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AdventHealth eCare is now available in your student’s school

AdventHealth Healthy Futures Partnership is implementing eCare telemedicine in 36 schools that were identified as having high rates of chronic absenteeism.

- ALL 36 schools will be up and running with eCare by November 15, 2019.
- Clinic Supervisors and Clinic Staff have been trained in the eCare platform and will continue to receive support as the program rolls out.
- For more information about the AdventHealth partnership go to the VCS website at: https://www.vcsedu.org/strategic-partnerships/adventhealth
- A short video about eCare can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uejXZw51UV0&feature=youtu.be

**eCare Schools:**

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Pride Elementary  
Read-Patillo Elementary  
South Daytona Elementary  
Spirit Elementary  
Spruce Creek Elementary  
Starke Elementary  
Sugar Mill Elementary  
Taylor Middle/High School  
Turie T. Small Elementary  
Volusia Pines Elementary  
Westside Elementary
HIGH SCHOOL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Pictured to the left are some students with an exciting CTE opportunity provided by the Daytona Tortugas

The High School Ambassador program with the Tortugas is an exciting opportunity for CTE students! They are creating an event from start to finish. What a great real-world project!

VMA ROBOT BRAWL 2019
AT JACKIE ROBINSON BALLPARK

Pictured above is Xev Evanson talking to VMA CEO Jayne Fifer & a photo from the day of the event

Saturday October 5th the VMA Robot Brawl was held at Jackie Robinson Ballpark! People were able to enjoy some feats of engineering as student-made robots fought each other.

Clayton Park of the Daytona Beach News-Journal went in to detail about the VMA Robot Brawl: "The robots have names such as Deathswarm, Atomic Awesomeness, Kitten Blasters and Chickbots.

Xev Evanson, Spruce Creek High School Senior, said he spent all summer designing his aluminum “full-body spinner” robot, which he has named Circle. It’ll have this inner-chassis here that’s meant to spin this outer shell and when the other robots come up to it, hopefully it’ll send them flying because this thing will be spinning at about 350 miles per hour,” he said, while showing an animation video he made of how his robot will work on one of the computers in the Academy of Information Technology & Robotics."

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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AUTHORS VISIT BLUE LAKE

PICTURED TO THE LEFT IS ONE OF THE AUTHORS’ VISITS, MS. PRIMROSE CAMERON

Blue Lake second grade students recently had the opportunity to meet Ms. Primrose Cameron, author of “Princess Primrose Goes to Washington D.C.” She spoke to the students about being patient. Fourth grade students welcomed the author of “Smack Dab in the Middle of Maybe”, Ms. Jo Watson Hackl. Ms. Hackl talked with the students about writing their own story. They all received a copy of her book compliments of Blue Lake teacher Jennifer Reid. Thank you, Mrs. Reid!

DONUTS FOR DADS AND MUFFINS FOR MOMS

PICTURED TO THE LEFT IS A PHOTO FROM THE MUFFINS WITH MOM EVENT

Blue Lake parents! On September 18th Blue Lake hosted “Donuts for Dads” in the media center with donuts, activities for them and their students, and a musical performance. On October 9th “Muffins for Moms” took place. They enjoyed musical performances and photo opportunities with their children.

Not to be forgotten are Blue Lake Elementary grandparents. Bingo Night will take place on November 6th for them to come for games, milk and cookies, and quality time with their grandchildren.

WALK TO SCHOOL 2019

PICTURED TO THE RIGHT IS THE WALK TO SCHOOL EVENT THAT TOOK PLACE ON OCTOBER 2ND

Blue Lake students that walk to school participated in the National Walk to School Day on October 2nd. Students and parents were greeted at our walker gates with music and balloons. Students enjoy participating in this annual event.

Scott Lifvendahl
Principal
Citrus Grove Elementary (K-5)
@CitrusGroveVCS
FIRE SAFETY DAY

During the month of August, our Citrus Grove 2nd graders learned all about fire safety in their classes. On Friday, August 21, Volusia County Fire and Safety even made a guest appearance at our school to demonstrate all they do to keep our community safe! Our students and teachers had an amazing time learning through this incredible experience! Our teachers and students even got to try out the powerful water hoses our fire fighters use to put out fires!

DIAMOND DEL’S
GEM MINING ADVENTURE

On Friday, October 11, our Citrus Grove 4th graders enjoyed a unique and interactive experience with Diamond Del’s Gem Mining Adventure! For this field trip, the learning came to us in the form of a mobile gem mining sluice. Students were able to rinse boxes of mining ore through flumes of water to discover rocks from all over the world. They then learned how to identify and classify their rocks with an engaging presentation from Diamond Del himself and the help of a rock identification chart in front of them. Our 4th graders had a blast discovering, learning, and collecting their rocks!
START WITH HELLO WEEK, DONUTS WITH DAD, & WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Pictured to the left is a photo from Start with Hello Week

Hello, Hola, Bonjour, Salvi! DeBary students participated in Start with Hello Week, September 23-27, through various activities that encouraged kindness and inclusion.

We ended September celebrating National Dads Bring Your Child to School Day and invited dads and father figures to bring their child to school on Sept 25. Our PTO hosted dads before school in the courtyard with donuts. This year hundreds of dads and father figures enjoyed a breakfast chat and selfie session with their child and other dads.

Just in time for cooler temperatures, we welcomed October by participating in Walk to School Day. Hundreds of students and parents met at the local Winn-Dixie as the sun woke to walk down Highbanks Road to school.

Pictured above is a photo from Donuts w/ Dad day

NAMED HIGH PERFORMING SCHOOL

We are proud to represent Volusia County Schools as a School of Excellence! The State Board of Education added DeBary Elementary to the list of high performing schools in the state. Thank you to our outstanding, dedicated staff and supportive school community!

Alisa Fedigan
@AMF54321
Principal
HOMECOMING SEASON

We are excited to be closing out this quarter on another high note with another completion to a great homecoming season. That includes our longstanding traditions of our Student Growl, welcoming alumni back to campus for the Alumni Tea & Growl, followed by the annual homecoming parade through downtown and culminating with the game against University High.

ROBERT AND AMY HARPER AWARD & NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR SEMI-FINALIST

DeLand High is off to a great start to the 2019-2020 school year. Over the summer, our carpentry teacher, Mr. Hervey was recognized by both the Future Builders of America (FBA) and the Duvall Home at their annual award ceremonies. The FBA recognized Mr. Hervey for his outstanding commitment to the program as whole by presenting him with the Robert and Amy Harper Award. The Duvall home recognized Mr. Hervey’s commitment to their programs, presenting him with their Inspiration Award.

Earlier this month we recognized Senior Louis “Dietrich” Gvzmann-Sivilotti on his achievement of being named a National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalist for his outstanding scores when he took last year’s PSAT/NMSQT exam.

Pictured at the top is Mr. Hervey receiving his award and right above is senior Louis Gvzmann-Sivilotti.
DELAND MIDDLE STUDENTS PREPARE TO ROCK STATE ASSESSMENTS

PICTURED TO THE LEFT ARE STUDENTS AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RYAN MAHANEY

Great way to wrap up week 1 of the 2020 school year with a super cool spirit day!!! A couple of 8th grade #Mahaniacs in their spirit gear!!! #terrierPRIDE

TEACHER OF THE YEAR RECEPTION, 8TH GRADE COLONIAL FAIR, CULINARY ARTS, & HOMECOMING PARADE

PICTURED TO THE RIGHT IS THE CULINARY ARTS PROGRAM

Busy week at DeLand MS. We celebrated Mr. Robinson at the TOTY reception. 8th grade US History conducted their colonial fair. Students visited the Terrier Exchange. Culinary Arts cooked, and plated a meal. Lastly our band marched in DeLand High Homecoming Parade.
Pictured above are students holding donations for Freedom Cares and below is a photo from the Big Blast fundraiser.

Freedom Elementary is soaring high with Falcon pride this year! The school is celebrating its twentieth year teaching children. The Freedom Fall Festival on November 2 will highlight 20 years of school history. The festival is 10:00am-2:00pm at the school and will include carnival games, a rock wall, petting zoo, mini golf, food trucks and entertainment.

Freedom is proud of this year’s Teacher of the Year, Pam Andrews. Pam has taught in Volusia County Schools for 20 years and has been at Freedom Elementary for nine of them. She currently teaches ESE.

Pam is an outstanding teacher and always goes above and beyond for the success of all students. The staff celebrated Pam with the annual Fall-themed Teacher of the Year breakfast on October 14. As we close out quarter one at Freedom, we reflect on our events that support our mission. The fabulous Freedom PTA held an amazing fundraiser, Big Blast, which combined lots of obstacle course fun with raising funds for the school. Freedom Dads and special guests started off their children’s day by walking their children to school on September 25. PTA provided donuts and juice for the event. Literacy Night was also a success and included literacy stations and activities, guest readers, and the Book Fair. Many new clubs have begun as well: Girls on the Run, Freedom Run Club, Lumos Harry Potter Club, FFEA, Art-rageous Kids Club, and more!

Freedom Falcons are ready to soar into the second quarter and reach for excellence!
SPIRIT NIGHTS AT
CHICK-FIL-A, SONNY’S, & BERRYVILLE

Our year has certainly started out with a BANG here at George Marks Elementary! As we have all become comfortable in “portable city” during our rebuild, we have held several events including spirit nights at Chick-fil-A, Sonny’s and BerryVille. Our spirit nights have brought in nearly $500 to start off our first quarter.

DADS TAKE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY, WALKATHON, & HISPANIC HERITAGE NIGHT

On September 25th we hosted donuts with dads for “Dads Take Your Child to School Day” and celebrated our first Hispanic Heritage night on October 10th, with such an amazing turnout we have decided to make this a yearly event moving forward. We also held our annual walk-a-thon on Friday October 11th with over 490 students participating, we met our school wide goal of $6,000 so all students will receive day of extra recess.

