



DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY

Kurt S. Browning, Superintendent of Schools

CONGRATULATIONS!

Ridgewood Scholar

Mary Kujak, a senior at Ridgewood High School, has won a \$20,000 Horatio Alger Scholarship. She was flown to D.C. and back for tours and a gala. During her four days in D.C., she met with the Supreme Court Justices and other dignitaries, and toured the White House. One of her favorite pictures is with Brad Pitt. Mary also is a Tampa Bay Times Barnes Scholarship winner for a total of \$60,000.

Fivay Teacher is Going to England

Eric J. Johnson, Fivay High School's Social Studies Department Chair, has been selected to participate in the "Age of Lincoln" seminar at Oxford University in Oxford, England, July 7 through July 13. A select group of teachers from around the world will gather to address themes and topics including slavery, politics, war, emancipation, and American nationalism, among other things.

Zephyrhills High School Band

The ZHS band earned Straight Superiors at State Music Performance Assessment at USF on Thursday! This is only the third time one of our high schools has achieved such scores. Congratulations to the band and to director Russell Schmidt!

SPECIAL THANKS

Teachers Help Write EOC Exams

A **big thank you** to the teachers who have been contributing to the Pasco County Item Development Project in the Fine Arts, Mathematics, CTE, Drivers Ed, and Social Studies. Their items have been submitted to the item bank and will be used to build quality end-of-course assessments. The following teachers have been instrumental to the project:

Robert Perrault, Lisa Dawson, Jason Hallman, Lisa Jones, Stacey Enyart, Karen Crocco, Karen Coss, Michael Rice, Jackie Watson, Mark Rulison, Elenica Stojanovska, Amanda Phillips, Pat Connolly, Brian Dean, Jean Imperatore, Ron Jones, Cynthia Lozano, Christy Rankin, Jonathan Nin, Linda Cachucho, and Linda Davies. We are grateful for your hard work and dedication to the project! Keep up the good work!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Girls on the Run 5-K Run Saturday

Chasco Elementary School teachers have volunteered to be coaches and running buddies to support the Girls on the Run after-school program. They will run with the girls at the Girls on the Run 5K race at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 4, at Hillsborough Community College.

PLACE Fun Run Sunday

The PLACE program holds its first annual 1K/2K Fun Run on Sunday May 5, at the Land O' Lakes Recreation Complex, 3032 Collier Parkway, Land O' Lakes. Check-in begins at 7 a.m. and the Fun Run begins at 8 a.m. Registration is open and free to all elementary-age children and their families. Forms are available at each PLACE program location or by visiting www.pasco.k12.fl.us/place/funrun, or by calling Karla Graziano at 813-794-2483.

Next Week is Teacher Appreciation Week!

We love our teachers and we want you to know that we appreciate you every day, not just during Teacher Appreciation Week!

Friday, May 10, is the first **casual Friday** for the District.

The 2013/2014 **Employee Calendars** are posted on the Human Resources & Educator Quality web page. **Click here to view.**

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