Digital Technology in Kindergarten
Schools throughout Pasco County are blending technology into the curriculum. Attached to the names of the schools below are links to two videos showing kindergarten teachers using Apple products to facilitate instruction. Sunray Elementary School has gone 1-to-1 in almost every classroom. Another example is Chester Taylor Elementary School teacher Kanin Wynne. In the video, she demonstrates how she uses YouTube in her Learner Active Technology Infused kindergarten classroom.

5K Run is This Saturday
Help us reach our goal of 100 participants by joining 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.

Leadership Week Save the Date
Leadership Week 2015 will be held Tuesday, June 9 through Thursday, June 11. The June 9th Kickoff will be held at the Center for the Arts at Wesley Chapel High School and the Professional Development opportunities on June 10th and 11th will be held at the District Office Complex.

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, more than 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 abartenoe@pasco.k12.fl.us or 774-7936.

Kudos
Mrs. Lisa Couture asked School Board Member Joanne Hurley to help her recognize Christine Wolff, principal of John Long Middle School, so Mrs. Hurley asked me to include an item in School Matters.

Ms. Couture is blind and has two children who attend JLMS. Ms. Wolff helps her reformat electronic items so that they are compatible with her software. She also generally makes sure Ms. Couture receives all the information she needs to have regarding her children’s education, and she lets Ms. Couture know that she can call her any time for help with school-related matters.

Thank you, Christine Wolff, for showing kindness, caring, and compassion, and for being a model school leader.

Submit Your Story Ideas
Thanks to those of you who have sent in items. We want to remind you to send 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.

The Hudson High School JROTC color guard recently opened the Washington vs. Tampa Bay game at Raymond James Stadium.