Shannon Young
@sbyoung19
Principal
**Manatee Cove Elementary (K-5)**

@VCSManateeCove

**HARRY POTTER HOUSE SYSTEM IMPLEMENTED FOR MAXIMUM FUN AND LEARNING**

We are off to a great start at Manatee Cove Elementary School! This year we are implementing the House System! Will the faculty, staff, and students be sorted into Team Isibindi, Altruismo, Amistad, or Reveur? On August 21st, the students began their sorting! The students got to spin a big wheel and go down a giant slide to the cheers of their peers. It was a fun filled day with lots of smiles and excitement!

**DONUTS WITH DAD TO CELEBRATE DADS TAKE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY**

On September 25th, PTA hosted Donuts with Dad to celebrate “Dads Take Your Child to School Day”. We celebrated all the dads, stepdads, grandfathers, brothers, uncles, and all the male role models. We had a fabulous turnout and served hundreds of donuts. It was wonderful to see all the smiling faces!

**WALK & BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY**

PICTURED ABOVE PARTICIPANTS DRESSED UP FOR MULTI-CULTURAL NIGHT.

On October 2nd, we observed Walk & Bike to School Day. We had a great turnout with many students and parents coming to school on foot! Thank you to our faculty, staff, community members, and parents who participated!
FALL FESTIVAL

Pictured to the left & to the right are events from the Fall Festival as well as all the volunteers.

The Orange City Elementary PTA in partnership with the school’s Principal Mr. Bynum, coordinated the Fall Festival. Our events would not happen if it weren’t for our volunteers! Thank you to everyone who raised their hands to help with our event last night: Parents, Grandparents, Teachers, UHS Students, and Bee Realty!

ORANGE CITY ELEMENTARY’S TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Pictured above is Teacher of the Year Ms. Adams

Orange City Elementary is proud to announce our Teacher of the Year, Ms. Adams.
Pictured below are the Los Fantasticos dancers.

Another group of students, our Los Fantasticos dancers, had a great experience when they recently performed in Crescent City as part of a Hispanic Heritage Month celebration. The dancers are led by Mrs. Nancy Perez, one of our kindergarten teachers. We are so proud of her and this talented group of students that put in a lot of practice to learn traditional Mexican dances and perform throughout the school year.

Teacher of the Year

Pictured above is Teacher of the Year, Mr. Anthony Scaglione.

Last, but certainly not least, we were proud to crown Mr. Anthony Scaglione as our new Teacher of the Year. Mr. Scaglione is a phenomenal ESE support facilitation teacher that always goes the extra mile to make his students want to succeed. We couldn’t ask for a better teacher to represent the Pierson Cubs.
The 8th grade culinary students at River Springs Middle School of Technology & Innovation, along with their culinary teacher Mrs. Mann, have recently opened Swamp Way Café. This café offers coffee, tea, and pastries to teachers and staff before school starts each day. Leading up to the grand opening on September 19th, the students had to develop a full plan for their business including the budget, menu, and marketing. "I hope to allow my 8th grade culinary students the opportunity to truly feel like they have led and designed this coffee shop. I want them to build their verbal communication skills as leaders within our school community. They will learn the fundamentals idea of opening a business, marketing it, and managing it," stated Mrs. Mann.

Congratulations to our Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Brackney!!
THE SCIENCE MACHINE ROCKS S.T.E.M.

Pictured above and below are photos from Michael Green “The Science Machine’s” visit

Southwestern is working hard to involve students in many hands on and interactive STEM opportunities. Through this work, Southwestern Middle hosted Michael Green “The Science Machine”. Southwestern filled the auditorium with over 200 students who were able to enjoy an interactive science show.

house. Who knew science could be so much fun?? Students learned about everything from heat transformation, using a balloon filled with water, to gravitational forces using a leaf blower and demonstrating electrical forces making a pickle glow. He made science exciting, for all students in attendance.
Edith I. Starke Elementary (K-5)
@EISElemKoalas

CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Pictured below is one of the fun Friday school events, Piñata party.

October is “Celebrate Hispanic Heritage” month here at Edith I. Starke Elementary! Students have participated in many activities throughout our entire school community. Parents have decorated common areas on campus and there have been various activities in all classrooms including Special Area. The Fun Friday school wide events that students in all grades participated in were Sombrero Day, Nacho Fiesta, Piñata party, and Hispanic Dance Party.

CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH (CONT.)

The culminating evening event was Friday, October 18th at 5:30. There are many activities planned for all families such as multicultural storytelling and dinner. Teachers, students and families have worked very hard to educate and celebrate the Hispanic Culture. The entire Starke community had a wonderful time sharing in all these wonderful events! Starke is on the rise growing leaders in every size!

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Ms. Amanda Forstater won the 2019 Florida Association of Agricultural Educators Outstanding Early Career Teacher Award and was a regional finalist for the national award. NAAE members who are in their third through seventh year of teaching are eligible to apply at the national level for this award. Ms. Forstater was humbled to win this award stating, “being involved in my professional organization has been stressed to me since the very beginning of my path to teaching. I try to take advantage of every opportunity possible to engage in professional development or leadership experience within my professional organizations (FAAE & NAAE). Earning awards such as OECT, or the ‘Florida Rookie Ag Teacher of the Year,’ helps to open up more opportunities for me to continue to hone my craft making me a better teacher for my students and fellow teachers.”

Mrs. Ramos, varsity volleyball coach, earned her 300th career win against one of our biggest rivals—Crescent City. As Coach Ramos states, “these 300 wins are all about the amazing girls I have had the opportunity to coach over these years. Each year they show up with heart & determination; even the first couple of seasons when victories were few & far between-girls showed up with the willingness to win! With Crescent City having always been our rival, even though we have a great relationship with them, I wouldn’t have wanted it anywhere else.”

The CTE Presidential Scholar review team selected Kaitlin Jones, senior, as the representative for Volusia County Schools. Kaitlin’s nomination shows that she is engaged in rigorous coursework, exhibits leadership among her peers, with a strong work ethic excelling in her agricultural education program.
PLACING ON THEIR
OWN FIELD

September 27th was the first night UHS Varsity Football played a game on their own home field! It was a special evening as we also celebrated our Senior Night for Football, Cheer, Dance, and Band. We recently had lights installed over the field for night games. Families were encouraged to bring outdoor chairs, since we don’t have stands yet. We had a great turnout of students, UHS alumni, teachers, families, and community members. Our next game played at home will be our Homecoming Game. UHS Titan Spirit is strong!

SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

PICTURED ABOVE IS THE VIEW FROM THE HILL AT THE NEW UHS FOOTBALL FIELD

ESOL KICKOFF EVENT 2019

PICTURED TO THE LEFT IS JOHN MUZA AT THE ESOL KICKOFF EVENT

Friday September 13th at 11:00. Mrs. Torres, ESOL Coordinator, and Mr. Cunningham, Assistant Principal, organized this event for our ESOL students. They organized the following motivational speakers: Ruben Colon, Member of the School Board and representing Advent Health, Gianna Acevedo, Coordinator of World Languages with Volusia County Schools, and Sandra Quijano, ESOL District Employee, Dr. Jones, University High Principal, and Mrs. Torres spoke about the opportunities available for our students, encouraged them to work hard and advocate for themselves. John Muza, Radio Host, spoke and individually met with students during the food and music.

University High (9-12)
@UHSTitans411

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Julian Jones
@JulianFJones
Principal
DADS TAKE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY

PICTURED TO THE LEFT ARE STUDENTS AND THEIR DADS GETTING READY TO PLAY GAMES

On Wednesday, September 25, 2019, Volusia Pines Elementary School welcomed over 400 students and male role models for the 5th Annual “Dads, Take Your Child to School Day.” Student K-5 took the stage to talk about their male role model. The students also showed the crowd the arts and crafts they created for the special day. We ended the program with a special poem written and read by one of our 5th grade students. His father was both proud and impressed with his son’s poetry skills. While waiting for a hot crescent roll and coffee, the male role models played games with the children. The men were eager and proud to be represented and recognized by their child at the event.

DADS TAKE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY (CONT.)

PICTURED TO THE LEFT ARE STUDENTS AND THEIR DADS PLAYING GAMES TOGETHER

One grandpa teared up as he thanked us for the opportunity to see how his grandchildren start each morning at school. He also raved about his new photo frame and potholder created with love. We agree that this event is spectacular and can’t wait to hold the Moms and Muffins event in the spring. It’s great to be a Panther!
**PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SETS THE TONE!**

*PICTURED ABOVE ARE PHOTOS FROM DAD’S DAY EVENT AT WOODWARD*

Woodward’s Superstar parents and families set the tone for the 2019-2020 school year by actively participating in different planned events on campus. The Annual Title I Parent Meeting witnessed more than one hundred parents in attendance. Open House proved more successful with more than three hundred parents and guardians in attendance. Grandparents’ Day and Dads Take Your Child to School Day surpassed Open House's attendance numbers including more than 300 dads and guardians present. Guests for both annual events were treated to a light breakfast, a thank you message from students and the principal, and engaged in classroom lessons designed to demonstrate students’ love, appreciation, and heartfelt thanks. It was “Awesome” to experience an increase in family engagement during each event.

*PICTURED TO THE LEFT IS A PHOTO FROM DAD’S DAY EVENT AT WOODWARD*

Many thanks to Volusia County Sheriff’s Officers for attending Dads Take Your Child to School Day to help students without a father or guardian in attendance. Superstars Always RISE to the Top Together!
ABOUT ME

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.

SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

Atlantic High
Campbell Middle
Horizon Elementary
Longstreet Elementary
Mainland High
Ortona Elementary
Port Orange Elementary
Silver Sands Middle
South Daytona Elementary
Sugar Mill Elementary
Turie T. Small Elementary
Volusia Online
ATLANTIC HIGH SCHOOL PLAYS FIRST HOME FOOTBALL GAME UNDER THE LIGHTS

PICTURED TO THE LEFT IS A PHOTO FROM THE GAME

On Monday, September 9th, the Atlantic Sharks Football team kicked off their first home game under the lights of their own campus! For the first time, since the school opened in 1995, our team was able to play a night game on our own home field. Thousands of community members attended the game, including faculty, family members, alumni and friends. The game was a big “W” against Seabreeze.

ATLANTIC HIGH SCHOOL’S HOMECOMING DANCE 2019 - “AROUND THE WORLD”

PICTURED TO THE LEFT, RIGHT, AND BELOW ARE PHOTOS FROM ATLANTIC HIGH SCHOOL’S HOMECOMING DANCE THAT TOOK PLACE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH.
**Campbell Middle (6-8)**
@CMSportans

**CAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL TO HOST THE EASTSIDE TITLE I FACT FAIR**

On November 14, 2019 Campbell Middle School, 5:30 – 7:00 P.M., the public is invited to attend an event at Campbell Middle School that will offer a wealth of information including several free health checks; educational services; employment opportunities; free groceries; free refreshments and entertainment for all. Mrs. Linda Huger is the school contact, and she can be reached at 386-258-4661 ext. 53651.

**#1 SPARTAN PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATES IN SEVEN ELEVEN GRAND OPENING**

If you just happened to be out and about during the morning of Friday, October 12th at the intersection of Bellevue Avenue and Nova Road you probably wondered what was going on! Well the #1 Marching Spartans/chorus/flags/cheerleaders were taking over the area. The City of Daytona Beach Police under the direction of Chief Craig Capri paved the way for the students to arrive safely at the Grand Opening of the new Seven Eleven in close proximity of the school. The students gave a stellar performance. After which, the management provided refreshments for all of the students. Most of all, they decided to partner with the school. Go #1 Spartans!

**ALL PRO DADS CELEBRATE “DADS WALK YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL DAY”**

On September 25th families at Campbell Middle School joined together and walked their children into the gates of Campbell Middle School. The huge crowd of participants were led onto the campus by the #1 Spartan Marching Band. They were treated to an old fashion southern style breakfast and parenting tips. Dr. Picott welcomed the group and encouraged them to continue to get involved in their daily academic progress and other upcoming events at the school. The facilitators for the event were Mrs. Linda Huger, Mr. David Thomas, and Mr. Nathaniel Anderson. The event was well attended and filled the entire Vickie J. Presley Media Complex.
CELEBRATING CREATIVITY AND COURAGE WITH DOTS

Pictured to the left and below are students wearing their Dot Day attire.

"Just make a mark and see where it takes you." With these words, the art teacher in Peter H. Reynolds' The Dot, encourages her young student to discover the artist within her. Reynolds' book has become an international classic, leading to International Dot Day. Horizon Elementary School’s second annual celebration of Dot Day found students and teachers alike covered in dots. Classes decorated their doors with dots and with student artwork, sharing their creativity and inspiration with the school.

Art teacher Jeanne Ramsey, last year’s organizer of our first Dot Day, expressed her gratitude: “Thank you to everyone who participated in Horizon’s Dot Day! We had a school full of creative outfits with DOTS everywhere!

CELEBRATING CREATIVITY AND COURAGE WITH DOTS (CONT.)

Pictured to the right are two students showing off their original dot shirt designs.

So glad everyone understood the message of the book, The Dot, by Peter H. Reynolds, and how we can all be creative showing courage and bravery in everything we do.”
Donuts with Dad was held on September 23rd. This annual event is always a wonderful opportunity for our school to recognize the support of our fathers, grandfathers, and adult positive role models in our students’ lives. Thank you to our PTA for sponsoring this event.

Open House was held on September 12th. Our PTA was present selling pizza and water to a packed house. Also, many of our business partners were present with their company display to share information with our families. Principal Watson made the big announcement of our winner for the 2020-2021 Teacher of the Year. Congratulations to Amy Spies, 4th Grade Teacher, who was voted by her peers to represent our school. Mrs. Watson also recognized the other nominees with flowers. They were Courtney Inge, Kindergarten Teacher and Lorraine McLaughlin, Music Teacher.
Mainland High (9-12)
@Mainlandhigh

MAINLAND AUXILIARIES AND DAVINCI SURGICAL ROBOT

Pictured to the top left are the lady bucs, majorettes, and mirage color guard and to the bottom left are students getting hands-on experience with the Davinci Surgical Robot.

You are looking at your SUPERIOR rated Mainland Auxiliaries!! Congrats to our Lady Bucs, Majorettes, and Mirage Color Guard!!! What an amazing day representing Mainland at the B-CU Homecoming Parade, FBA Marching Performance Assessment, and the B-CU Game! Go BUCS!

Thank you to AdventHealth for hosting our students exploring the new DaVinci Surgical Robot! What an awesome experience!

MAINLAND HOMECOMING KING AND QUEEN

Pictured to the left are Jett Stafford and Trinity Allen

Congratulations to your 2019-20 Homecoming King and Queen: Jett Stafford and Trinity Allen

Tim Huth
Principal
**Open House, Fall Book Fair, Dad’s Take Your Child To School Day, And Walk To School Day**

**Pictured Above Are Dads, Grandfathers, Uncles And Other Prominent Male Father Figures During Take Your Child To School Day**

Ortona’s Title One Open House was held on Tuesday, September 10. Teacher meet and greets, our Fall book fair and a short Title One meeting were on the agenda for the evening. We had a great turn out and the parents and students were excited to purchase some wonderful new reading materials to help support our Media Center. On Wednesday, September 25 Ortona celebrated our annual Dad’s Take Your Child to School Day with 43 father figures signing up to participate. We were fortunate to have a huge turnout of dads, grandfathers, uncles and prominent male figures in our students’ lives. The men came and enjoyed an outdoor breakfast with their child after which they listened to an inspiring speaker, Dr. Chester Wilson about the significance of good male role models in our children’s lives. Our final activity for the quarter took place on Wednesday, October 2nd in the early morning. Parents, students and school personnel gathered at the Schnebly Center at 7:00 AM to enjoy a leisurely “Walk to School Day” to encourage relationship building and a sense of community.
The annual Donuts with Dudes event at Port Orange Elementary was better than ever this year. Dads, grandfathers, uncles, older brothers, and other positive male role models, as well as several moms and grandmothers, enjoyed breakfast with their children on September 25th, 2019. The cafeteria was filled with smiling faces, engaging conversation, and hungry Tigers. Through generous donations, we were able to serve 360 donuts, 200 cups of coffee, and 200 juice boxes. The selfie station was a hit as students and role models struck poses to capture the celebration.

Pictured to the left are students and their fathers in the cafeteria for Donuts with Dudes.

Special thanks to our PTA who planned and staffed the event and our sponsors including the Residence Inn Daytona Beach Shores, Krispy Kreme Donuts, Paul’s Coins, Caring Hearts Assisted Living Facility, and BJ’s Wholesale. Extra special thanks to all of our dads and role models who made the morning memorable for our students.

Angela Polite
@ap2ep2
Principal
Silver Sands Middle (6-8)
@SilverSandsMS
FAMILY DAYS CELEBRATION

Pictured below is the Silver Sands Warrior band led by Director Joseph Powell.

“Silver Sands had a great time representing our school at this year’s Family Days celebration! The Silver Sands Warrior band, as well as our Pride Dance Ensemble and advanced dance classes joined in the fun. The band, led by Director Joseph Powell, marched in the parade, playing the songs, “Paint it Black” and “The Land of 1000 Dances.” They chose “The Land of 1000 Dances” because it represents many different cultures and felt it would be a great way to get out and be a part of our Port Orange community. Our dance teams performed on the main stage to the songs, “I Like It,” and “D-Car Line.”

FAMILY DAYS CELEBRATION (CONT.)

The students were able to bring all sorts of dance genres into their performances, including hip hop and swing. Mrs. Soileau, our school dance instructor stated that the “students enjoyed dancing to the fast pace of the songs.”
OPEN HOUSE, DONUTS WITH DUDES, PUBLIX MATH NIGHT & NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Pictured to the left is the school mascot, Marshmallow, greeting students at open house and below is the donuts with dudes event.

South Daytona Elementary is off to a great start for the 2019-2020 school year. Our school’s families and community members have been invited to participate in several events so far this year. In September, our families enjoyed visiting their children’s classrooms at Open House. Our school mascot, Marshmallow even showed up to greet everyone. We welcomed approximately 350 guests to our annual Donuts with Dudes Day. Our special “Dudes” spent time eating breakfast and socializing with our students. In October, we hosted three events. We held Publix Math Night which encouraged our families to solve math problems throughout the store, participated in National Walk to School Day, escorting our students to school with the help of South Daytona mayor, Bill Hall, police officers, firefighters, teachers, staff and administrators. In addition, we held our first Celebration of Achievement Ceremonies for all grade levels.

SOUTH DAYTONA ELEMENTARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR RECIPIENT

Pictured to the right is national walk to school day accompanied by firefighters.

We would like to congratulate our academic coach, Heather M. Conyers for being named as our school’s Teacher of the Year. Ms. Conyers is devoted to supporting our teachers and students. She is always willing to help in any way she can to support the betterment of all South Daytona Dragons, big or small.
Congratulations to Mrs. Axy Duffell, Sugar Mill’s Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Duffell teaches third grade. When she’s not at school, she can be found cheering her daughter on at the tennis court.

Sugar Mill Elementary is very fortunate to have a partner like the Port Orange/South Daytona Rotary Club, whose volunteers spend generous time to come out to paint and spruce up our parent loop! Sugar Mill Panthers benefit from so many supporters and are learning to give back to the community by example and by participating. SME Panthers ROCK!

