



School Matters

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

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Events & Retirements

We are now posting retirements and other events on our Facebook Events calendar. Check it out at 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.

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/1yyjtvj>.

October is Bullying Prevention Month

Pasco's Together We Stand student leadership initiative is committed to giving our Pasco County students a voice in preventing bullying and uniting families, educators, and community partners in creating safe, and supportive schools. For more information, please visit <http://bit.ly/YOKom6>.

National School Lunch Week

The District School Board of Pasco County passed a resolution at the October 7 School Board meeting recognizing October 13-17 as National School Lunch Week. For over 60 years, the National School Lunch Program has contributed to the physical and academic development of Florida's students. The School Lunch Program promotes the increased consumption of high quality, nutritious, agricultural products from Florida and, the National School Nutrition Association is dedicated to the educational and physical success of Florida's students by creating public awareness of the impact of hunger on a child's ability to learn.

PCASA Fall Social

The Pasco County Association of School Administrators (PCASA) will be hosting their Fall Social on **October 22** at the Land O' Lakes High Academy of Culinary Arts Building. Please RSVP before **October 15** by clicking the following link <http://svy.mk/1rX6mOe>.

Submit Your Story Ideas

We would really like to increase our positive news coverage and our opportunities to share school-related videos and news on YouTube, Facebook, and other social media. Please visit <http://bit.ly/1wDIwLL> and complete the form with your story ideas that Communications staff can pitch to reporters or can arrange to videotape for the district's YouTube channel.

Kudos

Carolyn Clark is a southeast bus driver who called me at NRES to report that a 3rd grade student was still standing at a bus stop in her neighborhood this morning, well after the child's bus pick up time. The student was unable to remember his parent's phone number so she called us right away. She stayed with him and even offered to bring him to school if the parent gave permission. I was able to contact the parents and thankfully, they were very close by to get their child. Carolyn continued to stay with the child until the parents arrived, and I called her back to say thank you from NRES and from the child's parents. We need more community members like Carolyn! –Clara Craig, Assistant Principal at NRES



My son attended Cotee River Elementary from Jan of 2006 until his moving up ceremony in June. At his 5th grade ceremony he received 4 awards. He would not be where he is in life today if it was not for all the support he has received from all who have touched his life at Cotee. I cannot say enough about everyone there, about how helpful and caring over all the years they have been to our family... I just want to say thank you to all of them and to let them know how important and special they are. –Linda L Hudson



Yesterday, I had the opportunity to read to Ms. Fiscus' 1st grade class at Pasco Elementary School in Dade City.



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