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Thank you to everyone who supported our annual FUTURES Caribbean Party, presented by Florida Power & Light Company, which was held March 30th at the beautiful Rolex 24 Lounge in Daytona Beach. It was a fun tropical, casual evening honoring community leaders Bob & Bobbi Coleman and raising funds to support our programs.

Congratulations to the 51 teachers who were nominated for the 2019 First Year Teacher Awards. Our award recipients are Emily Budzilek from Palm Terrace Elementary and Haleigh Smith from Mainland High School. Congratulations to Emily & Haleigh who received $250 from FUTURES, two LEGOLAND Florida tickets and a family four-pack to Sea Life Orlando Aquarium/Madame Tussauds.

On April 29, 2019 at Daytona International Speedway, the event recognized 18 newly selected participants as well as 19 graduating high school seniors. School Board Chairman Carl Persis and Interim Chief Academic Officer Rachel Hazel offered their congratulations to the TSIC scholars. Also in attendance were School Board Members Ruben Colon & Linda Cuthbert, FUTURES Immediate Past President Paula Gregory, FUTURES board member Linda Bradley, donors, parents, mentors and scholars. Keynote speakers at the event were Volusia TSIC Mentor of the Year Socorro Calkins and TSIC Alumni Kristin Waters. The New Student Induction Ceremony was conducted by FUTURES Immediate Past President & TSIC Leadership Council Chair Paula Gregory, CPA, and TSIC Student Services & Mentor Coordinator Shimene Shepard. Circuit Judge Mary Jolley officiated over the induction as students & parents attested to their commitment to abide by the program’s rules. 19 members of Volusia TSIC’S Class of 2019 were recognized for having successfully completed the TSIC program by meeting with their mentor each week, maintaining a 3.0 GPA and remaining crime, alcohol, drug and gang free. Each of our TSIC graduates will be receiving either a 2 year or 4 year college tuition scholarship.

Heading to LEGOLAND this summer? Purchase your discounted tickets at www.legoland.com/futures. For each ticket sold using this link, FUTURES receives $10! These tickets are valid/redeemable for park visits May 1 through June 30, 2019.

ANNUAL NEW STUDENT INDUCTION & SENIOR RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Pictured above is the turn around award ceremony.
ABOUT ME

Jamie Haynes is a graduate of the University of Tennessee with a B.S. in Elementary Education & Mathematics, and Nova University with a M.S. in Elementary & Early Childhood Education. Ms. Haynes began her career with Volusia County Schools over 31 years ago as a teacher at Enterprise Elementary. During her teaching career she taught at both the elementary and secondary levels. Most recently she was a district administrator with Federal Programs & Grants / Title I serving as the Coordinator for Instructional Technology.

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**MOTHER/SON SUPERHERO CHALLENGE**

PICTURED TO THE LEFT IS ONE OF THE EVENTS FROM MOTHER/SON SUPERHERO CHALLENGE

On Saturday, April 13th, Blue Lake Elementary hosted a Minute to Win It Mother/Son Superhero Challenge. For an hour and a half, mother and son duos went through 30 different fun and exciting challenges. Each challenge had to be completed in 1 minute or less. It was a fun morning for our Blue Lake family.

On Saturday, May 4th Blue Lake Elementary had its first Get Fit Color Run! Our PTA and Family Center spearheaded the very successful event. The Color Run was sponsored by business partners AdventHealth with 100 free shirts for our first 100 registered participants. This event was also supported by local business partners:

Allstate Harper Hill, YMCA DeLand, Countryside Animal Clinic of DeLand, Epsilon Alpha Chi Engineering, Joe Mills Septic Tank Service, Moy Auto Repair, MindQuest, and so many more supported this event financially and/or with gift prizes. We are especially grateful to our volunteers from Deland High School's HOSA, AFJROTC, Asian Club, and High Achievers who came out to make this event possible.

Volunteers ROCK!

Our families and friends of all ages chose to run the Individual Race or the Family Race. The Individual Race went up to 5K around our school and the Family Race was a 1K. The opportunity to choose the route allowed wheelchair, scooter, and families with strollers to have fun too. We had bronze, silver and gold winners in both divisions. Our teachers loved running alongside their students. The atmosphere was filled with laughter, zumba warm-up with Adrienne, and music provided by DJ PJ. We also had vendors such as Wal-Greens “Red Nose”, Daytona State College – preregistration for Summer ESOL or GED classes, and food vendors.
Citrus Grove Elementary (K-5)
@CitrusGroveVCS

WISHING DAY

On Friday, April 12th, Citrus Grove celebrated Wishing Day. Amongst the trees of our courtyard 1000 wishes for our school, our community and the world swayed in the breeze. Students were taught the difference between deep wishes and shallow wishes. “I wish for more friends” and “I wish for a good family” were some of the touching wishes that could be found.

ONE BOOK, ONE SCHOOL

Citrus Grove Elementary has been busy working along side our community to spread the love of reading and recognize our amazing educators. On Tuesday, March 12th our Media Specialist Angela Young kicked off One Book, One School. Over twenty business partners and members of the community joined us for this yearly event. Each of our celebrity readers surprised a classroom to share how reading is important in their own lives and read the first few
DeBary Elementary (K-5)
@DebarYElem

END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE &
ANNUAL VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST

Pictured to the left is the annual volunteer breakfast.

As year-end testing ends, Eagles are prepared to soar into summer. In honor of another great year at DeBary Elementary, students are preparing for end of year performances and celebrating a year of learning. Students look forward to performing for their families, expressing themselves in a variety of ways and love to watch and cheer each other on.

The end of the year is also a time to celebrate our family support. We recently honored our volunteers at the annual Volunteer Breakfast and first grade classrooms celebrated Mother’s Day with teatime for family members. Our students loved having a parent or guardian come in to spend extra time in the classroom. We are looking forward to ending out the year with field day, a PTO Game Night and our 5th grade party!

Pictured above are 2nd graders doing their end of year performance and celebrating a year of learning.

Alisa Fedigan
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Principal
DELAND HIGH’S NEWEST CLUB IS MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE ON CAMPUS AND IN THE COMMUNITY

Bulldog Country’s newest campus advisor, Mr. Velez is former law enforcement officer. Mr. Velez had a desire to start a new club on campus that would help promote student interest in law enforcement and other public service entities. As a result of his determination, DeLand High has a new Public Safety Club that meets weekly. Mr. Velez coordinates a special guest speaker every week to talk with his members. Mr. Velez has worked with the Public Safety Club in forming an Honor Guard to represent DeLand High in the community. This past Easter, members of the Honor Guard dressed up as the Easter Bunny for our Bullpup Preschool program and made the trip to Tampa for an Easter Egg Hunt event at the University South Florida.

DELAND HIGH’S NEWEST CLUB IS MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE ON CAMPUS AND IN THE COMMUNITY (CONT.)

The Public Safety Club held a Law Enforcement Ceremony on Campus to honor those first responders who have given the ultimate sacrifice. The ceremony was held held in the Dog Bowl on May 18th at 11am.
DELAND MIDDLE STUDENTS PREPARE TO ROCK STATE ASSESSMENTS

Throughout March, April, and May, our DeLand Middle School students have been preparing to show what they know on their state assessments! With not only engaging lessons during the school day, students and teachers have also come together on nights and weekends to continue collaborating in preparation for testing which is now in full swing.

WRITING WORKSHOP, SCIENCE FUN & GAMES, & ANNUAL ALGEBRA EOC BOOTCAMP

In March, all students were invited to participate in DMS’s 1st Annual Writing Workshop where students were able to work along side teachers and peers to practice both informational and argumentative writing. In April, students took part in another new annual event, Reporting Category Rotations, in order to prepare for the Reading FSA.

Also in April, the science department hosted an Amazing Race in which students participated in escape rooms, a life-sized hungry hippo game, as well as an interactive culminating glow in the dark ball game to review science standards.

Our DMS math department hosted its 1st Annual Algebra EOC Bootcamp in May. This event, which consisted of two Saturdays of fun, allowed for teachers and students to work together to crack the codes of the Algebra Escape Rooms.
MOTHER'S DAY/SPECIAL FRIEND TEA

Pictured above is the Mother’s Day/Special Friend tea. Pictured below is the Freedom FSA Pep Rally.

Freedom rocked the house with a motivating FSA Pep Rally on April 1 before testing began. Third, fourth and fifth graders enjoyed FSA songs performed by the faculty and staff, heard an encouraging speech from Principal Walker, and had a “dance off” with mascot Soar the Falcon. The event ended with a walk around campus, as the primary classes cheered them on with signs, chants, songs and plenty of high-fives! First grade teachers held their annual Mother’s Day/Special Friend Tea in May. Moms, grandmas, and special friends attended the event and enjoyed special poems, songs, artwork, and of course, tea with refreshments! Freedom volunteers enjoyed a special breakfast on April 17 in appreciation of all their time spent supporting the school. Our very own Volusia Senior Volunteer of the year Deb Wigley attended as well.