For the fifth year in a row, Sugar Mill Elementary has participated in raising funds in support of Childhood Cancer Awareness month. Students took part in “Sock It To Cancer” by wearing crazy socks and donating $1.00 or more to Whipping Childhood Cancer Foundation. The classes who raised the most then get to “pie” not only Sugar Mill teachers, but Don Burnett, Mayor of Port Orange, as well. Our school community raised nearly $1,000 for this foundation that has touched the lives of our students and families. Also, Sugar Mill was recognized as the top elementary school for donating to United Way, an organization that greatly benefits our schools and community.
BOOK FAIR, CHILLING WITH DADS, TERRIFIC KIDS, & BOOMBA SOCKS

PICTURED TO THE LEFT IS PRINCIPAL ROBINSON TAPED TO THE WALL DURING RECENT BOOK FAIR

It is always great to be a Turie T. Small Elementary bulldog as we are Successful Thinkers, who are Responsible, Unique and always Try our best! We hosted a book fair that included duct taping our principal, Mr. Robinson to a wall. How is that for leadership? We have also hosted several parent events including “Chilling with Dads,” a successful KidsZone parent meeting and our first FSA night for parents of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. Terrific Kids and positive referrals programs have recognized many great students. We also are so honored to have Dr. Milton represent our school as our teacher of the year. We were very appreciative for the outpouring of support from Boomba socks as we memorialized one of our students. It’s been a busy quarter and we will continue to STRUT together.

TURIE T. SMALL ELEMENTARY’S TEACHER OF THE YEAR

PICTURED TO LEFT IS 2021 TEACHER OF THE YEAR DR. YODER MILTON

Congratulations to Dr. Yoder Milton the 2021 Turie T. Small Elementary School Teacher of the Year. Dr. Milton is a true team player who went from being the Academic Coach, to being a classroom teacher to help the school.
Volusia Online (K-12)
@VolusiaOnline

Teacher of the Year, New Coordinator, & Breast Cancer Awareness

Pictured to the left (left to right) are Mary Temarantz and Denise Girard

Volusia Online Learning is proud to announce our 2021 Teacher of the Year, Denise Girard. Her dedication to student achievement is unwavering. We applaud her tenacity and attention to detail as she personalizes learning experiences for each student. Our very own, Mary Temarantz was awarded the Superintendent’s Outstanding Achievement Award for her excellent work district wide. Go Ladies!

In October, Volusia Online Learning welcomed our new Coordinator, Melanie Kestory. Melanie has worked with VOL over the years and we are so happy to have her with us permanently! In a massive, “All In” operation, VOL attended almost every secondary Open House this fall. We had so much fun spreading the word about our course offerings, making new friends, and giving away cool swag!

As a breast cancer survivor, Mrs. Valencia Robinson has devoted her time advocating for continued funding to support breast cancer research and support services for patients and survivors. Her efforts include serving as a board member for various breast cancer advocacy organizations. She visited Tallahassee and Washington, D.C. to advocate for legislation to support breast cancer research and services. She also provided local breast cancer patients and survivors support services such as an annual wellness retreat, speaking publicly about her story to inspire patients, survivors and her students to embrace the miracle of life. Recently, she was selected as the National Breast Cancer Coalition’s grassroots advocate to be honored at their annual gala in New York City. From your family at VOL, we thank you for all you do!

Melanie Kestory
@MKestoryVCS
Coordinator

Volusia Vibes newsletter, Oct. 2019
Volusia Online (K-12)
@VolusiaOnline

TEACHER OF THE YEAR, NEW COORDINATOR, & BREAST CANCER AWARENESS (CONT.)

Pictured to the left is Valencia Robinson at Good Morning America last year
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 (K-5)
@CESWildcats

STATE OF THE ART FACILITY
FOR CHISHOLM OPENED THIS YEAR

PICTURED ABOVE IS CHISHOLM’S NEW CAMPUS & PICTURED BELOW ARE THE OLD CAMPUS AND NEW CAMPUS SIDE-BY-SIDE

What a great start to the 2019/2020 School Year for our Wildcats. Our Chisholm family moved into our brand-new state of the art facility in September. Pure excitement quickly filled the halls as our Wildcats toured the campus for the first time, oohing and aahing around every corner. The old Chisholm campus will forever be in our hearts; however, we are all excited to start making memories inside the walls of our new campus, Home of the Wildcats.

THE OHANA PROGRAM

Chisholm Elementary and Kona Ice have joined together for a very COOL Incentive: THE OHANA PROGRAM

One student per grade level will be chosen each month that represents different character traits that correspond for that month.

This month’s character trait is RESPECT: students demonstrates a respect for self, others and property.

Students will have their photo displayed on our Ohana Recognition Board, a free T-shirt, a color changing Ohana Kona Ice Cup and FREE refills for the entire year at any Kona Ice Truck.

Be Good, Do Good, For Good!!!!Atlantic Center for the Arts

Pictured above are the winners with the Principal

Big round of applause to our Ohana Character Award Winners for demonstrating RESPECT!

Garrett B, Abel W, Reese D, Michael W, Piper T, and Mya C.
THE BARN IS UP AND RUNNING

To the left is a picture of the barn

The barn is officially up and running. Coronado Beach Elementary is a Life Science focused school. The barn provides a real-world connection for the students to make with living animals. They will have the opportunity to work hands-on with barnyard animals and barn keeping. The barn is currently housing two goats with the hopes of adding chickens and rabbits soon. Having to take care of a barn and barnyard animals builds a sense of responsibility in children. Children can develop empathy by caring for animals, including an increased awareness of the needs and feelings of others.

VOTING FOR BABY GOAT NAMES

Pictured to the left is one of the baby goats

The students will also get to participate in naming the goats. Submissions will be made, and the school will vote. Student voice has been a key part of the entire process. The entire school community is very excited to see the Coronado Beach Elementary School Barn Initiative come into fruition!

Pictured to the right are students feeding the two baby goats

Tracy Buckner
@tabuckner5
Principal
Creekside Middle (6-8)
@Creekside_Rocks

AREA 51 DANCE

Creekside Middle School has had an awesome opening to the 2019-2020 school year! In September, our PTSA sponsored our first ever Area 51 Dance! Decorations from out of this world transformed the café in to a great dance floor for several hundred students! While no actual alien sightings occurred, it was a great way for students from all grade levels to build connections and help make our 6th grades feel like part of the family!

CREEKSIDE FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT

The Museum of Arts and Sciences came out in October to help host our inaugural Creekside Family Science Night! Sponsored by the Creekside Go Green Club, Creekside Science Department, and Creekside’s PTSA, the event drew over 200 families to explore the wonders of science through 15 hands on stations. We appreciate all of the student, parent, faculty, and staff volunteers who made the event amazing!

CREEKSIDE’S PEACE PLACE

Creekside’s Peace Place is up and running for our students! Thanks to Ms. Linda Froman – SEL TOA, Mr. Aaron Shank – Media Specialist, and our awesome PTSA, students now have a place to go to regroup, refresh, and regain a positive outlook. Creekside recognizes the great importance of a strong SEL program and is dedicated to providing our students with the tools they need to succeed!
PANCAKES, KICKBALL, AND TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Pictured to the left is Teacher of the Year Doctor Angelica Pereles-Coleman.

Cypress Creek has had a great start to the school year! Students and teachers are already working hard in and out of the classroom! Students recently spent a Saturday morning enjoying pancakes and kickball! Teacher and volunteers whipped up a pancake breakfast followed by a parents vs. kids kickball game. CCE is also celebrating Doctor Angelica Pereles-Coleman as our Teacher of the Year!

WARM HUGS COAT DRIVE

Pictured to the right is Everly Hancock and above is the parents vs kids kickball game.

And finally, third grader Everly Hancock has taken citizenship to the community and has started the Warm Hugs Coat Drive to collect gently used coats, sweatshirts, and jackets so everyone will stay warm this winter. We are looking forward to more great things this school year!
HYDRO-BOBCATS AT EDGEEATER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Pictured to the left is the hydroponic salad bar

Hydroponics gardening has a 30-50% faster growth rate than soil gardening and the yield of plants is greater. Edgewater Public School Bobcats are seeing this firsthand as they grow spinach, basil and lettuce in their new hydroponic gardening station. In STEM class, students are planting the seeds and have learned about how to provide nutrients through feed because the plants lack soil. The curriculum in STEM class is designed to reinforce what students have learned in science and provide prior knowledge for what will come later.

HYDRO-BOBCATS AT EDGEEATER PUBLIC SCHOOL (CONT.)

Pictured below is a closeup of the salad bar

To support their hydroponics farming, students are selling the harvest to faculty and staff. To entice the purchase, a salad bar was hosted to give the adults a chance to sample the products. Word on campus is that these greens are the best in the county! We are happy to add #HydroBobcats to our hashtag descriptors!
BREAKFAST WITH DADS, STEM NIGHT, AND WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Pictured to the left is the turnout from walk to school day

Indian River Manatees have hit the ground running this school year! Our dads came out to bring their kids to school. We had a wonderful breakfast with a full cafeteria to celebrate with families. Families also came out for STEM night where we created coral reefs, coded robots and designed roller coasters while we had our first book fair of the year. We also was able to get the community involved in Walk to School Day. We had a great turnout from our school and community family. We are all excited about the wonderful things we have in store for this year.

INDIAN RIVER'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Pictured to the left is Indian River's Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Ruth Stevens

Congratulations to our Teacher of the Year... Mrs. Ruth Stevens! We are so excited to celebrate you this year!
MEMORABLE 2019 FALL ATHLETIC SEASON

PICTURED ABOVE IS THE BOYS GOLF TEAM

The 2019 fall athletic season has been a memorable one. Both our boys and girls golf teams qualified for regionals. Our girls cross country team placed 1st at the FSU pre-states meet in Tallahassee. Our volleyball team beat cross town rival Spruce Creek three times and won the 5 Star Volusia County Championship, and our football team is currently 5-2 with a shot at making the FHSAA playoffs. GO CUDAS!!!!!

