing show of support at our February 9 meeting with the Planning and Zoning Board and we can't thank you enough for making the effort to be there!

The board approved by a 3 to 2 vote our conditional use permit. This is definitely a step in the right direction, but with this permit they have limited our hours with a 6pm close on M-F and 2pm on Saturday. Our current hours are Mon.-Fri. 9am-7pm and Sat. 9a-5p; which are essential for working parents and adults. Our issue will go before the City Commission for their approval and discussion as our neighbor has already appealed the Planning & Zoning Board's vote. We will need a strong show of support at the City Commission and parents who are willing to possibly speak on our behalf. We will offer free babysitting in our Kids Klub room at AquaChamps during the meeting. Once we know the meeting date we will let you all know via email.

## REMINDER BOX

### MAKEUP POLICY for Mudskippers & Beginning Strokes:

Please be reminded that each swimmer is allowed one makeup per month if you have called in the cancellation at least 3 hours in advance.

### **IMPORTANT REMINDER!!!**

**ALL SWIMMERS WHO ARE NOT FULLY POTTY TRAINED MUST WEAR TWO SNUG FITTING SWIMMING DIAPERS WHILE SWIMMING AT AQUACHAMPS. ACCIDENTS HAPPEN, BUT BY ADHERING TO THIS POLICY WE CAN AVOID CANCELLED CLASSES BECAUSE OF THEM.**



Please, no cell phones on the pool deck. This is in consideration of our neighbors. Also, please do not park on the sidewalk in front of AquaChamps. You may be ticketed.

Thank you.

## **AQUACHAMPS UPDATES...new faces, new places**

This is the time of year when we start gearing up for our busy spring and summer seasons. This means new faces in and out of the pool. Our first change will be at our Front Desk. We said goodbye to Gladys in February. After six years at our Front Desk she will be missed, but we wish her all the best in her retirement. Miss Kimber who many of you know from the pool will be our set of extra hands in the morning hours at the Front Desk and putting her marketing background to good use at AquaChamps. She will still be in the pool in the afternoon and Saturdays. Over the next few months, please welcome the new faces in the pool as we get new staff members trained and ready for our busy time of year. Now, we welcome Justin, Brandon and Kaitlin to our training staff. All three have great experience and enthusiasm in working with children; we are excited about having them with us!

### **AQUACHAMPS AT 4 LOCATIONS STARTING THIS SPRING!**

- Our home in Wilton Manors
- Coral Ridge Yacht Club
- Lauderdale Yacht Club
- Sunrise Middle School

## Wilton Manors Home

We will be offering all of our usual activities.

## Lauderdale Yacht Club (for members only)

We are proud to be starting our sixth year coaching the LYC Swim Team. Our spring season is from April 14 through June 4, on Tuesdays & Thursdays, Bronze Team 4-4:30pm, Silver & Gold Teams 4:30-5:00pm. The summer program will begin on Monday, June 8, 2009. Registration and information forms are available at the LYC Member Services Desk or at AquaChamps.

## Coral Ridge Yacht Club (for members only)

We began work with CRYC last August where we hope to build a great little swim team. We will be offering two spring sessions – Spring I (March 2 – April 13) and Spring II (April 20-June 1). Practices will be on Mondays, Bronze Team 4-4:30pm, Silver & Gold Teams 4:30-5:00pm. Registration and information forms are available at the CRYC Front Desk or at AquaChamps.

## Sunrise Middle School Pool

This 25 yard pool gives us the opportunity to **bring back our Advanced Beginning Strokes group** (the next step after Intermediate Beginning Strokes) and a larger pool for those private lessons needing more space and/or deeper water, especially our adult private lessons. This is a great opportunity to use a great pool within our community which has been underutilized in the past. With the addition of this Advanced class back into our program, swimmers will be able to compete in small competitions with other local swim teams, continue to refine stroke technique and build endurance. Practices will be held twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-5:45pm beginning in April. For more information, please call or visit the AquaChamps Front Desk.

**BEGINNING STROKES –  
ADVANCED LEVEL IS  
BACK!**



ALSO AT SUNRISE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
POOL...HAMMERHEAD AQUATICS

- Masters Team for Adults
- All abilities welcome
- AM, PM & weekend practices
- [www.hammerheadaquatics.com](http://www.hammerheadaquatics.com) for more information

  
**BE ON THE  
LOOKOUT FOR  
SUNDAY SPLASH CASH!**

Sunday Splash Cash is valid for free entrance into the Sunrise Middle School Pool during their Sunday public swimming hours. It will be issued to Starfish Swimmers and other noteworthy swimmers and families.

# STARFISH SWIMMERS OF THE MONTH:



**CAIA FARRELL**  
**AGE: 4**

**Birthdate:** DECEMBER 19, 2004

**Level:** MUDSKIPPERS - ADVANCED

**Favorite thing about swimming:** Floating on my back

**Swimming since:** 8 months of age

**Favorite color:** Pink and purple

**Favorite movie:** "Barbie and the Christmas Carol"

**Favorite food:** Broccoli & carrots

**Swimming goal:** To swim like the big girls that can do flips in the water

**ERICK ZEPEDA**  
**AGE: 5**



**Birthdate:** DECEMBER 16, 2003

**Level:** BEGINNING STROKES FOR  
LITTLE FOLKS – BEGINNING LEVEL

**Favorite thing about swimming:**  
Cannonballs

**Swimming since:** 4 years of age

**Favorite color:** Green and blue

**Favorite movie:** "Madagascar"

**Favorite food:** Soup

**Swimming goal:** To be like  
Michael Phelps



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