**Common Core Myth Buster**

**MYTH:** The federal government is taking away local control over curriculum decisions.

**FACT:** Common Core State Standards define what students need to know; they do not dictate how teachers should teach or how students should learn. That decision is left to each district and state. Local teachers, principals, superintendents, and school boards will continue to make important decisions about curriculum, lesson plans, programs, or textbooks and how their school systems are operated.

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**Take Stock License Plates**

Take Stock in Children recently announced that now when drivers renew their Florida license tags and registration, they can make a voluntary contribution to Take Stock in Children, the state flagship mentoring program. Since 1995, Take Stock in Children has provided scholarships, mentors and hope to more than 22,000 deserving, low-income students in Florida. Take Stock in Children is a program operated by the Pasco Education Foundation. Contributions remain in the county of origin. For additional information, visit pascoeducationfoundation.org or dmvflorida.org.

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**Independence Day**

Next week we work four 8-hour days with Thursday, July 4, as a holiday. District office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

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**You did it! Congratulations**

The Pasco Education Foundation held the annual Principal and School Resource Officer Awards Luncheon on Thursday, June 20. The awards honored SRO of the Year, Administrator of the Year, and SRP of the Year. The individuals in all three categories were nominated because of their outstanding dedication and commitment. They have gone above and beyond to assist the school staff and students and help create a positive and cohesive culture throughout the schools in which they serve.

**SRO of the Year**
Brian McDougal - Pasco High School

**Administrator of the Year**
Jason Joens - River Ridge Middle School

**SRP of the Year**
Paul Davis - Crews Lake Middle School