PREPARE TO GET SCHOOLED

PICTURED ABOVE IS THE 2019-20 STAFF

"Prepare to Get Schooled" is the motto for the school year. We are off to a tremendous start! We have emphasized to our students and staff that our basic priorities for every student are to keep them safe and to ensure that they graduate and receive a High School diploma. Last year, to keep our school safe, and know who is on our campus, we were the only school to require that all our students wear an ID and have it visible when they enter and maneuver throughout the school. This is now a districtwide directive for all schools. We were also recognized as one of the select few schools in our district to meet all the student achievement subgroup requirements of "Every Student Succeeds Act".

PRE-GAME CUDA TAILGATE

PICTURED ABOVE IS THE FOOTBALL TEAM

The Cuda Marketing Academy launched their Pre-Game Cuda tailgate on Friday, August 23rd prior to the Cuda Football’s home opener at the NSB Sports complex. The Cuda Tailgate provides a gathering place for students, families and other members of the NSB community before each home game. The Cuda Tailgate is created and operated by the Juniors in the Cuda Marketing Academy. The Tailgate features volleyball, corn hole competitions, music, kids face painting and Cuda Merchandise from the Cuda student-run store.
New Smyrna Beach Middle (6-8)
@NSBMSStingrays
PLANTING DAY
IN AGRISCIENCE

PICTURED BELOW IS AN EXAMPLE OF A SEEDLING TRANSPPLANTED TO A PLANTER MADE FROM RECYCLED MATERIALS

At New Smyrna Beach Middle School, every Wednesday is planting day in the Agriscience classes. The students are cultivating the raised garden beds, tilling up fresh soil, and transplanting seedlings from the newly repaired greenhouse. In less than 9-weeks, they have had so much growth (all from seed) that they have run out of room in the greenhouse! In addition, students have collaborated to design and build planters out of recycled materials. They have researched where to place their planters and what plants would be best for the type of planter they are building. Students are enjoying the process and take great pride in their plants, planters and garden.

Mike Leader
@MikeLeader227
Principal

WHAT IS AGRISCIENCE?

AG-RI-SCI-ENCE
"AGRəˌsīəns/"

The application of science to agriculture.
FAMILY NUTRITION PROGRAM, ZONE PEP RALLY, AND NEW D.A.R.E OFFICER

To the left is Mrs. Valentine of the Family nutrition program and below and to the right is a photo from the Zone pep rally.

Student health and nutrition are at the forefront of our school’s mission. Mrs. Lisa Valentine, our nutrition teacher from the University of Florida Family Nutrition Program, started lessons in Kindergarten and 1st grade and will see all of our students before the year is over for a series of timely and important lessons about how to stay on track to live healthy lives!

We kicked off the year with our “Zone Pep Rally” to promote our PBIS program called CRIMP as well as our ongoing “In the Zone” Zero Referrals initiative! Students learn daily to be outstanding CITIZENS, show RESPECT, be INCLUSIVE, strive to have a growth MINDSET and be PERSISTENT in all they do!

Students were especially excited to meet our new D.A.R.E Officer, Al Washington of NSBPD! He participated in our pep rally and will be our guest speaker at the Red Ribbon Week assemblies at the end of October! Our 5th graders are fully involved in our D.A.R.E. program and will graduate in December!

STAR READERS

PICTURED ABOVE AND TO THE LEFT IS ONE OF THE VOLUNTEERS MEETING WITH A KINDERGARTENER FOR THE STAR READERS PROGRAM

Our new reading and mentor program, STAR Readers, is up and running through our Media Center! Our volunteers meet with 26 of our Kindergarten and 1st grade students during their lunch time to read and practice sight words. This time is fostering a love of reading while building confidence, persistence and a growth mindset in our students who need to build those skills the most!

Our ROCKETS continue to strive and soar at Read-Pattillo Elementary!
SURPRISE FAMILY REUNION

Pictured to the left is Bentley and his stepdad Justin

Who doesn’t love surprises, especially when the entire school is involved? Bentley Perdue, fourth grader, received the best unexpected gift of his life when his stepdad jumped out of a closet, ran through a banner, and joined the school-wide celebration. Crew Chief of F-15 fighter jets for the United States Air Force, Justin Merrick, returned home from a four-month deployment in the Middle East. With the entire school chanting, “USA! USA! USA!” the family was reunited. Tears of joy instantly ran down Bentley’s face as he embraced his stepdad. “This is awesome,” Bentley exclaimed.

LIFE CHANGER OF THE YEAR AWARD

And lastly, it is with great honor that we announce our amazing School Guardian, Gregg Bastian, was nominated to receive the Life Changer of the Year Award. Mr. “B” is the most well-known face around campus. He is admired by parents, teachers, staff, and most of all, the students. He takes his job role very seriously and continues to build positive relationships every day. SCES is grateful for his commitment to ensure the safety of all students, faculty, and staff.

SURPRISE FAMILY REUNION (CONT.) AND TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Teachers and staff were in on the secret and dressed in red, white, and blue to show their support. Spruce Creek Elementary was proud to provide an honorable, memorable, and exciting homecoming for this family.

In addition, Karen Weinrich (see below) has been named our Teacher of the Year. Currently, teaching second grade, Mrs. Weinrich has taught for Volusia County Schools for the past fourteen years. She demonstrates compassion, high expectations, and is a true advocate for all her students. It is no wonder her colleagues selected her to represent the best school in Volusia County!!!
FLL-EBRATION!

PICTURED TO THE LEFT IS THE FLL-EBRATION IN ACTION
SPRUCE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL’S AITR ACADEMY
in conjunction with VolusiaSTEM hosted the FIRST
LEGO LEAGUE (FLL) Workshop on September 14th.
This was the initial workshop promoting robotics
competition training for all Volusia County Schools.
The workshop was open to anyone interested in
forming teams to compete in FLL including coaches,
mentors, parents and students of Volusia County
Schools.
Spruce Creek High School's AITR Academy is a
leader in robotics competition. The faculty and
students thrive on competition and work from a base
of strong CORE Values. The CORE Values (TEAM
Building) are reflected throughout the tasks re-
quired to make for a successful robotics program.
These Core Values were woven throughout the FLL
Workshop training.
The FLL-EBRATION Workshop kickoff began with
an Introduction to Robotics GAME highlighting
expectations of the new season of robotics
competition.
FLL-EBRATION! (CONT.)
The GAME provided coaches, mentors, parents and
students plenty of excitement and motivation to form
a TEAM for future FLL robotics competition.
The workshop also provided opportunity for break-out
sessions offering separate training for students and
training catered to the adults involved in supporting
students in future robotic programs. Current AITR
students presented topics related to robotics
competition such as scoring, judging, building robots,
programming and strategy. The topics discussed
are critical for success in competing in robotics
competitions. AITR teachers, along with Volusia County
STEM Program Coordinator, Amy Monohan, presented
topics and addressed questions such as: What does it
mean to be in a robotics program as an adult? What
does a season of robotics competition look like? What
about travel and competition schedules?
The opportunity for modeling Core Values (TEAM
building) was provided to all the participants through
the “FUN CHALLENGE.” The Fun Challenge is a mock
robotics competition that allowed everyone to not
just see what robots can do, but how to select a
team. Additional discussions involved how to rely
on SUPPORT SYSTEMS: The role of the district,
school, and the Principal. Roles and duties of each
level of participation were also discussed to ensure
that participants know where to find the support or
resources for robotic parts and supplies, competition
questions and other concerns from all levels of
involvement.
The FLL-EBRATION was a huge success in heightening
the interest of 20 Volusia County School Educators.
All participants left the workshop feeling excited,
motivated, and ready to start their school on a journey
into robotics competition.
Sweetwater Elementary (K-5)
@SweetwaterVCPS

SWEETWATER ELEMENTARY SHINES BRIGHT

PICTURED ABOVE ARE STUDENTS WHO HELPED RAISE MONEY FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS WITH A BAKE SALE

FFEA advisors Megan Martens and Dominica Stanger, along with their 50 plus members ranging from first grade to 5th sponsored a school wide bake sale to help hurricane victims in the Bahamas. The members of the club brought in store bought goods to sell on Wednesday, October 2nd after school. Students of Sweetwater were able to get some goodies for $1. The members of FFEA helped each student by assisting them with their selection of treats. Through the help of our Sweetwater family, we raised $901.00 in donations for Red Cross’ efforts in the Bahamas. The Executive Director from the Red Cross will be visiting Sweetwater Elementary during FFEA’s next meeting on October 16th to accept the check on behalf of the Sweetwater Pelicans. In addition to helping, one member of FFEA, Pippa Renfroe wanted to raise more donations.

SWEETWATER ELEMENTARY LOVES TO READ! (CONT.)

PICTURED TO THE LEFT ARE THE STUDENTS STANDING NEXT TO THEIR BAKE SALE CART

One Saturday, she sold lemonade at her lemonade stand at the Port Orange Pavilion. She raised $250.00 in donations to be added to what donations were raised during Sweetwater’s bake sale. Way to go Pelicans! Pelican Pride!!
ABOUT ME

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 (K-5)
@ChampionElBears
CHAMPION CELEBRATES AWARDS & DADS DAY

Pictured below are students receiving their award for their safety video

Champion Elementary has had a wonderful beginning of the year. Champion had a record number of fathers come to Dad bring your child to school day. Students enjoyed eating breakfast with their dad and introducing them to faculty members. During the first quarter on October 8th four of our students Kegan Crawford, Icelynn Edwards, Mayumi Pound and Tyree Williams won 1st place for a Safety Awareness Public Service Video. Kegan and Mayumi were able to attend the school board meeting along with their sponsor Mrs. Ouellette to receive their award. Champion Elementary is also excited to announce that the school recently received a plaque for raising the most money in the county for Jump Rope For Heart! Coach Haus organizes the event and was happy to report that the students and staff raised $7,808.00 for the American Heart Association!
SEL IS BACK!

