**Native Plant Society School Grants**

Florida Nature Coast Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS) is offering grants of up to $500 per approved project. Projects must be within Pasco County and meet the objectives of the FNPS mission statement. For more information, visit [www.naturecoast.fnpschapters.org](http://www.naturecoast.fnpschapters.org/) or contact the district’s Conservation and Recycling Coordinator, Tony Bartenope, at abarteno@pasco.k12.fl.us.

**Employee Benefits and Wellness Fair**

The Employee Benefits and Wellness Fair is this Saturday, September 27th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Land O’ Lakes High School.

**The Perfect Brainstorm**

Sunlake High will host a family engagement workshop on Wednesday, October 1, from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. in their cafeteria entitled “The Perfect Brainstorm in 3-D.” This interactive workshop will explain why the Florida Standards are beneficial to all Floridians, and teach families specific age-appropriate activities to support learning at home. Parents and kids of all ages are encouraged to attend. We hear they’re handing out 3-D glasses.

**Wesley Chapel Zombie 5K Run**

The Wesley Chapel High School Band will be hosting a 5K fundraiser on Saturday, October 11, at WCHS. There will be food, fun, raffles, and a silent auction after the race. Packet pickup starts at 8:30 a.m. and the race begins at 10 a.m. For more information, please visit [http://bit.ly/1ogCRn1](http://bit.ly/1ogCRn1) or email wczombierun@yahoo.com.

**Kudos**

I want to thank Land O’ Lakes High School for letting us use the gym Tuesday night for the Sanders STEAM Magnet Elementary School community meeting. It was a great success with an impressive turnout. What also was impressive was your staff’s helpfulness, attention to detail, and flexibility. Jim Higgins was great to work with from the planning through the execution of the event...The most impressive thing was that Jim came back to the school after the meeting! He arrived at work at 5:30 a.m., stayed until nearly 4 p.m. to make sure things were set up, then came back to make sure everything ran smoothly...I know other custodial staff members also worked on the lawn and landscaping and helped to get the gym ready. I’d also like to thank Coach Puhalski for accommodating staff as they scouted the location, tested the equipment, and held the meeting.

To Pasco High and Weightman Middle Schools: Our children are attending [your schools] thanks to McKay in-school choice...I cannot put into a single email how many ways our schools have literally blown our minds. They have communicated with us as parents, held IEP review meetings with the entire teams and administration, and are already working to see our students remain safe, and [are] confident in learning...It is a privilege to have our children learn from these teams. –Mr. and Mrs. Baker

**Events & Retirements**

We are now posting retirement and other events on our Facebook Events calendar. Check it out at [www.facebook.com/pascoschools](http://www.facebook.com/pascoschools). Please send entries to Andy Dunn at adunn@pasco.k12.fl.us.

**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. Visit [http://bit.ly/1wDIwLL](http://bit.ly/1wDIwLL) to access the form.