Welcome to the 2014-2015 School Year!
The school year opening has gone very well, and I’m looking forward to a great year! I hope all of you are, too. Thanks to everyone for your planning and preparation. We have a great team and I am honored to serve with all of you.

Calling All Aspiring Leaders…
The Office for Professional Development and School Supports is offering a new professional development training, Leaders Emerging and Developing (LEAD) Program, for anyone who is interested in more formal leadership positions. Participants will learn how to describe, analyze, and demonstrate various leadership skills in order to maximize student achievement through focused teaching practices and highly effective professional learning communities. Interested teachers may sign up for classes in Avatar by searching for the classes titled “Leaders Emerging and Developing (LEAD)” - Level 1, 2, or 3.

You Know the Drill
As we start the school year, please keep in mind that safety is everyone's responsibility. An important part of fire safety in schools is the Florida Fire Prevention Code requirement to have monthly fire drills. The fire drill schedule was sent out to all Principals and Directors on July 24, 2014. This is just one way we strive to keep all students, staff, and the public safe in our schools.

Together We Stand 5K Run
Join us on Saturday, September 13, for a fun, high-energy event to support our student leaders who are preventing bullying by making their schools safer and more inclusive. The race starts at 8:30 a.m. at Jay B. Starkey Wilderness Park, 10500 Wilderness Park Blvd., New Port Richey. To register online, click here, or register at Shelter 5 beginning at 7 a.m. the day of the run. The 5K will be professionally timed, and all levels of runners and walkers are welcome. For more information contact Molly Blair at mblair@pasco.k12.fl.us or 813-794-2485.

Keep Our Shores Beautiful
The Coastal Cleanup is Saturday, September 20, from 8 a.m. to noon. Join concerned citizens from all over the world to clean shorelines, waterways, and roads. Here in Pasco, over 1,000 people participate every year and help to make Pasco County a better place by picking up litter from all around the county. To register for a team near you, click here. If you are unable to register online, you can contact our conservation and recycling coordinator, Tony Bartenope, at abarteno@pasco.k12.fl.us or 774-7936.

Kudos
My name is Aileen Ortiz. I work as a teacher at WRHS. I do not talk on faculty meetings, but this time is very necessary to express my feelings. WRHS administrators are awesome. They prepared/planned a great pre-planning week for faculty. The enrollment process was excellent and the physical plant was and is ready for us to function adequately. Usually we, humans, judge and criticize the bad things. I want you to know that this administration have done an excellent job and we are ready for a fantastic academic year.

Submit Your Story Ideas
Communications staff is always looking for story ideas to pitch to reporters, so they created an online form to make it easy for teachers, staff, and administrators to send in items of interest. Click here to access the form.