



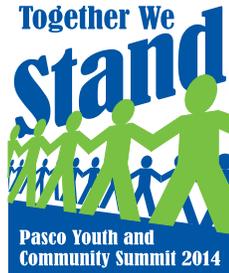
School Matters

District School Board of Pasco County
Kurt S. Browning, Superintendent of Schools

May 30, 2014

Together We Stand

The second Together We Stand Youth and Community Summit will be held at River Ridge Center for the Arts on June 10. The event will include student leaders, principals, and community partners working together to create safer, more inclusive schools and communities. In addition to unity activities and collaborative planning, the summit will feature student speeches, artwork, and dramatic and musical performances related to creating a positive school climate through hope, engagement, and wellbeing. A group of high school student leaders from around the district has been integrally involved in planning this year's summit. Each school will create an action plan, and summit participants will use Canvas and social media to stay connected and share progress during the 2014-2015 school year.



OES

I am writing this email to each of you to relay a story of the wonderful change I have watched in my sons over the last year. I attribute these changes to the teachers and the support of Mrs. Love at Odessa elementary school. My youngest son has gained almost 2 years of reading competency this year under Mrs. Rackozy, and that not being great on its own. My oldest son who has Autism is reading now. A year and a half ago my youngest could not read and my oldest son was unable to make eye contact for any length of time. We as parents and residents of Pasco county are blessed to have educators like the ones I have had contact with... Thank you all for the contributions you have made to the children of our county, but mostly to the changes you have made in my sons. Thanks Connie and Amy for all you have done for the boys.

Ron Litts

Middle School Math Competition 1st Place Winners

Maxwell Twitmyer, PMS 6th Advanced
Justin King, JLMS 7th Advanced
Daniel Fernandez, PVMS Algebra
Adelin Pop, TEWMS Geometry



Maintenance Department staff and Assistant Superintendent Ray Gadd receive thanks from Corporal Creg Bell for donating their time to build Smokey's Cabin for Safety Town. Nice work!

Accountability, Research, and Measurement

Peggy,

I am not sure if it is your office that is responsible for the detailed data provided to schools on both the Writing results and the 3rd grade FCAT, but if it is I would like to thank you! This is an excellent report not only providing schools with historical data, which allows high schools to see valuable information regarding performance of students in their feeder pattern, but also key information of the tests themselves. I love that this is all in one document. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!!

Michelle Williams
AHS Principal



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SLHS

This is to inform you all of a fire incident that occurred this morning shortly before 6 am...in building 9 at Sunlake High. This is a water chiller building. We were told that the fire had been extinguished by Plant Manager Jeff Dotoli prior to Pasco County Fire Service arriving on the scene...

The school's fire alarm system worked as designed and a smoke detector activated in the room. The monitoring company received the alarm and transferred it to Pasco County 911 center. The school plant manager did a backup call to 911 and gave them a detailed account of the situation. I would like to commend Plant Manager Jeff Dotoli for doing an outstanding job in extinguishing this fire, shutting off the power, and his communications to 911 center. The school followed proper protocol for this fire incident.

Tom Rutledge
District Fire Official



Pine View Middle School's Odyssey of the Mind team at World OM Finals in Iowa.

Pasco eSchool

Re: In appreciation of Mrs. Dana Buntyn

On behalf of my son and myself, I would like to extend my most sincere appreciation for the gift we have received in Mrs. Dana Buntyn...The manner in which Mrs. Buntyn makes a connection with students is admirable. Without the benefit of seeing the faces of the students and them seeing hers, she still enables the kind of caring support needed to excel. She continually provided excellent feedback...(and) offered motivational and inspirational words...

Donna L. Bruno

TEWMS

Mr. Browning,

I wanted to take a moment to tell you about an amazing and passionate Behavior Specialist at TEWMS. I am a teacher (at SOES) and I know, that our county is filled with passionate educators that are determined to make sure that our students succeed; but Mr. Fowler takes this to a different level. Mr. Fowler is the Behavior Specialist at TEWMS...He has been our "go-to" person since we toured the school before my son began 6th grade. We immediately established a bond as a TEAM for our son. Don has gone above and beyond every single day for the three years our son has been at TEWMS...I cannot fully express to you how blessed we feel to have Mr. Fowler on our TEAM. Our son has been feeling a little anxious about becoming a freshman next year and to our delight, verbalized his concerns to us. He said, "I'm worried about who the Mr. Fowler will be at the high school." Don has taken our son over to WCHS and introduced him to the support facilitators and behavior specialists so that he can build a relationship with them ahead of time and feel comfortable knowing who the key players are at WCHS.

The entire staff at TEWMS has had a tremendous impact on our family and we will never forget our time there.

We are so blessed to have had Mr. Fowler on our TEAM for these three years and we look forward to keeping in touch with him as we move our son to WCHS.

Danielle Biggs

Tuesday is the last day of school for students and Thursday is the last day for teachers. Thanks for a great year, and have a fantastic summer!

