National Wear Red Day®
Tomorrow is National Wear Red Day®. For more than 10 years, the American Heart Association has sponsored National Wear Red Day® to raise awareness in the fight against heart disease in women. Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women in the United States, claiming more lives than all forms of cancer combined. For more information, visit: http://bit.ly/KExjWo.

Professional Development
The Offices for Professional Development and School Support is pleased to link a sample ITC (Math) Work Plan. It can be downloaded from this link: http://bit.ly/1yMwkJp. This and other sample work plans can be located on our department website: http://bit.ly/1EQ9gKnt. Thank you Laura Ludy for putting this week’s sample together.

Chasco Fiesta Hunger Walk
The Chasco Fiesta Hunger Walk is a collaborative effort to promote hunger awareness and raise funds for hunger relief in Pasco County. All money raised will be given to food related programs like Pack-A-Sack 4 Kids and Metropolitan Ministries whose missions are to provide meals for food insecure children, families, and individuals in Pasco County. Sign up to participate at http://bit.ly/1195XmR as an individual walker, create or join a team (you can join the Superintendent’s team), or become a business sponsor.

9th Annual Long Run at the Ranch
Dr. John Long Middle and Wiregrass Ranch High schools are hosting the 9th Annual Long Run at the Ranch 5K & 1 Mile Family Fun Run & Walk on March 7th. Register online at http://bit.ly/1uehhb4 or download a mail-in entry form at: http://bit.ly/1xqgU84.

Stacking Layers II Symposium
Florida State University (FSU) is presenting an exploration of 3D printing technologies and research for students, teachers, innovators, and entrepreneurs. The Stacking Layers II Symposium is scheduled for February 19 and 20, in Tallahassee. FSU is offering free admission to the conference for 30 school district participants. To sign up, visit: http://fla.st/1gDdfaj. Register with the code FDS. Stacking Layers presentations will be streamed live online and accessible on-demand after the symposium at http://fla.st/16GaVH2.

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.

Kudos
We appreciate Monica Capabianco for all that she does here at GSES!!! She has so many extra groups and always handles children in crisis so quickly! We also appreciate Lindsay for all of her work with our struggling families!! Keep up the great work ladies! -Lisa R. O’Keefe

Thank you Lane Morris and all the staff members for recognizing School Counselors and your expressions of love to me this week… I have said this before, but it is my absolute honor to work with all of you. You are the best!! -Monica Capabianco, Gulfside Elementary School Counselor

Ed Patschureck and Cheryl Buckley were recently at SSES to paint the administrative conference room and office. They did a professional job with great attention to detail. In addition, Mr. Patschureck kept me updated on the progress and was a pleasure to have on campus. I wanted to take a moment to let you know what a terrific job they did!
-Vicki Garner, Principal, Seven Springs Elementary

Sunlake High held its first VEX Robotics competition last week. River Ridge High and Sunlake High competed against teams from outside of the district.

This week is Student Services Week. Please take a moment to thank our school counselors, nurses, psychologists, and social workers.