



DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY

Kurt S. Browning, Superintendent of Schools

You did it!
Congratulations

2012 – 2013 PRIDE Award Winners PRIDE (Program to Recognize Initiative and Distinction in Education) Awards for academically high achieving seniors:

- Math:** Colin Defant – LOLHS
- Science:** Paige DePagter – JWMHS
- Social Studies:** Katrina Enoch – GHS
- Writing:** Samuel Henninger – WCHS
- World Languages:** Dylan Waddle – SLHS
- Visual Arts:** Abigail Cole – WRHS
- Performing Arts:** Tyler Wilton – HHS

Breaking Barriers Essay Contest

School Board Member Joanne Hurley's granddaughter, Olivia Hurley, recently won the Breaking Barriers national essay contest. Sharon Robinson, daughter of groundbreaking baseball player Jackie Robinson, visited Olivia at her school in the Florida panhandle to present her with her prizes. Sharon Robinson started the competition to inspire students to apply what he accomplished to their own lives.

Sasha Buchi, a kindergarten student at Connerton Elementary, has published her first book and it's available on Amazon.com. [Click here](#) to find out more.



Gulfside Elementary Students Reap What They Sow

Gulfside Elementary School has partnered with a local master gardener and chefs through Michelle Obama's Chef's Move to School program. Students in grade 2 will harvest their vegetables planted and cared for earlier this school year.

District Realizes Savings

On May 22, 2013, the District School Board of Pasco County successfully issued Certificates of Participation Series 2013A resulting in more than \$4.3 million of savings over the remaining 16-year term of the Certificates. A Certificate of Participation is a structure utilized by the District to finance schools.

Summer Recess

This is the last SOS News before summer break. I hope everyone has a safe summer, and those who get to enjoy the break come back in August rejuvenated and prepared to start the most successful school year in Pasco County Public Schools history!

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