



School Matters

District School Board of Pasco County

Kurt S. Browning, Superintendent of Schools

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Honoring Veterans

This year is the first year Pasco has had school on Veterans Day, so on Tuesday, November 11, we will have a district-wide celebration in honor of veterans. The program will be live-streamed from the Center for the Arts at Wesley Chapel beginning at 8:30 a.m. It will include patriotic music; Supervisor of Elections Brian Corley, who will talk about the Vote in Honor of a Veteran initiative; and keynote speaker and veteran Tom Castriota. We also will have a special surprise presentation. Log on to watch the live-stream by clicking on the Veterans Day banner on the district homepage.

Administrator of the Year Finalists

The Pasco County Association of School Administrators (PCASA) is pleased to announce the finalists for Administrator of the Year. Congratulations to the following administrators who were selected by their colleagues to represent the district:

- Kim Davis – Principal, Gulf High School
- Betsy Kuhn – Director, Office for Employee Relations
- Melissa Musselwhite – Director, Office for Student Support Programs and Services

NNB of the Year Finalists

On November 4, the finalists for Non-instructional Non-bargaining (NNB) Employee of the Year were announced. Congratulations to the following finalists:

- Carol Jugan
- Lori Karpinski
- Linda Osuba

The Pasco County Administrator of the Year, NNB of the Year, and SRP of the Year will be announced on January 30, 2015, at the Pasco Education Foundation Educational Awards Celebration at the Center for the Arts at Wesley Chapel. SRP finalists have not yet been announced.

Clarification

Two weeks ago, we included an item about wearing pink for Breast Cancer Awareness month. It included a statement about jeans day that only applied to the district office complex. We are sorry for the confusion this caused at some sites. The decision to have casual Friday is a site-based decision, and district administration supports principals making that judgment call.

Teacher Training Presentations

We haven't included Marzano Instructional Framework items in School Matters so far this year, but we have some for you today. The Office for Professional Development and Educator Supports has created the following teacher presentations:

- Framework Focus – Overview of Domains 1-4: <http://bit.ly/1y5blsi>
- 2014 Teacher Evaluations Explained: <http://bit.ly/1wy2577>

Please note that if you are in the Pasco County network, you must be logged into **iBoss** to see the videos within the presentation. The username and password are the same as your email username and password.

Kudos

Woodland Elementary Watch D.O.G. Program: Yesterday Kali gave me a letter that another little girl there wrote for her to bring home, thanking me for being there. If I wasn't already loving this, knowing that I've had an impact enough on these kids that one of them wanted to send me a letter saying thank you, now one of the teachers specifically asking for me, I'm speechless on that.

–Jon Catron Woodland Elementary Watch D.O.G.



Last weekend, our school bands participated in the Marching Performance Assessment (MPA) competition.

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.



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