

A stack of three books is shown on the left side of the image. The top book is white with a yellow cover. A red apple and a yellow pencil with a pink eraser are resting on top of it. The middle book has a blue cover, and the bottom book has a red cover. The background is a solid green color.

Superintendent's Update

School Board Meeting
November 17, 2009



Class Size Reduction

- The District has been notified by the Florida Department of Education that it has met Class Size Reduction Requirements.
- Currently the Class Size Reduction calculation is at the school-wide average.
- In the absence of any changes from the Legislature, the calculation will go to the individual classroom level in the 2010-2011 school year.



Fitch Rating

- Fitch Ratings has affirmed Martin County School Board's Certification of Participation (COPs) A+ Rating.
- Based on information provided by Fitch:
 - The 'A+' rating reflects the strong legal features of the master lease structure as well as the district's very low debt levels, manageable capital needs, and limited economy.
 - The Stable Outlook reflects Fitch's expectation that the district will retain adequate financial flexibility despite a pressured operating environment.



Educational Leadership

- Pool for potential school administrators.
- First meeting was held on Monday, November 9th in Human Resources, Room 7.
- 53 people attended.
- Representatives from FAU also attended
- FAU will provide courses to fit individual needs (i.e. does the individual need to earn a Masters Degree, Ed. Leadership Certification, etc.).
- Goal is to increase the number of qualified personnel within the district for school administrator positions.



Single Point of Entry

- District is moving forward with a major security initiative to create single points of entry at schools/sites where this ability does not currently exist.
- Compliments the new Raptor System allowing schools to better monitor visitors to school campuses.
- Utilizes perimeter fencing to redirect access to a campus or site through one specific area.
- Project currently underway at Pinewood Elementary.



Single Point of Entry

- Project included in “scope of work” at schools where construction projects are underway.
- Schools where “single point of entry” is in the design phase:
 - ✓ Crystal Lake Elementary
 - ✓ Indiantown Middle
 - ✓ Martin County High School
 - ✓ South Fork High School
 - ✓ Murray Middle
 - ✓ Stuart Middle
 - ✓ Warfield Elementary
 - ✓ Environmental Studies Center



Single Point of Entry

- Initiative also includes the Instructional Center (IC).
- Will create a layer of security at the IC and address the common issue of visitors not knowing where to find specific offices/departments.
- Will create a “reception area” on the main floor (2nd floor) of Building 30.
- Work on the Instructional Center is expected to begin in January 2010 after the bidding process is complete.

Single Point of Entry



This is the gate to the teachers parking at Pinewood. It is closed while students and teachers are in school. *It is open for student drop off & pick up, nights and weekends.*



KEY Committee

- First meeting was held on November 10, 2009.
- Attended by approximately 40 people from a variety of backgrounds in the community and district staff.
- Included overview of Superintendent's goals for the district, committee goals, results of brief survey, and open discussion.
- Target date for next meeting is late January 2010.



Parent Resource Center



The grand opening of the new Title I Stuart Parent Resource Center, which is located on the campus of Pinewood Elementary, was held on November 4th.



Parent Resource Center

- The center's mission is to provide a place where a parent or teacher can check out resource materials that specifically address their child's/student's needs.
- This center serves Pinewood Elementary Port Salerno Elementary, J.D. Parker Elementary, SeaWind Elementary and Hobe Sound Elementary
- Any parent/teacher of an ELL student may also utilize the center
- New parent center in Indiantown will open in December. It will be located across from the Indiantown Adult Learning Center and will serve Warfield Elementary, Indiantown Middle, and all participating Title I private schools.



CPR Anytime

- American Heart Association to provide CPR Anytime kits to 7th grade students at Murray Middle and Indiantown Middle.
- Teachers will be trained on December 2nd (Professional Development Day).
- Schools will determine when training will begin for students
- Students have the ability to share the information and training with their families.



Congratulations

- Jensen Beach High School Music Department named a finalist in the *National Grammy Foundation Signature Schools Program*.
- Martin County High School Band Director Robbie Roadman was inducted into the *Florida Bandmasters Hall of Fame*.
 - The ceremony took place at Stetson University on Sunday, November 15th. He was the only band director inducted into the *Florida Bandmasters Hall of Fame* this year. Mr. Roadman has been the band director at Martin County High since 1979!



Congratulations

- South Fork High School held its *In-Town Teachers Conference Night* at Warfield Elementary in Indiantown on Monday, November 16th.
 - Teachers and administrators volunteer to travel to Indiantown to meet with parents to increase parental involvement, and in turn, increase student academic achievement.



Congratulations

- All six Positive Behavior Support (PBS) Schools in the district are recognized as 2008-2009 Model Schools by the University of South Florida PBS Project.
 - Jensen Beach High School (Gold)
 - J.D. Parker School of Science, Math and Technology (Gold)
 - Dr. David Anderson Middle (Silver)
 - Jensen Beach Elementary (Silver)
 - Stuart Middle (Bronze)
 - Pinewood Elementary (Bronze)



Congratulations

- Hidden Oaks Middle School held its Sea of Pink Anti-Bullying event on Friday, November 13th.



Congratulations

Athletic Accomplishments:

South Fork High:

- Girls Cross Country, Regional Champions
- Girls Bowling, District Champions, 5th in State

Martin County High:

- Boys Golf, Regional Champions and State Runner-Up.
- Boys Bowling, District Champions
- Girls Volleyball, 5A Regional Champions (continuing to State Competition- plays Wednesday).
- Boys & Girls Swimming advanced individuals to State Competition.

Congratulations

Athletic Accomplishments:

Jensen Beach High:

Girls Volleyball, 4A Regional Champions
(continuing to State Competition- plays
Friday).





Questions?