



DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY

Kurt S. Browning, Superintendent of Schools

Turnaround Achievement Awards

Thursday, I had the great opportunity to participate in the 25th Annual Turnaround Achievement Awards banquet. What an inspiring bunch of middle and high school students and educators! I am amazed with what some of those students have achieved in just one school year. I am humbled by the positive influences our teachers, guidance counselors, coaches and others have had on them, as well. It was clear that the educators were as affected by those kids' achievements as the students were themselves. Thanks to everyone who played a part in giving them a chance to succeed.

Wiregrass Ranch High School Band

The WRHS band earned Straight Superiors at the State Music Performance Assessment at USF last Friday! I don't think we've ever had two high schools earn straight superiors in one year. Congratulations to the band and to Director George DeGuzman!

They Went to Disney World

Calusa and Trinity Oaks elementary school chorus students both performed at Disney World this week. Check out their performances on the district's Youtube channel. We have some talented kids in this district, and some terrific teachers directing them.



National Merit Foundation Scholars

Dana Lawson and Priyanshi Patel of Land O' Lakes High School, and Emily Marie Payne of Wiregrass Ranch High School, are among 130 Florida students named National Merit Scholars. Christopher T. Harmon, a senior at Sunlake, is the district's only National Achievement Scholar. All will receive \$2,500 scholarships. Congratulations to all four students!

Governor's Awards

Last Friday was the 34th annual Governor's Awards for Excellence in Teaching Economics. Congratulations to the following district teachers!

- 1st Place: Eric Johnson and Stephanie Adams, Fivay High School - Econ 101 High School
- 3rd Place: Carmen Johnson, James M. Marlowe Elementary – Econ 101 Elementary/Middle School
- 2nd Place: Maryanne Meyer, River Ridge High School – Personal Financial Literacy High School

School Board Budget Town Hall Meetings Schedule

All meetings begin at 6 p.m.

Cynthia Armstrong, School Board Chairman, District 3 – Wed. May 22, at Seven Springs Middle School

Steve Luikart, District 5 – Tues., May 28, at Hudson High School

Alison Crumbley, School Board Vice Chairman, District 4 – Thurs., May 30, at River Ridge Middle/High School

Allen Altman, District 1 and **Joanne Hurley**, District 2 – Virtual meeting on Wed., May 29