The American Girl Club wrapped up the year with a luncheon to celebrate the students who read all the club American Girl books this year. As Freedom prepares to finish 2018-2019, Falcons are ready to celebrate a successful school year and soar into summer!
FAREWELL TOUR
TO OLD CAMPUS

PICTURED TO THE LEFT IS FORMER SUPERINTENDENT MR. GEORGE W. MARKS.

On May 11th, we opened our campus one last time for the community to present a farewell tour to the existing campus that was originally built in 1955 and named after one of our long-term Volusia County Superintendent, Mr. George W. Marks. We had around 200 community members walk the campus and peruse yearbooks. Long retired Physical Education Teacher, John Thomas was among the many returning veteran teachers to participate in celebrating the past, present and future of George Marks Elementary school.

PICTURED TO THE LEFT IS THE CURRENT CAMPUS OF GEORGE MARKS & PICTURED BELOW IS THE MOCKUP OF WHAT THE NEW CAMPUS WILL LOOK LIKE.
On Thursday, March 28th, Manatee Cove held their 2nd Annual Multi-Cultural Night. The cafeteria was transformed into a colorful display, as many countries were represented. Families dressed in their native attire and food from all over the globe was served. On Saturday, April 13th, our PTA hosted a Daddy/Daughter Dance. It was a fabulous turnout! There was a DJ, food, fun activities, and even a photographer on hand. Monday, April 29th, our 3rd-5th grade teachers held our first FSA Pep Rally! They really rocked it out and the kids had a blast! Friday, May 3rd, our Second Grade teachers held a “Camp-In” Reading Night.

Second grade students had the opportunity to come “camp-in” with tents, trees, lanterns, fishing, stories, s’mores, and songs! It was a wonderful evening! We celebrated field day on May 10th as well as a visit from traditional Mexican dancers who performed for all the grade levels. Manatee Cove would also like to thank the Orange City Lions Club for donating hundreds of pencils to our students. Their past and present support is greatly appreciated and we thank them for impacting our students and families in such a special way!
DUCT TAPE FUNDRAISER

Pictured to the left are students posing with Principal Bynum as he’s duct taped to the wall.

The Orange City Elementary PTA in partnership with the school’s Principal Mr. Bynum, coordinated a “Duct Tape Fundraiser” to benefit the newly created STEM/MAKERSPACE area located in the school’s media center. Students and families sponsored strips of duct tape, bringing in bags of coins, dollar bills, checks, even a few one hundred dollar bills—all in the spirit of duct taping our favorite Principal to the Cafeteria wall! The school raised over $1200 for the STEM/MAKERSPACE area, and each child who participated helped to tape Mr. Bynum to the wall and all students were brought to the cafeteria to watch in the fun and cheer their classmates on. All classes who sponsored over $100 each won a pizza party from the PTA. It was a fun event that brought the school together and had everyone super excited!

PICTURED IN THE MIDDLE IS PRINCIPAL BYNUM POSING WITH STUDENTS & FULLY DUCT TAPED.

PICTURED TO THE RIGHT IS PRINCIPAL BYNUM HOLDING THE CHECK FOR STEM/MAKERSPACE AREA FOR $1200.
PIERSON ELEMENTARY CHOIR PERFORMS

Pictured below is the choir performing. On Tuesday, May 14th the Pierson Elementary choir led by our music teacher, Kevin Treur, joined with Taylor High’s band and choir to put on a great concert. Those in attendance enjoyed performances by our choir members and got a sneak preview of the “Girls of the Golden Afternoon” act from our upcoming Alice in Wonderland Jr. play. Students from the All-County Elementary Choir were also recognized. We are all very proud of these awesome performers and singers.

FSA PEP RALLY

PICTURED TO THE LEFT ARE STUDENTS HOLDING A BANNER SAYING “DONUT STRESS, JUST DO YOUR BEST”

On April 13th, everyone took to the halls for an FSA parade followed by a pep rally to encourage our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders to “slay the FSA”. Our younger students knew just what to say to give their schoolmates the extra boost they needed to feel confident about the upcoming tests. Messages such as “Rock the Test” and “Donut’ Stress, Just Do Your Best” had our students feeling positive about their success.

MAGICAL MOTHER/SON DATE NIGHT

PICTURED ABOVE IS MAGICIAN CESAR DOMICO

Another great event that recently took place at Pierson Elementary was the Mother/Son Date Night complete with a magic show by magician, Cesar Domico. The show had the audience filled with laughter and amazement. Our boys have talked nonstop about the awesome acts performed by the magician on their special night out with mom.
CANNED FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT THE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER IN DAYTONA

Pictured to the left is the mayor of Orange City with the Girls on the Run team.

Mrs. Andrea Mann’s 7th grade Research classes have successfully planned and executed a canned food drive to benefit the Neighborhood Center in Daytona. This was a culminating activity for the unit focused on developing empathy. Many valuable lessons were learned and students enjoyed the process as well as began to understand the difficulty faced by others in the community and the spirit of volunteering and service to others.

RIVER SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS ON THE RUN

Pictured to the left is the River Springs Middle School Girls on the Run team.

Congratulations to River Springs Girls on the Run. We are so proud of you. Our Mayor of Orange City pictured above was there to cheer us on. Way to go girls!
Southwestern Middle (6-8)
@Smvcs1

SOUTHWESTERN MIDDLE SCHOOL STEM DAY

PICTURED ABOVE AND BELOW ARE EXAMPLES OF SOME OF THE STEM ACTIVITIES LIKE EXAMINING STARS & GALAXIES IN PE THROUGH GALACTIC DODGEBALL.

Southwestern held their annual STEM Day this month! Each year they hold a campus wide event where every classroom is engaged in a STEM activity that supports their content area. Some examples of activities were exploring Pendulum Painting in art, creating kites from China in World History, discussing weather in Spanish, examining stars and galaxies in PE during Galactic Dodgeball, and investigating air in Band by creating straw flutes. This effort is led by the school’s technology teacher, Michael Clark. This event has grown over the years, as Mr. Clark has been able to solicit for donations to support the creative STEM ideas of all teachers. Students each year look forward to this great event. It allows students to be engaged in real-world STEM learning!
Edith I. Starke Elementary (K-5)  
@EISElemKoalas  
FIRST EVER CAREER DAY AND ANNUAL TALENT SHOW  

PICTURED BELOW IS THE FIRST EVER CAREER DAY AT EDITH I. STARKE ELEMENTARY  

Edith I. Starke had our first ever Career Day on May 16th. Ms. Luckett, our Guidance Counselor, organized twenty community members to come in and set up booths for our students in third, fourth, and fifth grade to circulate through. Ms. Luckett provided students with sample questions that they could use with speaking with the community members. She also had a survey where students reflected on their work habits, their strengths and weaknesses. Then on that same day we celebrated students participating in our Annual Talent Show. Ms. Alvarez, our Music Teacher, organizes this event every year. Students try out and are selected to participate in the evening show.

FIRST EVER CAREER DAY AND ANNUAL TALENT SHOW (CONT.)  

Many students who participate in our SNA Program also participated by singing songs in between acts. As we close out the year, our students participated in a school-wide field day on May 24th and our fifth-grade students will participate in their End of the Year Ceremony on May 31st.
VOLUSIA FCA PROVIDES ZOOMING EXPERIENCE FOR TMHS

Pictured to the left is a Taylor student getting into a race car.

On May 14th, the Taylor Wildcats experienced an amazing opportunity sponsored by the Volusia County Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Several drivers from the Barberville Speedway zoomed into Wildcat Country to show off their amazing rides. High school students were able to climb into the driver’s seat and experience the excitement of driving a race car. Students were able to “start their engines” and feel the power. Even our principal, Mrs. Gibbons, got in on the action.

Pictured above are students checking out the race cars.

Pictured to the right is Principal Gibbons taking her turn in the race car.
TITANS OF EXCELLENCE & SENIOR AWARDS

Pictured to the left are the Titans of Excellence Award recipients: Connor Darby, Jordan Koehler, & Valerie Manfredi.

One of the most coveted awards is the “Titans of Excellence” award. This award was established by the Class of 2012 and our students continue to set the bar high for future Titans.

The 2019 members of the Titans of Excellence excelled in the classroom have a combined 4.56 grade point average.

These students are ranked in the top 6 students of their graduating class. One of them has earned their AA degree from Daytona State and two are Distinguished Scholar recipients.

In the community, they were equally strong, accruing 1,842 hours of community service. Their contributions to University High School establishes it as THE FINEST High School in Volusia County. In just a few short days, they will close this chapter as Titans and begin the next chapter in their lives.

Our 2019 members of the Titans of Excellence are: Connor Darby, Jordan Koehler, and Valerie Manfredi. These Titans of Excellence will hang in the hallways of University High School to inspire future Titans. Congratulations!
Volusia Pines Elementary had a Science STEM Expo Night on April 18, 2019. In attendance were Museum of Arts and Sciences officials, who brought their planetarium and fifteen intriguing science stations. Students had the opportunity to connect circuits to make a buzzer ring, look at our world with 3D glasses, view Hubble Space Telescope images and magnify bugs. That made for a creepy and crawly situation. During this event, delicious burgers and soda were served for dinner. Then Volusia Pines showcased the school’s fifth grade Science Fair winners and their fantastic projects! The highlight of the night was the collaboration with Galaxy Middle School’s STEM program. Galaxy teachers and their students shared how they showcase STEM at their school.

