

Pride News



Staff Newsletter

Week of October 17, 2016

Our mission at Margate Elementary School is to create a nurturing environment so that our students will become independent life-long learners, by providing a high quality, differentiated, and innovative curriculum based on the Florida State Standards.

Inspirational Message: "Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are down the impossible."

St. Francis of Assisi

Message from Mr. Schroeder

Thank you for Making Down Syndrome Awareness Week such a huge success, with great participation as we work to make our school and world a more inclusive place for all. Continuing this effort, our school will recognize Autism Awareness Month in April, and a multicultural celebration in May. Please share if there are any additional initiatives you would like included in our actions to make Margate Elementary an accepting and loving atmosphere for all.

Congratulations to all of our Teacher and Employee of the Year nominees. I'm proud to have the hardest working staff in the world. Congratulations to Teacher of the Year, Tahnee Hunter, and Employee of the Year, Dina Newland.

FTE week is finished and there were many key individuals going an extra mile to finalize student placements, ESE Staffings, and enrollment. Thank you Denise, Kathleen, Khadijah, Ida, Teresa, Althea, Susan Flax, Eileen, and Vicki for your willingness to go above and beyond.

Our Fall Festival is this Friday, October 21st and our PTA needs assistance. This is one of our biggest social events of the year and a great turn out from our staff is important. Trunk or Treat has become a wonderful tradition; PTA provides all the candy and the faculty and staff decorate their trunks and pass out the candy on Friday evening. Anyone who assists with either of the Family Universities (Reading and upcoming Math) or the Fall Festival, will receive a coupon to leave at noon on the October 28th planning day or the November 8th planning day. If you come to two events and assist with either facilitation or participation in the festival, then you will receive two coupons to utilize for both planning days. Most importantly, our PTA is looking for our support! Thank you in advance to everyone who is leveling up.

Speaking of leveling up, Mr. Runcie has rescheduled his visit to our school for Monday, November 7th. He will be observing our literacy block's guided reading in the classrooms and a BAS Administration, and engage in collegial conversation regarding teaching targets and SWAG (including BAS teaching targets.)

In addition to Mr. Runcie, it was shared at my principal meeting that a group of cadre directors will be visiting various schools to provide feedback to the principals and leadership teams. There are no specific dates that have been released, however, I am excited for them to see the amazing initiatives and incredible examples of learning on our campus. Some of the topics that they will be providing feedback on include: rigorous tier one instruction; small group instruction; learning goals with scales and students evidence, and authentic student work samples (both evidenced by the type of work students are engaged in and what is posted.)

In our next round of PLC's, we will be focusing our efforts on the Lesson Study Video that was previously shared, along with an analysis of student work. Please bring your most recent student writing samples to your PLCs.

Finally, Vicki and I will be conducting our next round of data chats starting on Monday, October 24th. A schedule and list of items to bring to the data chat including reflective questions will be sent out on Wednesday.

Have a super week!

Vicki Flournoy 10/19

Lindsay Solebello 10/20

Cristina Swanson 10/23



Let's Level Up Margate



Teresa Puia

1. What are you most excited about this year? I am most excited about getting our friends who need extra support excited about learning and feeling success!

2. What is one thing you want to share with everyone? I would like to share that I am diligently working on my 3rd job... a side project to bring art to children of underserved populations.

3. What is the best advice you were ever given? When I was student teaching in Saint Augustine, my lead

teacher told me that the most important thing in education is to be like a rubber band and to be flexible because everyday is sure to bring something unexpected.

4. **My new favorite thing is** extra stuffed peppers..the red ones... with quinoa and as many veggies as possible!

5. **The video game that best represents me is** Asteroids because each day I shoot for the stars and beyond... I'm also known to be a bit spacey from time to time

Now I would like to know more about one of my name buddies Teresa Zimmerman!

Tracy Robbins Coming Next Week!



Inclusion means



Everyone



Monday, October 17th— SAFE Team Meeting @9:00 a.m. in Schroeder's Office; Kindergarten PLC @2:15 p.m.

Tuesday, October 18th—Leadership Release Day; Student Chats from 8:00-11:00 a.m. Meeting @11:15 a.m. in M and M Room; Faculty Council with Admin @2:30 p.m. in Schroeder's Office; Clubs

Wednesday, October 19th—Chorus, Safety Patrol, Second Grade PLC w/Admin @2:15 p.m.

Thursday, October 20th— Mannino's PTA Pizza Night; First Grade PLC w/ Admin @2:15 p.m.; PLC Meetings

Friday, October 21st—Fall Fundraiser Assemblies; Prek-2nd @8:30 a.m. ; Gr. 3-5 @9:15 a.m.; Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat!

UPCOMING EVENTS

DEADLINE

All BAS Scores should be posted to BASIS.