Congratulations!
The Florida Association of School Nurses has selected Kathy Browning, RN, a district liaison and school nurse at Lacoochee Elementary School, as Florida’s 2015 School Nurse of the Year. She has worked for Pasco County Schools since 1992, except for two years between 2007 and 2009. Mrs. Browning will be recognized Friday evening, February 6, at the Florida Association of School Nurses annual conference kick-off reception at the Florida Hotel in Orlando. For more information, visit: http://bit.ly/1yy3AyK.

Education Celebration Tomorrow
The 2015 Education Celebration will be held tomorrow, January 30, at the Wesley Chapel Center for the Performing Arts. Good luck to all finalists for Teacher of the Year, SRP of the Year, NNB of the Year, and Administrator of the Year!

Professional Development Videos
This week’s PD video focuses on overviewing Domains 2-4 for Non-Classroom Based Teachers (NCBT). It also contains culminating activities focusing on school counselors. To watch the video, visit: http://bit.ly/15XiRO0. To view the work plans, visit: http://bit.ly/1EQ9gKn.

Government Relations News
Yesterday, Governor Rick Scott unveiled his fiscal year 2015-16 budget recommendations for education. For information, visit: http://bit.ly/1y5Aisk.

Bus Driver Recruitment
The district is hiring bus drivers. Starting pay is $12 per hour. Please share this information with friends or family members you think may be interested. Anyone who is interested can call 813-794-1862 for more information.

Re-use Factory
On January 31, from 8 a.m. to noon, the Recycling and Education to Save Our Resources for a Clean Environment (R.E.S.O.R.C.E.) Recycling Club, Inc. will host their annual “Re-use Factory” event at the North Trinity Self Storage in Trinity. This event allows teachers and other district employees to pick up gently used supplies.

Kudos
I must apologize for the delay in this note, but I still felt it was important to send. I happened to be having lunch in the McDonald’s near your school the day your students were visiting various locales and singing. The dining room was somewhat full when your students came in to get their lunches. They were quiet, or as quiet as a group of kids can be, orderly and polite…Your students did a great job of not only representing themselves, but also their families, school and community. In this time of pervasive negativism, it is so easy to let these bright spots pass by. I didn’t want to let that happen. -Eileen Raven

Lake Myrtle Elementary’s first grade students celebrated the 100th day of school by dressing up as 100 year olds.

February is Black History Month. Schools are encouraged to celebrate the important historical contributions of African Americans.