Among these students were former VPE students who were excited to see their teachers and friends. At the end of the evening STEM activity kits were given away along with four tickets to the Museum of Arts and Science. It was a night filled with learning, exploring and fun!
SUPERSTARS RISE AGAIN!

Pictured above are the students recognized for outstanding improvement in reading and/or mathematics performance this school year.

Six of Woodward’s 4th and 5th grade students were recently recognized by DeLand Rotary Club for outstanding improvement in reading and/or mathematics performance this school year. Each student and a parent were invited to attend an award recognition ceremony that included a lunch sponsored by the club. Nine westside schools were represented at this special occasion. Students and parents in attendance were surprised to hear about the one hundred dollar check to be presented to each recipient during their school’s graduation ceremony. Woodward’s administration, teachers, and parents are extremely proud of our students as they continue to prove that Superstars Always RISE to the Top!

Pictured to the left is one of the students recognized at the award recognition ceremony.
Mrs. Wright is a lifetime resident of Volusia County. She graduated from the University of Central Florida with a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration and earned a Master’s Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Management from Stetson University. She served on the PTSA and the School Advisory Committee at Champion Elementary and David C. Hinson Middle. She is currently employed at Bethune-Cookman University in the School of Business and is the co-owner of AM Wright Construction.

Mrs. Wright represents District 2, including the greater Daytona Beach area, Daytona Beach Shores, Ponce Inlet, South Daytona and a portion of Port Orange.

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The TESA Academy (Technology, Engineering, Science, Aeronautical) at Atlantic High School has been busy the last two years building an experimental aircraft called an RV-12. Select students have worked closely with Experimental Aircraft Association members from the community and built an entire airplane from scratch. They learned how to read blueprints, rivet sheet metal, install a fuel tank, run electrical wiring for navigation, and mount the engine and propeller. Most importantly, they learned how to apply engineering principals to aeronautical concepts. The aircraft was recently inspected by the FAA and given a certificate of Air Worthiness. This means we will be ready for first flight any day now! Other highlights of TESA this year include flying Airbus simulators at the Jet Blue Airlines training facility in Orlando; walking on the space shuttle runway while visiting NASA; spending a day at Sun-N-Fun (an international aviation expo and fly-in); and getting a behind-the-scenes look at Sanford International.
Eighth Grade students geared up for the End of the Year Celebration on May 24, 2019. The guest was Dr. Donovan V. Wells, Director of Bands at Bethune-Cookman University. There were also be 35 students honored with the Principal’s Award representing each year Mr. Earl C. McCrary, II served in education. Honorary Principal’s Award recipients were individuals from the community who supported Campbell Middle School throughout the school year.
HORIZON STUDENTS
PRACTICE YOGA

Pictured to the left are students practicing the tree yoga pose

Many of Horizon’s students end their school day not with homework but with cat and cow poses, mindfulness and controlled breathing. Yoga clubs have become very popular with the students. ESE teacher Janelle Sookoo teaches the younger students. “I found that so many of our students need to be taught how to calm themselves down,” she explains. “We begin with a snack, and then work on breathing, new poses and stretches. We take frequent breaks.” First graders Julia and Karamia are big fans. “I like tree pose the best,” says Julia. “It feels relaxing.” Karamia prefers the warrior pose. “It helps me stretch my bones. And sometimes I use yoga breathing to help me stay calm.” The intermediate club sponsor, fifth-grade teacher Christina Kwit, says that yoga club is her favorite part of the week because she finds it calm and relaxing. “We start with stretching and warm-ups, then do

HORIZON STUDENTS
PRACTICE YOGA (CONT.)

...some active yoga (sun salutations), asana flows and balance sequences. After that we slow it down for some yin poses. We end in guided mediation and a motivational poem.” Fourth grader Meghan echoes Mrs. Kwit’s feeling. “I look forward to Yoga Club every week. The stretches feel so good and it is very calming.”

Namaste!
On April 17th, we honored our outstanding volunteers as well as our Business Partner of the Year, Cherise Wentz of Cherise’s Salon. A breakfast was provided by Cracked Egg Diner and attendees were treated to a musical program lead by our band teacher, Mrs. McLaughlin. Our volunteers do so much for our school so it was nice to thank them all for their hard work and dedication to R. J. Longstreet!

On March 30th, our school hosted a Family Day at the Marine Discovery Center in New Smyrna Beach. Families were able to participate in land-based activities such as exploring the marsh, studying plankton, and so much more. Also, a boat tour was available while a naturalist described the lagoon and its inhabitants. Lunch was also provided to all families in attendance.
Mainland High (9-12)
@Mainlandhigh

SHELL-A-BRATING MAINLAND HIGH SCHOOL’S GRANT AWARD

PICTURED TO THE LEFT ARE STUDENTS BUILDING THE HARD CLAM HATCHERY

We are happy to announce that Mainland High School’s Aqua Culture Division, of their Academy of Scientific Inquiry and Medicine (ASIM), has been awarded a $5,000 grant by Sea Pact. Sea Pact, an organization dedicated to advancing seafood sustainability globally, recognized Mr. Daniel Luby’s class project “Shell-a-Brate Good Times” as it focuses on inspiring students toward aquaculture careers. Their project will construct a hard clam hatchery with locally sourced materials. Students will design and implement plans to culture the hard clam from seed to nursery. They will subsequently follow the complete cycle from grow-out to market. A key outcome will be to increase awareness of the growing Florida bivalve aquaculture market to young students in an economically challenged region. The project aligns with Sea Pact’s collective mission statement, particularly in the areas of community impact and the need to ensure a constructive ecological effect on aquaculture management. Further, the project has the full support of a dedicated and passionate group of professional educators. Mainland High School has a nearly 150-year history in the Daytona Beach/ Volusia County region. Generations of the community have rallied, in and around the halls of the school, and support it with great vigor and passion.

SHELL-A-BRATING MAINLAND HIGH SCHOOL’S GRANT AWARD (CONT.)

PICTURED TO THE LEFT ARE STUDENTS DISSECTING A CLAM.

Cheryl Salerno
@drcsalemo1
Principal
PUBLIX MATH NIGHT, DAYTONA TORTUGAS LITERACY EVENT, FITNESS FESTIVAL FIELD DAY & FLURRY OF ACTIVITIES

Pictured above is Shelldon, the Daytona Tortugas mascot, posing with students

Here at Ortona we are finishing up the year strong. In March, our second graders visited the Museum of Arts and Sciences in Daytona and had a wonderful time experiencing hands on science. Our Publix Math night was a huge success. Students and parents practiced life skills such as shopping, budgeting, comparing and contrasting prices, as well as learning the value of money and the importance of math in everyday life. A visit from the Daytona Tortugas brought a reading assembly for all to promote literacy with a free ticket to see a game as an incentive. And finally, in March Coach Scott and 7 of our students attended the Fitness Festival at Spruce Creek High representing Ortona spectacularly. Our April highlights were a family night of fun at Pirates Cove in Ormond, a Nearpod Challenge Ice Cream Party and a Native American Presentation. The fifth graders took a trip to Jackie Robinson Stadium to cheer on the Tortugas and a yummy breakfast and appreciation celebration was held for all our terrific volunteers and business partners. Finally, in May we finished off the year with a flurry of activities.
MATH NIGHT
AT PUBLIX

PICTURED TO THE LEFT IS THE GREETING TABLE FOR MATH NIGHT

What a mathemagical night on April 16th at Publix in Dunlawton Square! We are excited to share the news that we had over eighty Tiger families from Port Orange Elementary attend the Publix Math night event. Students in each grade level, along with siblings, parents, grandparents, friends, and teachers solved real-world, grade-level math problems. Each student answered some questions such as how many cups of water would I need to make hot chocolate for 10 friends? What four fresh ingredients could I buy for a salad if I had $15? How much would six of those yummy chocolate chip cookies in the bakery case cost?

MATH NIGHT
AT PUBLIX (CONT.)

PICTURED TO THE LEFT IS ONE OF THE OVER EIGHTY PORT ORANGE TIGER FAMILIES ATTENDING MATH NIGHT

Speaking of cookies, Publix provided cookies to all participants and teachers served up popcorn as families left. Special thanks to all of our families and teachers who came out to share the experience of math outside of school. Thank you to Publix for partnering with us for this successful educational evening!

Tennille Wallace
@twallace9424
Principal
Pictured above is the star of the Mary Poppins Jr. play Jenna Carrig.

SILVER SANDS MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORUS PROGRAM PRESENTS MARY POPPINS JR.

The play starred Jenna Carrig as Mary Poppins and Angel Lemos Delgado as Bert, as well as Sanai Williams as Winifred Banks, Andrew Faison as George Banks, Sophia Aponte as Michael Banks, and Mikena Adamy as Jane Banks.

