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The Education Fund Wants to Know if You're Smarter Than a 5th Grader *Ocean Bank presents a virtual fundraiser featuring kids and business professionals.*

MIAMI LAKES – MAY 6, 2021 – *Can you calculate the area of a rectangle or explain the difference between comets and asteroids?*

Those are the kinds of questions contestants in The Education Fund's version of "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?" will answer in the virtual competition starting at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26. The one-hour event presented by Ocean Bank features adult contestants matching wits with fifth graders. The winners will take home prizes and raise money for The Education Fund Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials.

"Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?" will feature local business executives from Ocean Bank, Sapoznik Insurance, PNC Bank, The Children's Trust, Wells Fargo, GMCVB, TD Bank, Humana, Kaufman Rossin, Bradesco BAC Florida Bank, The Miami Foundation, FPL, Pinnacle, and the Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation competing against fifth-grade students to answer questions in the categories of STEM, health/wellness, social studies, and the arts.

"We loved the idea of putting adults and students to the test – together," said Linda Lecht, president of The Education Fund. "We hope everyone will join us. This is a fun way of raising funds for The Education Fund Ocean Bank Center, which supplies public school students and their families with essential supplies."

The Education Fund Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials in Medley, Florida, is an 11,000-square-foot warehouse designed to provide public school teachers with supplies for their classrooms and students. In response to COVID-19, The Education Fund initiated a new three-pronged distribution process getting Ocean Bank Center supplies to students and families via teacher drive-thrus, "truckload deliveries" to schools, and through partnerships with more than 55 nonprofits. In addition to a variety of educational materials, The Education Fund Ocean Bank Center now provides cleaning supplies, household goods, and masks, with \$3.7 million in supplies distributed since March 2020, nearly four times what is normally distributed to students.

This year, "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?" replaces The Education Fund's popular student and teacher art auction that raises about \$200,000 for the Ocean Bank Center, which is held at the end of each school year.

Tickets to participate in "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?" are \$100 per person and are available at [EducationFund.org](https://www.educationfund.org). Group packages and sponsorships are available. Email Christina Jacomino for details at cjacomino@educationfund.org.

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About The Education Fund: Raising more than \$62 million to improve education for public school students and teachers in Miami-Dade County, The Education Fund focuses on bringing innovative methods to our schools, informing the community about public education, and encouraging private sector investment in public education. Winning numerous awards for innovation, The Education Fund is currently directing Food Forests for Schools, a first-in-the-nation effort to install food forests as eco-labs on school grounds; Ideas with IMPACT, Miami-Dade's only district-wide best practices network; the Ocean Bank Center, the state's first free-supplies warehouse and distribution program; Student Power, an action-government learning

pilot; and SmartPath, a college and careers service for students. Visit [EducationFund.org](https://www.educationfund.org) or join us at @educationfundmiami on Facebook and Instagram, and @educationfund on Twitter.