



# School Matters

District School Board of Pasco County

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Pasco Supervisor of Elections Brian E. Corley talked to SLHS students on September 30 about the importance of voting.

## Pasco High AVID 5K Race

On **Saturday, November 15**, Pasco High School will be hosting a 5K Race sponsored by AVID. Please visit <http://phs.pasco.k12.fl.us/> to register.

## Kudos

As I was leaving school, I was approached by a parent [who] received a phone call about his son. The teacher, **Mary Anderson**, called only to tell him how respectful and hard working his son, Connor, was and how nice it was to have him in her class. Connor stood beside him, gleaming from ear to ear. Dad looked down at him and said, "I can't wait to celebrate with him tonight!"...Thank you Mary, for not only working hard every day but stopping to take the time to make that positive phone call. –Sarah Border, Lake Myrtle Elementary Assistant Principal



My daughter is in **Karen Wood's** Algebra I class at Seven Springs Middle. Mrs. Wood conducts class with rigor and offers practice that is necessary for my daughter, to not only be successful in this class, but also will give her a firm foundation for her further math education. As a middle school student in a high school class, my daughter is receiving valuable instruction at a pace that is manageable, with lots of positive feedback...I just wanted to take a moment to let you know that Mrs. Wood's classroom is an example of what you want offered to our advanced kids today. Thank you. –Mimi Glover, NBCT

## Events & Retirements

We are now posting retirements and other events on our Facebook Events calendar. Check it out at [www.facebook.com/pascoschools](http://www.facebook.com/pascoschools). You will find the Events link if you click on "More" in the ribbon below the photo. Please send entries to Andy Dunn at [adunn@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:adunn@pasco.k12.fl.us).

## Benefits Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment for the 2015 Plan Year for school employees is **September 29 through October 24**. For more information, please visit <http://bit.ly/1yyjtvy>.

## October is Bullying Prevention Month

Show your commitment to a safe, caring, respectful school community this month and throughout the year. Here are some ideas:

- Create original posters, videos, skits, poems, artwork or stories that highlight the themes of hope, engagement, and well-being.
- Celebrate "[Mix It Up Day](#)" at your school.
- Work with student leaders to share a positive, hopeful message about prevention in your community.
- Develop a mentoring program.
- Create a huge banner with the word UNITY as the central theme. Ask everyone to sign the banner, define what unity means to them, or make a suggestion about ways to unite as a school.
- **Tweet your anti-bullying ideas and activities using #pasco2gether**

## Disability History and Awareness

The District School Board of Pasco County passed a resolution at the September 16 School Board meeting recognizing the first two weeks in October as Disability History and Awareness Weeks in Pasco County. The Board encourages schools to provide instruction on disability history, people with disabilities, and the disability rights movement.



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