Over 200 people were in attendance for the Saturday night performance at Atlantic High School! Chorus students started practicing for the musical after spring break. They learned lines, music, choreography, and blocking in just seven weeks! Mrs. Kline, our chorus director, chose this particular musical for the students to perform, due to the recent revival of the original Mary Poppins that has recently been released.
CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS WITH A LUNCHEON

Pictured to the left is the luncheon recognizing volunteers for all their hard work.

At South Daytona Elementary, we celebrated our volunteers with a volunteer luncheon provided by our school's PTA. Each volunteer was recognized for his or her dedication to our students and school. Our volunteers are not only family members, they are police officers, firefighters, and city officials. Just prior to the luncheon, we had several community members join us on Read Across America Day to read to our students. They traveled from room to room reading to each class. We can’t thank them enough for all of the time and support they have provided our school throughout the year.

Our students have been working extremely hard to prepare for the FSA and their future. We have had tutoring throughout the year, both before and after school. We also had 5th graders join us on a Saturday for a Science Bootcamp. Our SEL lessons are in full swing. Students have been working together to

CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS WITH A LUNCHEON (CONT.)

Pictured above are all the honor roll awards winners and to the left student recognition earn green Dragon Coins for their classes’ exceptional behavior. No matter where you travel on campus, you can see our students putting in extra work to improve their skills. There is no doubt, our Dragons are making gains whether it be academically, emotionally, or behaviorally.
SHELDON STOPS BY TO KICK OFF THE SUMMER HOME RUN READING CHALLENGE

Pictured to the left is SheIddon, the Daytona Tortugas mascot, visiting for the Summer Home Run Reading Challenge. Sugar Mill kicked off the “Summer Home Run Reading Challenge” with a visit from Shelldon of the Daytona Tortugas. Volusia County Schools and the Daytona Tortugas have teamed up to get our students “batting a million” in the reading game. Our students have been reading during “spring training” and are ready to round the bases in the summer games!

FAMILY FUN SCIENCE NIGHT & FANCY NANCY TEA PARTIES FOR FIRST GRADE CLASSES

With the support of Title 1, Sugar Mill presented Family Fun Science Night with the Museum of Arts and Sciences who provided the science stations. Students received a special science kit, and a free book. There were demonstrations of our new 3D printer! The PTA also provided pizza for all who attended. It was an evening out of this world!

The media center hosted Fancy Nancy Tea Parties for all the first-grade classes. To get students excited about reading, they enjoyed a taste of Fancy Nancy and her books, then partook in afternoon tea. Our gentleman arrived dapper in their top hats and bow ties while the glamorous ladies accessorized with feather boas and tiaras. Ooh, la, la, it’s a great day to be a Sugar Mill Panther!
The new year started off with a great vehicle day for our primary students. Our guidance counselor, Mrs. Webb-Moore made sure that it was interactive and a hands-on experience for our primary students. We also concluded Black History month with a school wide performance that included songs, poems, readings and dances under the direction of our music teacher, Mrs. Williams-Spar with assistance from many classroom teachers. Students learned historical information and pride in their heritage. We kicked off testing season with a teacher vs. student basketball game. Coach Morris and Coach Wingfield also organized an intermediate team sport basketball playoff. A fun time was had by all and sportsmanship ruled!

We also hosted an author visit by international author and national teacher of the year, Sharon Draper. Students in grades 4 and 5 all read “Out of My Mind” prior to her visit. Several other schools also sent students to share this experience with a well-known author. This wouldn’t have been possible without our community providing funds for books and busses. Another shout out to Mrs. Williams-Spar for her tireless efforts in making this experience possible. Our first-grade teachers also hosted a great Mother’s Day event with performances, readings, and muffins for our moms. They had a great turn out and our moms felt the love. Our spring fling included bounce houses, games, dances and great refreshments. Bulldogs know how to have a good time and learn along the way! Lastly, a kudos goes to our fifth-grade teachers for organizing fun activities as our fifth graders conclude their time in elementary school with a promotion ceremony at Mainland High School.
Volusia Online (K-12)
@VolusiaOnline

VIRTUAL GETS REAL

PICTURED TO THE LEFT IS VOLUSIA COUNTY SCHOOLS MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR, MRS. MCQUEEN

Volusia Online Learning attracts some of the best employees in the district! In April, it really showed. One of our counselors won VCS Middle School Counselor of the Year. We are so proud of the attention Mrs. McQueen gives her students. She is always thinking of what’s best for kids and that mantra guides her daily. It shows, Mrs. McQueen! On that note, our Forensic Science teacher, Mrs. Connelly, who has a background in CSI (so cool, we know), took her students on a field trip to Seminole County Forensic Laboratory where they had a tour of the facility and services they provide including crime scene, impression evidence, facial reconstruction, fingerprint analysis, biological testing, firearms analysis, and testimony.

Later in April, she had a NASA representative come to talk to our Earth Space Science students

VIRTUAL GETS REAL (CONT.)

PICTURED TO THE LEFT IS THE FIELD TRIP TO THE SEMINOLE COUNTY FORENSIC LABORATORY WHERE THEY HAD A TOUR OF THE FACILITY AND SERVICES

at Atlantic High School. They discussed the LCROSS Mission that impacted the moon in search of water. Related to that was the engineering design challenge called On Target. Students had the opportunity to design a system to drop a payload onto a target remotely. Thanks for bringing real world application to our virtual science students, Mrs. Connelly.

J. Susy Peterson
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Coordinator
Linda Cuthbert is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a B.A. in English Literature and a B.S. in Secondary Education. While teaching English at New Smyrna Beach High School for 26 years, she served as department chair, peer evaluator and supervisor of senior college interns. During her teaching years, Mrs. Cuthbert also served as PTA President at New Smyrna Beach Middle School. Mrs. Cuthbert is a member and past president of the Beta Sigma Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an International Honorary Organization for Women Educators. Mrs. Cuthbert represents District 3, southeast Volusia County including the areas of Edgewater, New Smyrna Beach, Oak Hill, Samsula and a portion of Port Orange.

Chisholm Elementary
Coronado Beach Elementary
Creekside Middle
Cypress Creek Elementary
Edgewater Public School
Indian River Elementary
New Smyrna Beach High
New Smyrna Beach Middle

Read-Pattillo Elementary
Spruce Creek Elementary
Spruce Creek High
Sweetwater Elementary
Atlantic Center for the Arts (ACA) is a nonprofit, interdisciplinary artists’ community and arts education facility providing artists an opportunity to work and collaborate with contemporary artists in the fields of composing, visual, literary, and performing arts. Community interaction is coordinated through on-site and outreach presentations, workshops and exhibitions. The ACA is located in New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

Chisholm Elementary has partnered with Atlantic Center for the Arts (ACA) to encourage all parents, students, faculty and staff members to drink more water. Shyriaka “Shy” Morris, a community artist and Art/Wellness Ambassador created a community project at Chisholm Elementary that turns recycled water bottles into creative student designed art. Throughout the year, Shy has installed recycled water bottles in the fence along parent pick up that has added a unique touch of art to our school.

**HEALTH BENEFITS OF DRINKING ENOUGH WATER**

1. **Water Helps to Maximize Physical Performance**
   
   Losing as little as 2% of your body’s water content can significantly impair physical performance.

2. **Hydration Has a Major Effect on Energy Levels and Brain Function**
   
   Mild dehydration (fluid loss of 1-3%) can impair energy levels and mood, and lead to major reductions in memory and brain performance.

3. **Drinking Water May Help to Prevent and Treat Headaches**
   
   Drinking water can sometimes help relieve headache symptoms, especially in people who are dehydrated.
On Monday, Coronado Beach Elementary’s 5th grade students took part in Middle School Monday. During this 2-hour exercise, the 5th grade students divided into different homeroom classes and practiced moving across campus at specific times with their belongings while taking part in some exciting classes that focused on student life at the middle school. During one of the classes, students filled out a questionnaire that allowed them to explore how they were feeling about moving to middle school and what clubs or sports they might try. Study skills and organization was the next class they attended; this class discussed the skills that would help prepare them to be academically successful in middle school. Students also participated in a research and exploration class where they became familiar with New Smyrna Beach Middle School website and all that it has to offer. A favorite class among all the 5th graders was learning how to open a combination lock. This is a wonderful event that is organized every year by our guidance counselor, it gives the 5th graders a taste of middle school life and an opportunity to share any reservations they may have about going to the middle school next year.
Creekside recognized National Child Abuse Prevention and the importance of Social Emotional Learning throughout the month of April. Students created posters, pinwheels and participated in classroom activities as they made valuable connections between the two. Our SEL teacher, Linda Froman, and behavior specialist, Robin Regacho, continue to work with students on a daily basis to ensure both their physical and mental health. Our Cougars have a new knowledge base and a comprehensive skill set to utilize when dealing with situations at home and school. They are more aware and can not only better help themselves, but those around them.

EXAMPLES OF STUDENT ART

Student created posters and pinwheels to promote Social Emotional Learning & recognition of national Child Abuse Prevention.

