



# School Matters

District School Board of Pasco County

Kurt S. Browning, Superintendent of Schools

October 30, 2014

## Honoring Our Veterans

If you are a veteran, remember to submit a photo of yourself in uniform for the district's Veterans Day video honoring district employees who have served in the military. Send photos to Andy Dunn at [adunn@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:adunn@pasco.k12.fl.us) by Friday, October 31.

## Set Your Clocks!

Daylight Savings Time ends this weekend. Set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday.



## Next Tuesday is Election Day

As Election Day approaches, please take advantage of one of the many ways to vote: absentee ballot, early voting and voting at your precinct on November 4. More information is available by clicking on the links below to the Pasco County Supervisor of Elections website:

- Supervisor of Elections: <http://www.pascovotes.com/>
- Precinct Finder: <http://bit.ly/1qufOWm>
- About Voting by Mail: <http://bit.ly/1sfwKTC>



## Pasco eSchool Golf Tournament

On Saturday, November 8, at 12:30 p.m., Pasco eSchool will host their best ball scramble at Lexington Oaks Golf Club for a day of golfing, contests and prizes. Cost is \$60 per player or \$240 per team, which includes lunch. Please contact Abigail Kennedy at [ajkenned@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:ajkenned@pasco.k12.fl.us) or visit <http://bit.ly/1vgMh4r> if you have questions or would like to sign up.

## Canvas Support

The district recently moved forward with an agreement to provide on-demand Canvas support. Now, help tickets will be answered within 60 minutes by the Instructure team, and district staff can receive phone support 24/7. The Canvas help desk number is 855-295-9003.

## Gallup Staff Engagement Survey

After one week, less than half of our employees have completed the Gallup survey. Please take five minutes to take the survey. The overall results, not individual responses, will be used by the district to help us lead our district and schools. You can access the survey via a link provided in the email each employee received from Gallup last Friday. **The survey closes November 5<sup>th</sup>.**

## Kudos

Over the last two years my 8th grade daughter has verbalized how much she dislikes math and how she is not good at it...Since the first week of school **Mrs. Susan Palmgren** has helped my daughter feel successful as a math student and for the first time in years she has stated that math is her favorite class. I know this is because of the teacher. She also taught my older daughter two years ago and it was a very positive experience as well. Thank you Mrs. Palmgren for changing my daughter's mind set about what she is capable of doing mathematically.  
-Tammy Berryhill, Bayonet Point Middle mother & Schrader Elementary Principal

Thank you **Brandon Bracciale** [Weightman Middle School Principal]. I have been meaning to thank you and all those people that lead clubs at Weightman Middle. As an employee, I never noticed the impact it has on our students. But as a parent, I see firsthand how wonderful this school really is. My daughter loves the school so much, that there are times she doesn't want to leave. She has made so many friends and the atmosphere at this school is by far one of the best. She is part of the Pokemon club, the SWAT club, the running club, and the SAC committee. Angelina has a great deal of fun at this school, not just with the clubs, but learning too. She has many friends that feel the same way.  
-Minnie Torres



Senator Wilton Simpson hands out food at the "Eggstravagant Breakfast" event at Richey Elementary School. K-2 students learned about poultry farming, how an egg gets from farm to table, and the importance of agriculture to Pasco County's and Florida's economy.



@kurtsbrowning  
@cobbelinda