

MAST Academy's New Mobile Meteorological Lab

MAST Academy's new mobile meteorological lab *Weather on Wheels* (WOW) arrived in October and is already making visits to middle schools throughout the Miami-Dade County. The new WOW replaced the original mobile lab that began operating in 1994. *Weather on Wheels* travels to elementary and middle schools to engage thousands of students in hands-on science and technology lessons.

An Ocean Fund grant (part of a comprehensive environmental protection program created by Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd., which operates Royal Caribbean International and Celebrity Cruises) provided \$30,000 for renovation of a bus provided by Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Through the Ocean Fund, the cruise lines partner with marine conservation organizations to help safeguard the world's oceans. Since the Fund's inception in 1996, the companies have given almost \$9 million to non-profit organizations working to protect the marine environment.

The Atlantic Oceanographic and Atmospheric Laboratories (AOML), one of the Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR) Facilities of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), donated \$9,500 for the purchase and installation of a generator. NOAA supports the education and career development of future scientists as a part of its broader education goal. Funds were made possible through NOAA's Equal Employment Office that seeks opportunities to ensure every child who is interested in science has an opportunity to learn and advance their educational careers.

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