John Cash
Principal
KONA ICE & ANNUAL CCE FISHING TOURNAMENT

Pictured to the left are students lined up for Kona Ice in support for Ms. Bidwell and below is the annual CCE Fishing Tournament

The past couple of months have been busy with testing, but our Cypress Creek Otters have managed to participate in some exciting events.

First, Cypress Creek students and Kona Ice are proud to support Ms. Bidwell, a third-grade teacher, and her fight against cancer.

Second, the Annual CCE Fishing tournament was held under the Dunlawton Avenue Bridge in Port Orange. Thank you to Coach Glover and Coach McLean for hosting this event!

SEL CRAZY HAT DAY & FAREWELL PRESENTATION

Pictured to the right is a student participating in Crazy Hat Day

Third, our school participated SEL Week Activities including Crazy Hat Day.

Fourth, first grade students and teachers hosted parents in a farewell presentation. We are wrapping up and hoping that everyone has a great summer!
Dougherty Manufacturing came in and showed us that “Bobcats First” is about students and the adults serving them! Dougherty supports our school with guest readers, career day speakers and hosts field trips for our intermediate grades to see STEM in the real world through their manufacturing facility. It takes a village to inspire a love of learning and Dougherty continues to step up repeatedly for our students!

Faculty and staff came back from Spring Break and had a delightful surprise in their lounge! The entire room was remodeled including inside the cabinets. Fresh paint and framed student artwork went on the walls, a coffee station and new furniture for relaxing during lunch time! The makeover is calming and refreshing, completely opposite of what it was before. Before it was stale and boring and let’s be honest, not a priority as our faculty and staff put “Bobcats First”, meaning our energy and focus is on the students.
CELEBRATING EARTH DAY IN INDIAN RIVER’S GARDEN

Pictured to the left are students learning about the environment around us for Earth Day.

Families rotated through centers to create their own illustrations and technology to create stories as well.

Ms. Preston, our art teacher, created a wonderful outdoor learning experience for all of the students to celebrate Earth Day and learn about the environment around us. All classes were invited to come out and plant a seed, look at nature through magnifying glasses and read outside in our garden. As the school year comes to a close, it has been exciting to watch our manatees participate in activities and grow as individuals.

AUTHOR’S NIGHT AT INDIAN RIVER ELEMENTARY

Pictured to the left is local author and kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Rekia Beverly, reading aloud one of her books to students.

We had a wonderful turnout this year for our annual Author’s Night. Kindergarten and first grade manatees were recognized for their hard work learning all of their sight words. Local author and kindergarten teacher, Ms. Rekia Beverly was our featured author. She was able to share a read aloud of one of her books with our students.
NEW SMYRNA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL NEW TRADITION

PICTURED ABOVE IS THE CLASS OF 2019 ASSEMBLED TO FORM THE NUMBER 2019

This year we started a new tradition with our graduating Seniors for years to come! We took a select group of Seniors back to Elementary school. They walked the halls wearing their Cap and Gowns. The students lined the halls and cheered them on. Thank you to our Elementary schools that participated in this wonderful celebration. Indian River Elementary, Edgewater Public, Chisholm Elementary, Read-Pattillo, and Coronado Elementary. What an amazing experience for the students, former teachers and even one of our Area Superintendents Patricia Corr made a guest appearance. Bringing tears to all!

NEW SMYRNA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL NEW TRADITION

PICTURED ABOVE NEW SMYRNA BEACH STUDENTS GOING BACK TO READ-PATILLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NEW SMYRNA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL NEW TRADITION

PICTURED ABOVE NEW SMYRNA BEACH STUDENTS GOING BACK TO CORONADO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
New Smyrna Beach Middle (6-8)
@NSBMSStingrays
ROYALTY PAGEANT

Pictured below are participants from this year’s Royalty Pageant.

On April 6, 2019, Mary Still, paraprofessional at New Smyrna Beach Middle School, and the New Smyrna Beach Middle School Peer Buddy Club hosted the fourth annual Royalty Pageant at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. The Royalty Pageant was open to all Volusia County children and adults with varying exceptionalities. The pageant allows all participants to showcase their talents and be crowned as royalty. The NSBMS Peer Buddy Club received over five thousand dollars in donations from local individuals and business partners to allow this event to remain free of cost for all participants and their families.

Pictured above are some participants from last year’s event.

The Royalty Pageant for people (all ages) with intellectual disabilities was held April 6th, 2019. To make this awesome event happen, funds and donations for gift bags were requested. Participants were sponsored for just $30. That covered the cost of crown and sash. Funds for other essentials went towards: wheelchair ramp rental, food, red carpet and decorations. Items collected for gift bags included: hats, wallets, small toys, night lights, sketch books, make-up sets, cologne, etc.

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Principal
Read-Pattillo Elementary (K-5)  
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CELEBRATING READING COUNTS, NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY DELIVERS HELPS ANIMAL SHELTER, & HIGH SCHOOL VISITORS

PICTURED TO THE LEFT ARE THE STUDENTS GRADUATING FROM NEW SMYRNA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL VISITING THEIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Read-Pattillo has been busy this last month of school. We celebrated our kiddos who earned 100, 200, and 250 Reading Count points. Great reading Rockets!

We had our fun filled field day which kids got to dunk their favorite teachers in the dunk tank, race each other in the obstacle course, cool off in the fire hose from New Smyrna Fire Department, and do lots of other fun activities!

Our National Honor Society delivered all the food and items they collected for our local animal shelters. PTA hosted Movie Night where families brought a blanket and “camped” out in the cafeteria.

We were excited to have a visit from our Rockets that are graduating this year from NSB High School!

Thanks for a great year Rockets! Stay safe and have an Amazing Summer!

PICTURED ABOVE IS THE HONOR SOCIETY AND TO THE RIGHT IS THE READING COUNT CELEBRATION

Kelly Lewis  
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Principal
PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY DRIVE (CONT.)

With the power of social media, Eva’s charitable campaign inspired other Volusia County students to help feed children in need during the long summer break. Within 72 hours, Eva received hundreds of donations. We are so proud of her kindness and her willingness to help others. Spruce Creek Elementary and Creekside Middle School are accepting nonperishable food donations to help support this worthwhile project that was started by a young girl with a huge heart. Thank you, Eva!
Spruce Creek High (9-12)
@GreatDay2BAHawk

Pictured above is the Envirothon team traveling home from their win.

THE ADVANCING GLACIERS ADVANCE TO NATIONAL COMPETITION

Pictured to the left is part of the state champion Envirothon team.

Spruce Creek High School has a very active Envirothon team that has met with success in competition each year, but this year they topped all previous records to win the state competition and they are advancing to Nationals in June. The regional competition, sponsored by the Volusia County Soil and Water Conservation District, was very competitive and included 6 local high schools, but Spruce Creek managed to take the top spot. The state competition included teams from 22 regions around the state, but the team won by a large margin of 19 points. This will be the team’s first bid at a national Envirothon title. This year’s team, called the Advancing Glaciers, includes Alejandro Morales, Grace Liu, Meryl Liu, Melody Palmer, Scott Tobin, Nami Pruitt, Chloe Horncastle, and advisors Joshua Platt and Merrick Johnson. Envirothon is an academic competition that originated in 1979 as the Environmental Olympics. Teams of students are asked questions related to environmental science in areas such as forestry, aquatics, wildlife, agriculture, soils, and current issues. Students compete against other teams locally before moving on to the state competition. The winning team from each state advances to Nationals where they compete against teams from all 50 states and Canada, making it truly an international competition. This year, students will travel to North Carolina to participate in the week-long competition that will include intensive workshops, training, and hands-on experiences. The team looks forward to even more difficult challenges they will face at Nationals and are thankful that the school, district, and community are supporting them in their bid.

THE ADVANCING GLACIERS ADVANCE TO NATIONAL COMPETITION (CONT.)
Sweetwater Elementary (K-5)
@SweetwaterVCPS

SWEETWATER ELEMENTARY LOVES TO READ!

PICTURED ABOVE ARE STUDENTS WHO EARNED THE LIMO RIDE TO A NEW BARNES AND NOBLE

On April 17th, ten students from Sweetwater’s 3rd and 4th grades earned the coveted Limo ride to the brand-new Barnes and Noble. This award was earned by reading all 15 Sunshine State Reader Young Award books and passing the Reading Counts tests in order to prove their reading prowess. These impressive students worked so hard during the school year to read and pass these tests that they were provided the opportunity to ride in a stretch SUV limo from Celebrity Limos. Our Media Specialist Ashlee Gruenewald and her clerk, Lyn Robbins, accompanied these lucky students to Barnes and Noble where they were each given $20 to spend on books in the store! At Barnes and Noble they were treated like royalty by the staff and Manager Dave.

SWEETWATER ELEMENTARY LOVES TO READ! (CONT.)