Pictured to the left is a student holding the “I see you” submission box.

SEL is back! You may ask what is this? SEL stands for Social Emotional Learning. Each month there will be a different overall theme for SEL: August is Building & Maintaining Positive Relationships, September is Navigating & Resolving Conflict, October is Exploring Helpful Thoughts, Unhelpful Thoughts, & Emotions, November is Identifying Coping Strategies to Handle Stress & Anxiety, & December is Understanding the Perspective of Others & Empathizing with Them.

This year SEL is also promoting the “I see you” shout outs. Students can fill out an “I see you” shout out when they see an act of kindness or just want to make someone feel special that day. Students are be able to find shout outs in the media center, in classrooms, and in the cafeteria!

HINSON’S TOP SCORERS!

Pictured above are Caya Asbille, Brayden Beaulieu, Susanna Harris, Kayla Lancing, & Wyatt Wahl.

The FSA scores are in, and six students got perfect scores. Congratulations to Caya Asbille, Brayden Beaulieu, Susanna Harris, Kayla Lancing and (Wesley Tankersley not pictured) for a perfect score on their Civics EOC! Congratulations to Wyatt Wahl for a perfect score on his 6th grade ELA and MATH FSA tests! We are proud of you and your accomplishments!
ROCKIN’ TIMES AT HOLLY HILL

PICTURED TO THE LEFT IS ONE OF THE CLASSROOMS THEMED AS THE WIZARD OF OZ

Holly Hill School is off to an awesome start! Teachers have been decorating their rooms and creatively teaching to the standards. Students have been focused on learning and continuing to focus on social emotional learning while supporting their Houses.

There have been many activities around campus including our first ever Rock Your School event. Rock Your School was a chance for our teachers to step out of their comfort level and kick up the engagement in their rooms. Teachers spent days preparing for the HUGE event on September 19 with totally themed classrooms and engaging, rigorous instruction.

Thanks to our magnificent Teacher of the Year, Josie Stumpf, leading the charge and to the many teams of teachers who supported this event and each other. The excitement could not be contained. Students traveled down the yellow brick road, soared into Hogwarts and played at the carnival. Engagement was at an all-time high!

PICTURED TO THE LEFT AND BELOW ARE MORE THEMED CLASSROOMS FOR THE ROCK YOUR SCHOOL EVENT
FALLING ALL IN EVENT

PICTURED TO THE LEFT IS FACE PAINTING AT THE FALLING ALL IN EVENT

It’s that time of year again! It was the perfect night, the weather was cool, students were all dressed up and ready for learning and candy, festive music was playing, and everyone was wearing a smile! McInnis Elementary School hosted their annual “Falling All In” event on Friday, October 11th, 2019. Students enjoyed many different carnival games and were able to laugh and play with their friends and families. Science activities that fit the theme were also offered for students and families to learn and enjoy! A literacy event where the guests were able to learn about the life cycle of a pumpkin and participate in an arts and crafts session following the book. And of course, Trunk or Treat, community members gathered together to support this event by decorating their trunks and passing out many treats! Students and their families were able to enjoy all the activities together.

FALLING ALL IN EVENT (CONT.)

PICTURED TO THE LEFT IS ONE OF THE BOOTHES AT THE FALLING ALL IN EVENT

McInnis’s PTA provided a “Snack Shack” where students and their families were able to purchase popcorn, snow cones and other delicious snacks throughout the evening. The event was a success and we can’t wait to start planning for next years “Falling All In!”
ROCK YOUR SCHOOL AND TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY

PICTURED ABOVE ARE 3RD GRADERS ENJOYING A PICNIC LUNCH

For the second year in a row, Ormond Beach Elementary teachers participated in the “Rock Your School,” creating an extraordinary learning experience for OBE students.

“Rock Your School,” a movement born from “Get Your Teach On,” encourages teachers to plan “out-of-the-box” learning experiences for their students. The purpose is to stretch both learning and teaching beyond normal daily routines.

This year, “Rock Your School” day coincided with “Talk Like a Pirate Day.” OBE’s first grade team took full advantage of the alignment of these two events and planned a day of meaningful standards-aligned learning, all with a fun-filled pirate theme.

Third grade teachers also seized the opportunity to incorporate social studies standards into “Rock Your School,” and enjoyed a day of patriotic learning complete with a picnic lunch. Other teachers created a STEM-themed agenda for the day, challenging students to design the best way to cushion an egg in an egg drop challenge.

“Rock Your School” continues to grow throughout the nation and at OBE, thrilling both students and teachers!

PICTURED ABOVE ARE TEACHERS DRESSED UP FOR ROCK YOUR SCHOOL

Shannon Hay  
@SHayShannon  
Principal
OBMS THEATRE PERFORMS OKLAHOMA AND NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

Pictured to the left is the OBMS Theatre class

Ormond Beach Middle School’s theatre classes performed music from Oklahoma while the chorus and dance students wowed our Panther community with talented performances. Under the direction of Ms. King, the students began preparing for the event at the beginning of the school year. It was a great way to kick off the month of October! With over 100 active members, the National Junior Honor Society celebrated the new year with Principal Susan Tuten addressing the topic of Leadership in the Community. Parent volunteers served the members refreshments, and the students voted on their NJHS Leadership Council for 2019-2020.

100 TOP READERS AND 5-0 CLUB

Pictured to the left are some of the top 100 readers for the first quarter

Over 1,600 books have been read by our students so far this year! We celebrated our top 100 readers for the first quarter on October 17th! The students enjoyed refreshments and gifts as well as having the opportunity to enter drawings for books and posters. A few of their favorite books from the first quarter are Nightbooks and Small Spaces.

Pictured to the right is the 5-0 Club meeting with the Ormond Beach Police Department

The 5-0 Club meets each Wednesday and is a collaborative effort with the Ormond Beach Police Department. The program includes discussions on goal setting and career education planning led by our city’s community leaders. The students are served lunch by Chief Godfrey each week, and they enjoy the opportunity to participate in discussions with our local police department.
Osceola Elementary (K-5)
@OsceolaElem

ROCK YOUR SCHOOL DAY

Pictured below are faculty dressed up for Rock Your School Day

On September 19th Osceola Elementary joined thousands of educators from around the world for Rock Your School day! All teachers are encouraged to join the movement and create an outside the box educational experience for their students. This day is celebrated worldwide and organized by Get Your Teach On, an educational professional development group that aims to give students a reason to get excited about learning. The day before rock you school students were given a little teaser with all the faculty and staff wearing “Rock your School” shirts.

Then on September 19th Osceola Elementary School staff donned their best Rockstar outfits, complete with wigs, inflatable guitars, and fake tattoo sleeves for the day. Students were greeted with a cafeteria transformation fit for a pop star. After the first bell the entire school meet on the basketball court for a little Cha Cha slide line dancing. Throughout the day teachers could take their classes to the cafeteria to walk the red carpet and take pictures in the Rockstar selfie station. Rock Your School 2019 was a huge success.
DADS TAKE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY AND KENNEDY SPACE CENTER VISIT

PICTURED TO THE LEFT ARE TWO STUDENTS HAVING A BLAST AT KENNEDY SPACE CENTER AND BELOW IS A PHOTO FROM DADS TAKE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY

On September 25th it was great to see so many of our dads today for National Dads Take Your Child to School Day!

On September 27th our 5th grade students enjoyed luxurious transportation to Kennedy Space Center for the Astronaut Training Experience!

NEARPOD TABLETS

PICTURED TO THE RIGHT ARE STUDENTS USING THEIR NEARPOD TABLETS TO ENRICH THEIR EDUCATION

Our students love using Nearpod to learn new things. Nearpod creates an inclusive and immersive learning experience by allowing students to actively participate in every lesson.
Pathways Elementary (K-5)
@Pathways_Elem

**DAD’S TAKE YOUR KIDS TO SCHOOL DAY**

Pictured below is a student with their father during Donuts with Dad

On September 25th our school celebrated fathers by joining “Dad’s Take Your Kids to School Day” alongside our annual “Donuts with Dad” morning breakfast. Father’s were seen enjoying a delicious, bakery-delight as they were greeted by various members of faculty, staff, and administration. Many of the fathers said this is an event that their family looks forward to, as it offers a handful of memories that cannot be recreated.

**GARDENING LIFE SKILLS TAUGHT ON CAMPUS**

Pictured to the left, students setup their gardens with seeds to grow fresh, nutrient-rich vegetables

Our Pathways Patriots are off to a great start this 2019-2020 schoolyear! With the collaborative efforts of Mr. Foresman, Ms. Sweringen is implementing gardening, life-skills on campus. The in-class STEM initiatives allow students the opportunity to grow fresh, nutrient-rich vegetables, learn and apply foundational elements of architecture and design, and ultimately receive instruction on an array of skills to support their development into model citizens!
Pine Trail Elementary (K-5)
@PTEPrincipal

PINE TRAIL ELEMENTARY’S TEACHER OF THE YEAR

PICTURED TO THE LEFT IS PINE TRAIL’S TEACHER OF THE YEAR STEPHANIE LARKIN

We are off to a great start to the 19-20 School Year and have a lot going on here at Pine Trail Elementary. We are excited to tell you that we have been awarded by the FLDOE, the School of Excellence award! This is the 3rd consecutive year for Pine Trail.

We are also proud to announce our Teacher of the Year is Stephanie Larkin! She teaches 4th grade and has worked for Volusia County Schools for 17 years. Congratulations Stephanie!

