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School Matters

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Happy Mother's Day

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10. Thank you to all the mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and maternal influences! You all make such a difference in the lives of our children.

Congratulations!

Morgan Hawkins from Pasco High School won an iPad in this year's Algebra Nation Test Yourself Challenge! For more information on the contest, visit: <http://bit.ly/1EShGBV>.



Student Book Drive a Success!

Pasco High's Cambridge Program students put on a book drive for Centennial Elementary School. They collected more than 1,100 books and delivered them to the school on Friday, May 1. All students were able to take a book home to keep and there were many left over to teachers and students to use in their classes.



Left: Pasco High Cambridge Program students who organized Centennial Elementary book drive. Right: Centennial Elementary students pick out their favorite books.

Legislative Update

Yesterday, the Senate and the House of Representatives agreed to call a special session, focusing on the budget, **June 1-20**. They must create and balance a budget and have it signed by Governor Rick Scott before the end of the fiscal year, which is 11:59 p.m. on June 30. Neither chamber has released a draft resolution detailing additional items that will be covered.



Kudos

Mrs. Marla Spellman: I was a student of yours about three years ago...I had just come from Venezuela, did not know English and took your reading class. I just wanted to send you this, because I never got the time to thank you for all your help; I think that without you I would have never learned English nor "survived" or gotten through eighth grade, which was a really challenging and strenuous year. I never got the chance to thank you for always being available for me whenever I needed help, or for always complimenting my work. Thanks to you I gained confidence and strength, thanks to you I passed the FCAT with a five (: As right now, I am doing great. I am currently enrolled in Lake Nona High School as a dual enrollment student in Valencia College. I am vice-president of Key Club, secretary of the Spanish Honor Society, member of the National Honor Society and BETA club, and I am an Ambassador for my class. I have taken and passed 6 AP classes and I have a GPA of 5.0, which puts me in the top-ten of my class. I work at a little Venezuelan cafe and I try to manage my time as well as I can...Again, I have no words to describe how grateful I am for all the help I received from you. I hope you are doing great, and that your family is well. – Valentina Martinez, former student

Marilyn Burgess: Just wanted to let you know of some good news in our kitchen...a mom came in to tell us her son was having a difficult time in school so she has a hard time waking him and getting him ready for school. But lately he was "working" in our kitchen in the mornings and he is excited about going to school. She said there have been mornings he was awake and getting ready before she went to wake him! We didn't know other students were giving him a hard time...he saw we had other helpers and wanted to join in. She said he loves coming to work in our kitchen! We made a difference!! – Irene Pflieger, Food and Nutrition Services Manager, Deer Park Elementary

Sergio Negron Falcon came to LMES to work on the electric for our TV's during instructional time. He was very considerate of our needs and took the time to signal to our teachers when it was going to be loud so they could adjust what they were doing. Because of this, there were less interruptions to student learning. We greatly appreciate his flexibility and consideration for our teachers and students. What a great employee! – Sarah Bordner, Assistant Principal, Lake Myrtle Elementary School