PICTURED TO THE LEFT ARE THE STUDENTS OUTSIDE BARNES & NOBLE AFTER THEIR LIMO RIDE

A wonderful couple – who were retired teachers – gave them an additional $10 each to spend as a surprise reward. Thank you to our Mystery Donors, Barnes and Noble and Celebrity Limo!
Carl Persis is a graduate of Seabreeze High School. He earned undergraduate degrees from Daytona State College, the University of Central Florida, and a Master Degree in Educational Leadership from Stetson University. Carl served as a Volusia County Schools’ principal for twenty-seven years, an assistant principal for three years, and a teacher for five years.

While serving as a principal, Carl was elected to office five times for a total of fourteen years. The offices were: Volusia County Council, District 4, Mayor of Ormond Beach, and Ormond Beach City Commissioner, Zone 4.

Carl is married to Susan Persis. They have two married children and two grandchildren. They live in Ormond Beach.

Mr. Persis represents District 4, which includes all of Holly Hill, Ormond Beach, Ormond by-the-Sea, the northwest section of Daytona Beach and the area surrounding DeLeon Springs.

SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

Champion Elementary  
David C. Hinson Middle  
Holly Hill School  
McInnis Elementary  
Ormond Beach Elementary  
Ormond Beach Middle  
Osceola Elementary  
Palm Terrace Elementary  
Pathways Elementary  
Pine Trail Elementary  
Seabreeze High  
Tomoka Elementary  
Westside Elementary
Champion Elementary recently held a breakfast to thank their Volunteers. The volunteers at Champion are a vital part of the school’s community. The volunteers help with big events like Storybook Day, Bookfair, Career Day, Field Trips, Holiday Shop, as well as daily activities at the school. During the breakfast, students embraced the opportunity to read letters to the volunteers thanking them for everything they do in the classroom to help them. Smiles and Giggles were heard as the first and second grade students read the letters aloud to the audience. Phrases like you are “PLANTASTIC” (second grader added because you helped us learn about Plants) touched the volunteers. These wonderful volunteers were already signing up to help with end of the year events. Champion Celebrates Volunteers!
STUDENTS ARE MAKING THEIR MARK IN THE MEDIA CENTER!

Pictured to the left is Olivia Kurek, the winner that was selected to paint her artwork on select walls and columns in the media center. Mrs. Ashton received approval from administration to allow Hinson students to submit artwork that represents various fiction books available for checkout in the media center. If their artwork is approved, these lucky students can sketch and paint their masterpiece on selected walls and columns in the media center. Olivia Kurek, an eighth grader at Hinson, is one that has been selected to paint her artwork. Obviously, she is painting a scene that represents the Harry Potter Series. Congratulations to Olivia for being one of the first Hinson students to make her mark!

STUDENTS ARE MAKING THEIR MARK IN THE MEDIA CENTER! (CONT.)

Pictured above (l to r) Mateo Castillo & Anjali Pullareddy (Co-Captains), Matias Cabeza, Eli Ramshaw, Kayla Lancing, and Caroline Booth. This year’s Battle of the Books Champion is Hinson Middle School! Eight Volusia County middle schools competed and four schools tied for the highest score after the first round. Following a sudden death round, the top two schools, Southwestern vs. Hinson, competed in a great championship round. Hinson proved their excellent knowledge of books with the win! Congratulations to our awesome Hurricanes one that has been selected to paint her artwork. Obviously, she is painting a scene that represents the Harry Potter Series. Congratulations to Olivia for being one of the first Hinson students to make her mark!
HOLLY HILL RED CARPET ROLLOUT

Holly Hill School rolled out the red carpet for the SIG 4 convening on April 24th and 25th. State and district level personnel were invited to attend our schools’ story of transformation. We divided the day into five rotations based on our three SIG goals. Participants from the convening were welcomed by our Knight House Council student leaders and High Steppers dance team. Our Knight House Council students escorted all participants to stations, which included community, early learning, SEL, AVID, #ObserveMe classrooms, and the house system. We were excited to receive such positive feedback on the programs that we have implemented here at Holly Hill School.
When Braid Beard’s pirate crew invites Jeremy Jacob to join their voyage, he jumps right on board. Buried treasure, sea chanteys, pirate talk; who wouldn’t go along?

It is that time of year again, summer is upon us! McInnis Elementary School is celebrating the only way we know how to... with a literacy event! On May 21st and the 22nd we will host our Summertime Literacy Event. This exciting happening will be held from 2:00pm till 4:00pm. Students and parents will be able to travel through selected summertime themed books, such as Fireflies and How I Became a Pirate. The rooms will be completely transformed to reflect the books. These rooms will immerse students and parents into the pages and will make them feel like they are in the settings of the stories. From a room filled with a starry night sky swarming with fireflies to a giant wooden pirate ship washing ashore, students and parents will be sure to be left in awe with the detailed settings.

Each room will have a gift that every student and parent is able to take with them that reflects the book read. For example, a piece of “treasure” will be handed out in the pirate room and a Caribbean smoothie will be offered for parents and students to enjoy after reading Caribbean Dream. This event is intended to spark the idea to continue reading over the summer and to give parents and students an unforgettable experience.
appearance at Bingo for Books, an annual OBE event where students win books when completing a BINGO on their play cards. Through the Summer Reading Challenge Kickoff, the Kiwanis Club has shown tremendous support for literacy and commitment to the Ormond Beach Elementary School community. They are looking to not only continue their commitment to the students of Ormond Beach Elementary, but to continue their literacy efforts and impact the children of Volusia County Schools on a grander scale in the upcoming school year. But, for now, the Kiwanis Club has promised to sponsor an ice cream party for students if the reading goal is met, and Ormond Beach Elementary students are ready to meet the challenge!
Ormond Beach Middle (6-8)
@OBMSMedia

CHORUS END OF THE YEAR SHOW

Pictured to the left is the Ormond Beach Middle School chorus.

Ormond Beach Middle School's end of the year show was a huge success! Chorus, dance, and theatre students participated under the direction of Ms. King. It was a fabulous end of the year show!

ORMOND BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL TREPATHON

Pictured to the left is the Ormond Beach chorus performing their end of the year show.

Congratulations to the Ormond Beach Middle School Trepathon Team for placing second in the district and winning $250.00!
Osceola Elementary (K-5)
@OsceolaElem

OSCEOLA GIVES BACK

Pictured to the right is School Board Member, Carl Persis, interviewing a participant of Osceola Gives Back

Our 5th graders participate in a competition called, “Osceola Gives Back.” This Ron Clark inspired project was developed by 5th grade team leader, Debbie Treur with the help of many other teachers. Osceola Gives Back was created to prepare students to give back to the community in which they live by demonstrating necessary social skills for the work force. The five rounds take place where students use their social skills in various settings. The first round takes place in our media center where members from the community interview students. Round two students serve, provide tours, and greet volunteers for the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast. Round three takes place at the Granada Plaza where the top five student’s set-up and promote an item. Round four includes the top three students who will serve ice cream at Hershey’s Ice Cream on a Saturday night. The last round consists of the top two who will be interviewed by 103.3 The Vibe. The winner will be determined by the most likes on Twitter. The winner is announced on our school news and they will receive 1,000 house points and an iPad.

Pictured below is a table from the Osceola Gives Back event

Lynn Bruner
@lynn_bruner
Principal
PERFORMING AT DAYTONA BEACH’S FIRST SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

Palm Terrace Elementary’s Drumline and Dazzling Dolphins performed for classmates, family members, community, and city leaders at Daytona Beach’s First Seafood Festival on Saturday, May 18.

The students had the opportunity to practice the performance throughout the week after school. This program has drummed up lots of attention and is led by Tanya McKenzie and Amina Milam, who have the ultimate goal of expanding the program to more students in the future.

STICK IT TO THE FSA

Palm Terrace is going to STICK IT to the FSA starting next week, by sticking our principal to the wall! What a trooper! He sure knows how to get these kids pumped!
ECONOMICS UNIT
MARKET PLACE

Pictured to the left, students setup their “businesses”

Third graders at Pathways Elementary had an economics unit that culminated with a grade level market place on Tuesday, May 21st. Each student group chose a good or service to sell, developed a market plan including advertising, supply and demand, pricing, set up and job responsibilities. Students each had to make a store front and develop a work schedule so they could also shop at the other stores. Students were able to shop at the other stores with the classroom money that they had been saving throughout the year for behavior.

Pictured below is a student showing off his products to sell to fellow students.

Pictured above a student shops at one of their classmates stores.

Pathways Elementary (K-5)
@Pathways_Elem

Greg Schwartz
@theschwartz96
Principal

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ARBOR DAY
TREE DEDICATION

Pictured to the left is Pine Trail Elementary’s Green Thumb Club, toty Kathy Reynolds, Ormond Beach mayor Bill Partington, & Principal Tami Fisher

On April, 3 trees were donated by the City of Ormond Beach and The Garden Club of Ormond Beach to Pine Trail Elementary in recognition of Arbor Day. 4th grade teacher/Teacher of the Year Kathy Reynolds, Ormond Beach Mayor Bill Partington, Principal Tami Fisher, Garden Club members and the Green Thumb Club were there as the trees were dedicated to the school and planted on the PE field on Friday, April 26, 2019. When grown, they will provide shade for all classes. A big thank you goes to the City of Ormond Beach for their generosity that students and staff will enjoy for years to come!