PICTURED TO THE LEFT IS ANOTHER PHOTO OF MS. LARKIN RECEIVING HER TOTY NOMINATION

Also nominated were Mrs. Lowder, Mrs. Schandel, Mrs. Koskinen, Ms. Albert and Mrs. Mott. In addition, Mr. Ravede, Mr. O’Brien and Mrs. Moore were nominated but graciously declined to participate. PTE is incredibly lucky to have so many outstanding teachers! You are all rockstars! A well-deserved congratulations to you all!
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Pictured above is Seabreeze Teacher of the Year, Mr. Ray Grimard.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Seabreeze’s Teacher of the Year is construction instructor, Mr. Ray Grimard. We are proud to have Mr. Grimard represent the Seabreeze family. His expertise as a teacher and a mentor to many of our students makes him an essential asset to our school. Congratulations Mr. Grimard.

CONGRESS FUTURE MEDICAL LEADERS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE AND CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Pictured above is Guiliana Klioze holding her Congress future medical leaders award of excellence.

Congratulations to Guiliana Klioze for receiving the Congress Future Medical Leaders Award of Excellence. Way to go future physician!

Seabreeze High School celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with flair and food. Students from Ms. Feliciano, Ms. Patrick, and Ms. Silva culminated the month with a celebration of Hispanic foods from around the world!

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

Pictured above is a student drawing for International Day of Peace.

Students from Ms. Colby’s classes observed the International Day of Peace using artful creations which were put on in the courtyard. There were wonderful displays of artistic talents for all to see.

PICTURED ABOVE ARE THE FESTIVE DECORATIONS FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
Tomoka Elementary (K-5)
@TESBraves
SENSATIONAL STEM SIMULATION STATIONS

PICTURED BELOW IS ONE OF THE EXHIBITS

Sensational STEM Simulation Stations are making a splash at Tomoka! Tomoka Elementary has entered into a dynamic partnership with the Museum of Arts and Sciences and GE Volunteers. This community collaboration has resulted in an innovative approach to STEM in our elementary school. We’ve brought a hands-on science museum to our students. Through the generous sponsorship of MOAS, Tomoka students have access to interactive science exhibits that were once housed in its state of the art children’s museum. MOAS even visited us with an entire planetarium to create a more powerful experience with scientific standards and concepts! GE volunteers expanded the STEM experience by providing interactive kits that allow entire classes to explore a variety of science standards. Look out STEM, Tomoka’s students are coming for you!

PICTURED ABOVE ARE STUDENTS LOOKING UP AT A PLANETARIUM AND BELOW THAT MOAS WORKERS AND VOLUNTEERS SETTING UP THE STEM EXHIBITS
BRAND NEW EAGLE STORE AND EAGLE BUCKS

TO THE LEFT ARE STUDENTS WHO EARNED THEIR EAGLE BUCKS

Westside Elementary is celebrating student behavior! Students are enjoying the brand new Eagle Store. Students earn Eagle Bucks for making good choices in all common areas. They can also earn them during breakfast, lunch, and special area too! Our Eagles are loving all of the fun choices available in the Eagle store!

FIELD DAY

PICTURED ABOVE IS THE MINI FIELD DAY AND TO THE RIGHT IS THE EAGLE STORE

We also recently celebrated our first mini Field Day for students in grades 3-5. Students who had good behavior for the entire first nine weeks got to enjoy games, snacks, and an obstacle course! Thanks to our fabulous volunteers for helping make such a memorable experience for our students. We are already looking forward to the next one!
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

Deltona High
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
Timbercrest Elementary
Deltona High School, in collaboration with the citizens of Deltona, joined together in a humanitarian effort to provide clothing, food, water, personal care items, tents, and blankets to the people of Bahamas. The support to this cause was overwhelming by Deltona High School teachers, students and the community. A very special thanks goes out to Deltona High School JROTC Department who took the lead in the project and whose cadets worked long hours after school sorting and packing all the hundreds of items which were donated. This is truly showing the Deltona Way!

5 STUDENTS ACHIEVE PERFECT FSA SCORES ON EOC EXAMS

Pictured to the left are 4 of the 5 students who received perfect FSA scores.

Deltona High would like to congratulate 5 of our students for receiving perfect scores on their FSA EOC exams; Kayla Bellis (U.S. History), John Creachbaum (U.S. History), Emmy Fredrickson (Biology), Dylan Lastre (U.S. History) and Joyce Lin (Biology). These students deserve a round of applause!

FUNDRAISER FOR BAHAMA RESIDENTS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE DORIAN

Pictured above are volunteers next to the donations for Bahamas hurricane relief.

Deltona High School Faculty, staff, teachers, students & clubs recently hosted a school and community-wide campaign to support the lovely people of the Bahamas. As most are aware, the islands of the Bahamas were greatly impacted by hurricane Dorian; where many residents lost everything from their homes to their personal belongings.

Carolyn Carbonell
Principal
@CarbonellDHS
Deltona Lakes Elementary (K-5)
@DeltonaLksElem

7 HABITS OF HAPPY KIDS LEADER IN ME PRINCIPLES

PHOTOS FROM 7 HABITS OF HAPPY KIDS LEADER IN ME PRINCIPLES PICTURED LEFT

Deltona Lakes Elementary continues to develop life-ready leadership by incorporating the 7 Habits of Happy Kids Leader in Me principles. Our faculty, staff and students kicked off the 2019-2020 school year with a House Celebration. During our first week of school all six houses came together to get energized, focused and set goals for the year. Our court area donned all six house colors with balloons, banners, and every eagle dressed in their house t-shirts. Throughout each month students earn points by demonstrating and living the leadership skills. At the end of the month the team with the most points celebrates their efforts with a dance off and special luncheon.

MATH NIGHT

MATH NIGHT EVENTS PICTURED LEFT

Our school has many community activities planned for this school year too. Our first event, Math Night, was held October 10th in our cafeteria and was a HUGE success. Teachers prepared a variety of math games for the Make-It Take-It event. Parents brushed up on math skills through these activities while students had fun making math games to take home. There were drawings for book fair bucks for our Wild West Book Fair and a family meal giveaway from Popeyes Chicken. It was a fun filled evening for all!

Ramonita Ortiz
@ramonita_oriz1
Principal
Deltona Middle (6-8)  
@DMS_CHARGERS

DELTONA MIDDLE  
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Pictured above is teacher of the year Mrs. Hulette  
Congratulations, Mrs. Hulette! Deltona Middle’s Teacher of the Year!

CULINARY CHILI  
COOK-OFF

Pictured above is the chili cook-off  
Our Culinary and Tourism Academy students competed in a competition of the most delicious kind: A Chili Cook-Off! Students demonstrated their skills in cooking, marketing and hospitality when they prepared steaming bowls of chili for the staff at Deltona Middle School. Some students used secret family recipes, some created their own, while others used recipes they found on the internet. In the end Emily Taylor’s recipe, that she created, came out on top providing teachers with a unique chili experience that stood it apart from the rest. Her secret ingredient…Bacon!

Pictured above is a close up of the chili cook-off  
Pictured above is winner of the chili cook-off Emily Taylor

Kimberly Feltner  
@ksfeltne1  
Principal
NEW PRINCIPAL, TOTY, WALK TO SCHOOL DAY, & VFW PATRIOTISM

PICTURED TO THE LEFT IS TEACHER OF THE YEAR, MRS. AMY SCOTT

We are excited to be back for the 19-20 School Year and have lots of great things happening at Discovery Elementary. First and foremost, we would like to welcome our new Principal, Mr. Leslie Mclean. We are also very proud to announce our Teacher of the Year is Mrs. Amy Scott. She is an amazing kindergarten teacher that combines creative instruction with endless amounts of heart.

EMPHASIZING TEAMWORK & WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Our fifth-grade students dove right into a unique experiment that emphasized teamwork. Students were challenged to try and balance a lifesaver on top of a gummy bear without touching either item. Once they discovered they couldn’t complete the action on their own they worked with a teammate to master the challenge!

On October 2nd, our Discovery Dragons turned out for walk to school day! Parents, teachers, and students walked together to school to encourage safety for students!

VFW PATRIOTISM

PICTURED ABOVE IS WALK TO SCHOOL DAY AND TO THE RIGHT IS THE TEAMWORK CHALLENGE

Mr. Page, our school counselor encouraged our Dragons to participate in the VFW Patriotism contest. Students worked independently on their submissions and we are so proud to announce we had six winners recognized for their hard work.
Enterprise Elementary (K-5)
@Enterprise Elem

100

CLUB MEMBERS

We have our first group of 100 Club members! These are students who have been working hard reading and earning points in Reading Counts. We have several others that are very close. Keep up the great work!

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

PICTURED BELOW IS GRISELLE RIVERA, ENTERPRISE ELEMENTARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Griselle Rivera has taught at Enterprise Elementary for four years and she has been a tremendous asset to our students’ academic and social growth as well as being a leader among her colleagues. Her love for reading, solving math problems, and being a scientist shines through to her first grade students daily. Mrs. Rivera has created a supportive and collaborative environment within her classroom. She creates mutually respectful relationships between students. Her classroom is like a little family where every child feels valued.

Alicia Douglas
@ADouglasVCS

Principal
Forest Lake Elementary (K-5)
@ForestLakeVCS

**FUN TIME HAD AT PANCAKES WITH THE PRINCIPAL, YOU BATTER BELIEVE IT!!**

**PICTURED TO THE LEFT IS A FOREST LAKE FAMILY POSING FOR PHOTOS WITH PRINCIPAL FREEMAN**

Forest Lake Elementary enjoyed welcoming our new Principal, Mrs. Freeman, on September 7th with our first ever Pancakes with the Principal! Our Panther Family met at Applebee’s in Orange City, to get to know Principal Freeman, eat breakfast with family, and celebrate with a photo booth picture. Our Parent Teacher Organization and volunteers did a wonderful job hosting the Panther Family. Everyone who attended enjoyed pancakes, breakfast meat, fruit, drinks and sitting down at the table with Principal Freeman. A fun time was had by all, you BATTER believe it!!