PINE TRAIL ELEMENTARY PTA HOSTED THE SECOND-ANNUAL FUN RUN

Pictured to the left is a student ready for the fun run to raise money for the school.

The Pine Trail Elementary PTA hosted their second-annual Fun Run to raise money for important projects around the school, while encouraging health and fitness, on Friday, March, 1.

Students of all grade levels were invited to run, jog or walk around a one-fourth mile track, and to complete as many laps as possible in 35-minute increments during their regular physical education time. Family members were encouraged to join in as well.
Wednesday, April 10, 2019 marked the annual Mr. & Miss Seabreeze pageant. This year’s theme was “Be a Light in the World”. Our contestants were all super stars and made a great show with 12 of Seabreeze finest juniors competing for the coveted titles. Congratulations to Timothy Moore and Jadyn Koneski, the winners of Mr. & Miss Seabreeze for 2020.

Pictured above are the girls 4x100 & 4x400 unified relay (Bailey McQuarrrie, Jasmine Taylor, Giuliana Klioze, and Tennia Collins) team Congratulations to Seabreeze’s girls 4x100 & 4x400 unified relay (Bailey McQuarrrie, Jasmine Taylor, Giuliana Klioze, and Tennia Collins) for finishing second FHSAA state championship in Jacksonville.

Make way for Seabreeze’s Daja Williams and Shea Zweifel Unified Cycling 10K Gold Medalists and Jimmy Brewer and Evangelo Pavgouvas Unified Bocce Gold Medalists at the Special Olympics Summer State Games!

Pictured above are Unified Bocce Gold Medalists

Way to go!

Pictured above are the winter guard and indoor percussion teams

Congratulations to our Winter Guard and Indoor Percussion for bringing home the FFCC State Championship in their respective categories. Both groups were incredible!

Joe Rawlings
@jsrawlings
Principal
Tomoka Elementary (K-5)
@TESBraves

KINDERGARTENERS PRESENT THEIR CLASS PUBLICATION TO FAMILIES

Pictured below are some of the FUTURES board and school board member, Mr. Persis, with a copy of the kindergartner’s book.

At Tomoka we have been enjoying our spring music performances, field day, field trips, and end of year events. One of the most endearing moments was when Mrs. Springer’s kindergarteners presented their class publication to their families. Some youngsters bravely read their chapter for the audience. Then every student shared their story and enjoyed refreshments with members of the audience. A copy of their book was presented to members of the FUTURES board who provided the mini-grant which funded the project. We wish everyone a happy summer filled with reading, from Tomoka Elementary where together we can be H.E.R.O.s (Helping Encourage Respecting Others).
Westside Elementary (K-5)
@WestsideVCS

MOTHER’S DAY TEA & GENTLEMAN’S BALL

To the left are students performing songs for Mother’s Day.

Westside Elementary just celebrated two very special events honoring the moms in our lives. Kindergarten students had a Mother’s Day Tea. The students put on a special performance of songs and poems about how much they love their moms. Then everyone enjoyed some tea and pastries provided by our wonderful School Way Café.

Also, that week, Westside celebrated our annual Gentleman’s Ball. The gentleman of the school brought their moms and had a fantastic time dancing the night away. The food, photobooth and DJ made this event extraordinary! One gentleman from each grade level was awarded a crown and declared King of the dance. We love our families here at Westside!

Willie Williams
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Principal

PICNIC FULL OF STAR STUDENTS

Pictured to the right are 5 students from Ms. Williams 1st grade class having a picnic lunch with her.

Five students in Ms. Williams’ first grade classroom filled up their star (good behavior) chart! As a reward, they chose to eat lunch with their teacher and made it even more fun on this beautiful day by deciding to make it a picnic outside! Great job kiddos!!
Mr. Ruben Colón comes to the school board from AdventHealth, where he works as a Clinical Informatics Specialist. He aims to use his background in informatics to help seek new, evidence based and data driven, strategies for the implementation of programs that will benefit all of our students.

Mr. Colón represents District 5, which covers southwest Volusia County, including Deltona, Enterprise, Lake Harney and Osteen areas.

SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

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Deltona Lakes Elementary  
Deltona Middle  
Discovery Elementary  
Enterprise Elementary  
Forest Lake Elementary  
Friendship Elementary  
Galaxy Middle  
Heritage Middle  

Osteen Elementary  
Pine Ridge High  
Pride Elementary  
Spirit Elementary  
Sunrise Elementary  
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In April, our PTA hosted a Glitz and Glam Dance for our little eagles and family members. Decorations were made by our talented eagles through the guidance of our Art teacher, Mrs. Schiavo, and music was provided by our music teacher, Mr. Hernandez. There was fancy footwork, photos, flowers, food and fun. Everyone dressed in their finest and came out to join in some glittery, glamorous dancing, comradery and entertainment. A good time was had by all.

We are at the finish line and even more excited about our last day of school. This year our students, faculty and staff will be honoring everyone’s hard efforts with an End of Year House Celebration. Balloons, banners and flags will decorate our opening ceremony to set off the special celebratory event. After our opening ceremony, classes grouped by house color, will rotate through various special activities such as a dunk tank, visor decorating, a dark room, a zombie apocalypse and so much more to celebrate their yearly house accomplishments. Way to go eagles!
DELTONA MIDDLE SCHOOL BRAIN BOWL TEAM PLACES FIRST IN NCNW BRAIN BOWL

Pictured above Clara Baker, Marlo Jones, Natalie Kabbas and Abigail Young w/ History teacher, Mrs. Ariel Brown

The Deltona Middle School Brain Bowl team placed first in the middle school division at the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. 13th Annual Brain Bowl in Daytona Beach on April 20th. The competition took place on the campus of Bethune Cookman University. The Deltona Middle School team was comprised of eighth graders, Clara Baker, Marlo Jones, Natalie Kabbas and Abigail Young and was led by 8th grade History teacher, Mrs. Ariel Brown. Over the course of several months, the team studied African American history and culture. They competed against other teams in a quiz bowl style competition and placed first. Each member of the winning team was awarded a Kindle tablet. This competition is provided each year by the NCNW to celebrate African American history in our community and the world around

DMS BRAIN BOWL TEAM PLACES FIRST (CONT.)

Pictured above DMS Brain Bowl Team Ready to compete

EACH STUDENT WON A KINDLE FIRE TABLET

Pictured above is one of the team members with their brand new Kindle tablet courtesy of winning

Richard Inge @inge_rick
Principal
Discovery’s Physical Education had a weeklong guest assisting in teaching golf to all its classes. First Tee Golf brought all the golf equipment and lessons to teach students about the game. Students participated in activities that involved driving, putting and chipping. Each lesson included safety, sportsmanship and character development.

Discovery’s 5th grade, in coordination with Physical Education, participated in a field study to Jackie Robinson Baseball Park for Education Days. Students enjoyed an afternoon of baseball, seeing firsthand how the game is played.

They also enjoyed a walk through the museum about Jackie Robinson’s life. One of our students won an official baseball, others caught a free tee shirt from the mascot. There were also science exhibits that were broadcast on the big screen during breaks. Everyone had an enjoyable day learning and enjoying the perfect weather day for a game.

Discovery also recognized and honored teacher nominees, support staff nominees, and Principal nominee at the CEC banquet on April 27th at the Shores Resort and Spa. We appreciate their dedication to our students.
Enterprise Elementary (K-5)
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GO TAKE A HIKE!!!
WALK-A-THON

Go Take a Hike!!! was the name of the company that sponsored our walk-a-thon this year. And did they bring the fun!! While our students brought the FUNds!! The money we raised was used to purchase 10 buddy benches that were placed around the school. The top producers were all given a limo ride to Texas Roadhouse, one of our business partners, where they were able to have an amazing lunch with the Armadillo. The top producer was able to be principal for a day. Gavin Richmond raised over $700 and did an amazing job, as acting principal. In the end, our students raised over $6,000 for our school and PE department. Then, if that wasn’t enough encouragement to help raise money for our benches, they also had a morning of hoop shooting with the teachers. Our hope is that the newly purchased buddy benches will create a kind and safe place for our students to go when they need a friend. Fifth grade students put on skits for the entire school on the best use of the buddy bench. Mrs. McConnell encouraged those same Fifth graders to take the buddy bench concept with them when they venture on to middle school next year.
LEGO ROBOTICS CLUB - MISSION MOON CHALLENGE

PICTURED ARE OUR FOUR TEAMS FROM FOREST LAKE THAT COMPETED IN THE MISSION MOON CHALLENGE

Forest Lake’s FIRST Lego League Jr. Robotics Club recently participated in the Mission Moon Challenge. The club members had to design and build a Moon Base where humans could live on the moon. They had to explore the challenges humans would face such as: What will humans eat? How will they get water? How will humans breathe and what will they use for shelter? They had to then design and build the moon base and show how they solved challenges they explored.