**PICTURED ABOVE AND TO THE RIGHT & BOTTOM ARE MORE PHOTOS FROM PANCAKES WITH THE PRINCIPAL**

Virginia Freeman
Principal
PANCAKES WITH PARENTS AT FRIENDSHIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Pictured to the left is a student enjoying breakfast with their parent.

On Wednesday, September 25th, Friendship Elementary was invaded by pancake eating parents. Our families were encouraged to come and have breakfast with their child(ren). Pancakes, sausage, coffee, and juice were enjoyed by all. We had several guest servers including Eric Raimundo, Santos Flores, Cristina Raimundo, our principal, Neville Schouburgh, and Justin Lipomi. The line snaked down the hallway from the office to the cafeteria as many families waited patiently to be served. It was a wonderful start to a morning of learning and laughter. Thank you, Friendship families, for supporting our students.

BELOW ARE THE GUEST SERVERS FOR THE PANCAKES WITH PARENTS BREAKFAST

PANCAKES WITH PARENTS AT FRIENDSHIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Pictured above is the cafeteria for the pancake breakfast.
Sheryl Carroll-Rhoden is Galaxy’s Teacher of the Year! Mrs. Carroll-Rhoden teaches in our Self-Contained EBD Unit. She works diligently to ensure that all the 8th graders do what is necessary to be promoted to high school. For the past six years she’s made educating some of our most challenging students her mission. She has a classroom that is conducive to learning and sets high, but realistic expectations for all her students. You will never hear Mrs. Carroll-Rhoden raise her voice. Her calm, no non-sense approach is received well from her students. She believes that the overall success of her students is largely shaped by the relationship that she has not only with them, but also with her paraprofessional, Mrs. Lisa Barbee. The two of them meet daily to strategize ways that meet the unique learning and behavior needs of the students. If something doesn’t work, they collaborate on what they can do as a team to improve the situation.

She is truly a remarkable teacher and colleague whom we are extremely proud to recognize as our TEACHER of the YEAR!
PARENT ENGAGEMENT EVENT

Pictured above is New York Yankees player Adrian Hernandez (left) with school board member Ruben Colón (right)

On September 27, 2019 Heritage Middle School knocked their parent engagement event out of the park. The New York Yankees Adrian Hernandez spoke words of wisdom and advice to students and parents alike. Parent engagement coordinator Sonia Pina went all out to ensure this event was unforgettable!

HMS ANNUAL FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Pictured above is the haunted house from family fun night

Heritage Middle School’s Annual Family Fun Night. Nothing like families coming out celebrating with their students. We think the haunted house was a big hit!

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Pictured above is Mrs. Silva, Heritage’s Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Mrs. Silva! Heritage Middle School’s Teacher of the Year. She is SOARING high with this well-deserved honor!
Osteen Elementary (K-5)
@OEBroncos

SPECIAL AREA WEDNESDAY ENRICHMENT LESSONS AT OSTEEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PICTURED BELOW ARE STUDENTS DURING ENRICHMENT ETIQUETTE LESSONS

We now have new Special Area Wednesday Enrichment lessons in manners and etiquette and pumpkin planting. We have also done red ribbon week activities, make your own musical instrument, 50th day activities and bike safety! We will offer others throughout the year such as stringed instrument performances and hands measuring lessons. These lessons seek to provide fun and enriching opportunities for all of our students that they might not otherwise have!

MAKE YOUR OWN MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

PICTURED BELOW ARE STUDENTS DURING MUSIC ENRICHMENT LESSONS

ETIQUETTE TRAINING

PICTURED ABOVE ARE STUDENTS DURING WEDNESDAY ENRICHMENT ETIQUETTE LESSONS

Jim Bambick
Principal
PINE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
HONORING THOSE AFFECTED BY 9/11

Pictured to the left are school band and AFJROTC members playing in remembrance of the events that transpired on 9/11.

Students, faculty, staff and community members gathered around the flagpole on Patriot Day in honor of the 9/11 tragedy. Facts of the 9/11 events that transpired were read out loud. Thank you to Mrs. Brazee for organizing this annual event. Also a big thanks to the school band, AFJROTC, and theatre as well as the speakers, Brandon Jones and Solaria Roman.

A moment of silence was held campus wide in remembrance of those affected by 9/11.
Thanks again to everyone who attended Pride’s Open House! Our Lions were so proud to show off their classrooms!

Pictured above are photos from Pride Elementary’s Open House.

**DONUTS WITH DAD**

Pictured to the left, are students and their fathers enjoying donuts with dad.

Over 500 Pride Lions enjoyed donuts and time together this morning! Thanks to all the dudes who inspire us to do our best!

Elizabeth Johnson  
@schoolsocialite  
Principal
**SPIRIT’S TEACHER OF THE YEAR!**

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

Spirit Elementary is proud to announce that Michelle Gaetjens will be representing Spirit as the 2020-2021 Teacher of The Year! Michelle has been at Spirit since 2005 and has taught in both Kindergarten and third grade classrooms and is currently our Media Specialist. Michelle works tirelessly for our students and is at all before and after school activities. She is dedicated to making reading a fun priority for all our students and staff.

**STUDENTS PRACTICED WRITING NOTES OF KINDNESS FOR NATIONAL LOVE NOTE DAY**

Pictured to the left is a student leaving a note of kindness for National Love Note Day.

2nd graders in Ms. Hogle’s classroom practiced their writing and celebrated National Love Note Day by writing notes of kindness and encouragement to their fellow classmates.
Sunrise Elementary (K-5)
@Sunrisevcs

SUNRISE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RECEIVES ASTHMA- AWARD

Pictured to the left is Principal Alejandro holding the certificate from the Florida Asthma Coalition. The Florida Asthma Coalition honored Sunrise Elementary School in Volusia County for their dedication to students and the community for the work that was accomplished to earn the Asthma-Friendly School award. Sunrise Elementary School has earned Platinum recognition by completing all ten Asthma Friendly school criteria, which were designed to create a safe and healthy environment for students with asthma.

They established an Asthma Leadership Team, provided student-centered asthma support, increased asthma awareness, provided parents and caregivers asthma education, and implemented indoor air quality procedures. Sunrise Elementary School successfully met all the criteria for Platinum level of recognition in addition to having a school district Tobacco-Free Schools Policy and comprehensive asthma procedures for the school.

SUNRISE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RECEIVES ASTHMA- AWARD (CONT.)

Asthma is the leading cause of preventable hospitalizations, school absenteeism and work-related lung disease in Florida. The Florida Asthma Coalition works to improve asthma outcomes and reduce associated costs for Floridians through various interventions.
**HOUSE SYSTEM IMPLEMENTED**

**PICTURED ABOVE ARE STUDENTS FROM THE WINNING HOUSE ENJOYING THEIR PARTY**

Timbercrest has had so many exciting events already this year, it’s hard to pick just one! This year Timbercrest has implemented the House System. House parties will be given at midterm and end of quarter. On September 20th, Team Shabeel was in the lead so they earned a dance party with blow pops. Fun was had by all!

Take Your Dad to School Day was on September 25th.

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**TAKE DAD TO SCHOOL & WALK TO SCHOOL DAY**

**PICTURED ABOVE IS TAKE YOUR DAD TO SCHOOL DAY**

We served nearly 600 donuts. Dads and/or father figures spent time with their students in the café eating donuts, interviewing each other on favorite things (food, sport), and dancing to Baby Shark or the Cha-Cha Slide.

Walk to School Day was a huge success with an overwhelming number of students and parents walking from the Deltona Library to our school. Thank you to the Sheriff’s Department for their escort.

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**TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

**PICTURED TO THE LEFT IS THE TEACHER OF YEAR MS. WEAVER**

We are excited to announce the newest Teacher of the Year for Timbercrest Elementary: art teacher, Mrs. Marcy Weaver. Mrs. Weaver brings the creativity out of all the students and inspires them to take pride in their artwork. She has also decorated our campus with some of her artwork. Congratulations Mrs. Weaver!!!
Spruce Creek High School senior, Amelia Bonjour, was selected as a finalist for the Leaders 4 Life Fellowship. The L4L Fellowship is funded by the Asofsky Family Foundation and available through the Take Stock in Children program. L4L enables the recipients to excel in a university environment by eliminating the financial burdens normally associated with a university education and allowing the fellow to devote 100% of their attention to school and personal development. The L4L fellowship provides each student with up to $10,000 annually for leadership training and development, housing, food, textbooks, supplies, transportation and other college-related expenses. Amelia was selected as one of 12 finalists out of 100 applicants. All finalists receive a MacBook pro. The six fellowship recipients will be announced in December and celebrated at the TSIC Leadership Summit January 14-15, 2020 in Tallahassee, FL.

A surprise celebratory lunch was held for Amelia on October 21, 2019. Special guests in attendance were Representative Tom Leek, School Board Chairman Carl Persis, TSIC Leadership Chair Chris Cloudman, and FUTURES board member David Jimenez.

Superintendent’s Outstanding Achievement Award recipient Information Systems Analyst Mary Temarantz from Volusia Online Learning.

On Aug. 29th, FUTURES hosted a celebration for all nominees during its 4th Annual Superintendent’s Outstanding Achievement Award and Principal of the Year Nominee Breakfast. Culinary Teacher Todd Owens and his amazing culinary students served a delicious breakfast buffet. Thank you to all nominees and award recipients for your outstanding service to Volusia County School District!

FUTURES is delighted to partner each year on the Volusia Teacher of the Year Program and congratulates each of the 72 nominees! We’re off to an exciting start with our returning sponsor, AdventHealth for this year’s program. We also are elated Craig Conway of Diamond Motors & Marine, Daytona Mitsubishi & Daytona Kia will be providing our Teacher of the Year the use of a vehicle again this year. Thank you AdventHealth and
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.
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