The club members broke into four groups and each group tackled one of the challenge questions. At the competition the students demonstrated their designs and were interviewed by Spruce Creek High School “SMASH” team. The club members brought home a total of five trophies. Elise Johnson, Molly Headrick, and Cayden Miller earned the “Explosive Ideas Award”. Sebastian Wright and Madison Kovacs earned the “Solid as A Rock Award”. Jayleen Germann, Anderson Kuczynski, and Lewis Lowry earned the “Outstanding Teamwork Award”. Gwyneth Uehlein, Darryl Andrews, and Ethan Ingram earned the “Journey Award.” They also won the Overall 1st Place trophy. This honor recognizes that these elementary school students are ready to design and hang with team SMASH of Volusia County.
FRIENDSHIP ELEMENTARY AND DAYTONA TORTUGAS TEAM UP

Pictured to the left, one of the Daytona Tortugas players high-fiving students

On Tuesday, April 30th, the Daytona Tortugas baseball team teamed up for a fun filled day of relaxing and life lessons before FSA testing began. The Tortugas brought several players from their Florida State League winning team to talk to our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders about hard work and perseverance. Sheldon and Shelly, the team mascots came along to entertain the students with cheers and dances. The students were able to ask questions of the players and take pictures.

DROP THE MIC CONTEST

Later in the afternoon all students were treated to a “Drop the Mic” contest put on by the teachers. Many original songs and dances were performed by the Friendship staff. The winner of the contest was our 4th/5th grade teams with a performance of "Old Town Road" which brought the house down. After the show, pizza and drinks were enjoyed by all.
DUKE ENERGY’S POLLINATOR GARDEN GRANT

Pictured to the left are two students working in the garden.

Galaxy Middle STEM Academy and Mrs. Tatum’s art classes had the privilege of participating in Duke Energy’s Pollinator Garden Grant. Duke provided $3,000 to Galaxy to install a Florida friendly pollinator supporting garden, in addition, Debary Nursery graciously donated two Florida peach trees. Over two hundred students helped with the installation. These students moved over five yards of mulch, planted more than one hundred trees, and pulled numerous amounts of weeds. This area was planted in the hopes that Florida native bees, butterflies, and birds will have a place to feed. There has been a decline in pollinator populations, so this small garden will be used as a sanctuary for these animals. The garden came out amazing! We would like to thank Duke Energy, Futures Inc., Lyonia Preserve, Debary Nursery, and Louise Chapman for making this beautiful garden possible.

Pictured above are some photos from the Garden.

Karen Chenoweth
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Principal
STEM EXPO

Pictured above are students at the STEM Expo.

Parents were invited to breakfast followed by hands on demonstrations of STEM activities. Our students and parents were able to interactively participate with displays and activities demonstrating all the wonderful STEM opportunities happening at Heritage Middle School.

HMS FAMILY CENTER HOLDS JOB FAIR

Pictured above is one of the tables from the Job Fair.

The Heritage Middle School Family Center held its first Job Fair on April 16, 2019. The Job Fair was open to our Eagle Family and the surrounding community. Event included many community employers, resume assistance and networking opportunities. A very special thank you to all who help make this event a huge success.

PARENT & STUDENT FOOTBALL/BBQ

Pictured above are parents & students playing football.

A great time was had by all who attended the annual Heritage Middle School Parent and Student Football/BBQ on April 26, 2019, hosted by our Parent Involvement Team. Approximately 500 parents and students were treated to a wonderful morning of delicious BBQ & tons of prizes.

There were great performances from the HMS Eaglettes, the HMS Show Choir, and a special appearance by the Pine Ridge Football Team.

Thomas Vaughan
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Principal
HAPPENINGS AT OSTEEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PICTURED BELOW ARE STUDENTS FROM OSTEEN ELEMENTARY’S PRODUCTION OF ALICE IN WONDERLAND Jr.

There is always something to celebrate at Osteen Elementary school! Our Bronco Chorale recently performed a fantastic musical performance of Alice in Wonderland Jr. directed by Mrs. Heather Lefils. Our Kindergarten students also put on a wonderful “Zoosical” performance for their families. We celebrated the wonderful reading achievements of our students with events such as “Aquapalooza”, “Morning Madness” and “Bananas about Books”.

GREAT READERS

PICTURED BELOW ARE STUDENTS CELEBRATING THEIR READING ACHIEVEMENTS

AQUAPALOOZA FOR WONDERFUL READING ACHIEVEMENTS!

PICTURED ABOVE ARE STUDENTS HAVING FUN AT THE AQUAPALOOZA EVENT

Jim Bambrick
Principal
Pine Ridge High School Earth First Club, under the direction of club sponsor Mrs. Gowen had a very busy month.

They began with their annual Turtle Day at The Marine Science Center at Ponce Inlet on 4/06. They had a craft booth for the elementary students to participate in.

Next, was the annual St. John’s River Cleanup at Lake Monroe Park on Saturday, 4/13. The students repurposed plastic caps from water bottles to make a huge World Globe.

They wrapped up the month with their Earth First Club Earth Day Celebration on Earth Day, 4/22. They had various activities available in the courtyard for all students to participate in during lunch.
WAX MUSEUM COMES ALIVE AT PRIDE ELEMENTARY

PICTURED TO THE LEFT, THIRD GRADERS PARTICIPATING IN THE “WAX MUSEUM”

Third Graders from Pride Elementary participated in a “Wax Museum.” Each student researched a famous person and created a bulletin board with facts and interesting information. Our cafeteria was set up with their boards and each student was dressed as their person. Parents, staff and fellow students went around and pushed a student’s button. When the button was pressed the famous person “came alive” and the student gave a fascinating report!

PICTURED ABOVE, MORE THIRD GRADERS PARTICIPATING IN THE “WAX MUSEUM”

WAX MUSEUM COMES ALIVE AT PRIDE ELEMENTARY (CONT.)

Our cafeteria was filled with Amelia Earhart, Albert Einstein, J.K. Rowling, Clara Barton, Barack Obama, Cleopatra, Abraham Lincoln and many more! We were all very impressed with their hard work!

Elizabeth Johnson
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Principal
15 BOOKS, A LIMO RIDE, AND PASTA!

Pictured to the left is Media Specialist Michelle Gaetjens on a limo lunch ride with students who completed the Reading Challenge.

What do 15 books, a limo ride, and pasta have in common? They all comprised the SSYRA Challenge! On May 14th, we celebrated those who accepted and completed the challenge with a limo ride to Olive Garden for lunch! To complete the challenge, students had to read all 15 SSYRA books and pass the corresponding Reading Counts quizzes with a 70% or higher. This is just one of the many ways Media Specialist Michelle Gaetjens cultivates a lifelong love of reading.

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Pictured to the left is the Spirit Elementary Dance Team.

The last quarter also brought the PTA’s Annual Talent Show: Spirit’s Got Talent! Dozens of our trailblazers presented talents from singing to dancing to telling jokes! Thank you to our amazing PTA board for all the amazing events throughout the year.

Spirit’s Dance Team also appeared for their final performance of the school year! Thank you to you Stefanie Elliott, Collie Scott, and Darlene Tufariello for leading and inspiring these talented dancers.

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“ONE NUMBER DIFFERENT” PHILOSOPHY

PICTURED TO THE LEFT AND BELOW ARE SUNRISE ELEMENTARY STAFF & THE PRINCIPAL WEARING THEIR “ONE NUMBER DIFFERENT” SHIRT

What is a number? A number is used to count, measure, or define a concept. A number has many uses, such as your address, birth date, age, phone number, events, brand, price, size, income, etc. Can a number change your status uphill or downhill?

At Sunrise Elementary, we have been promoting our “One Number Different” philosophy. One number could change your grades, FSA scores, books read, and goals met to name a few. Our school has been decorated with this viewpoint to encourage our students that “One Number Different” could change their outcome.

Efraín Alejandro
@alejandroeight
Principal

“ONE NUMBER DIFFERENT” PHILOSOPHY (CONT.)

PICTURED TO THE RIGHT IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE “ONE NUMBER DIFFERENT” DECORATIONS AROUND THE SCHOOL

One Number Different and their path can take a new direction towards a bigger goal. It could transform how they view themselves as they move up to the next level. One Number Different and they can change the world!
SELEBRATION WEEK

PICTURED ABOVE STUDENTS DRESSED UP FOR SELEBRATION WEEK

Timbercrest Tigers celebrated SELebration Week by focusing on fundamental life skills, establishing positive relationships, and making responsible decisions. Students and staff participated in special dress up days, such as crazy hair and socks, team jerseys, hat day, neon, and Superhero day. What a great way to SELebrate!

SHELLDON VISITS TIMBERCREST

PICTURED ABOVE IS SHELLDON, THE TORTUGAS MASCOT

Shelldon and his friend from the Daytona Tortugas came to Timbercrest to kick off the Daytona Tortugas Summer Reading Program. Students attended an assembly to learn all about the home summer reading program. Parents will record how many minutes of reading that the students are doing at home and turn that in to earn prizes, including attending a Daytona Tortugas baseball game! Students can’t wait to get started!
Thank you to our Key Communicators who share stories and information about all the great things happening in their schools and across the school district.