

FAPE Board Sets 2006-2007 Priorities

President's Message



Dear FAPE Members,

Last month, FAPE Board Members and partners met in Crystal River to do strategic planning and start program preparations for next year's conference in St. Pete. You might remember that this year's theme is "Winds of Change". . . very appropriate based on the exciting work that was accomplished those two days in Crystal River!

We began the meeting by celebrating our 2005-2006 successes but quickly moved into talk of the future. Our focus was dedicated to kicking this year's conference up a notch and it is going to be spectacular! We have already lined up two great keynote speakers: Bill Daggett and Coach D. Incredible workshop presenters have been identified along with totally new topics to help us ensure success for all students. Of course, the fun part won't change. There'll be lots of laughter, energy, party opportunities and networking in St. Pete!

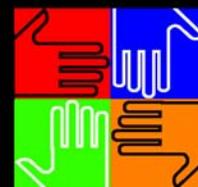
As to the strategic planning session, FAPE set three priorities: to increase awareness of FAPE, augment programmatic funding and enhance membership services. This year, we want to build

strong relationships with state leadership and establish a public relations campaign for internal and external constituents. FAPE will advocate for legislative funding to increase professional development resources and improve membership services through an upgraded website and DVD's.

Many thanks to all the partners! We are SO appreciative of the Panhandle Area Educational Consortium, Department of Education, Communities in Schools, Consortium of Florida Education Foundations and Sunshine State Public Relations Association. You helped us "sail into the future" in Crystal River so that we can bring "Winds of Change in 2006 - 2007!"



Judi Miller, President



**The Florida Association of
PARTNERS IN EDUCATION**

New logo for FAPE!

2006 Parent Involvement Award Winners

Region I



← Escambia County
 McArthur Elementary
PTA Family Nights
Recipe for Success & Camp Read a Book

Gadsden County
 Havana Middle School
STOP, DROP, STUDY →



Region II



← Putnam County
 Interlachen Elementary School
I.E.S. Family Involvement

Duval County
 Baldwin Middle-Senior High School
Motivating Mentors →



Region III



← Volusia County
 Port Orange Elementary School
"Tiger University" Mini Conference

Martin County
 Jensen Beach High School →
Reading Aloud Reading Initiative



Region IV



← Hillsborough County
 Turner Elementary
Put a Tiger in Your Tank

Hernando County →
 Central High School
Central High School Scholarship Committee



NEWS from DOE ...

Bureau of Family & Community Outreach,
Florida Department of Education

SAVE THE DATE !!!

Annual Fall Leadership Training

Online Registration: <http://data.fldoe.org/register/leadership/default.cfm>

**Thursday - SEPTEMBER 28 and
Friday - SEPTEMBER 29, 2006**

2006 ANNUAL FALL LEADERSHIP TRAINING

AGENDA AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY - September 28

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.		Registration	Hotel Lobby	
Time	Adams Park Room	Salon A & B	Ballroom	Old Capitol
10:45 - Noon	New Coordinator Training (for district school volunteer coordinators)			
1:00 - 1:30 p.m.			General Session	
1:30 - 2:15 p.m.			K-12 Highlights	
2:15 - 2:45 p.m.			Safe and Drug Free Schools	
2:45 - 3:15 p.m.			Drop-Out Prevention	
3:15 - 3:45 p.m.			Volunteer Florida	
3:45 - 4:30 p.m.			Regional Sharing	
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.				Reception

FRIDAY - September 29

8:00 - 8:30 a.m.		Registration / Continental Breakfast	Hotel Lobby	
Time	Adams Park Room	Salon A & B	Ballroom	
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.		Learn and Serve Grants	Reading Mentor Training for Elementary/Middle School	
9:40 - 10:40 a.m.	Different Levels of Parent Involvement (DLPI)	Title I Family Involvement		
10:50 - 11:50 a.m.	Businesses / Foundations Successful Partnerships	Title I Family Involvement		
Noon - 1:00 p.m.			Lunch	
1:00 - 2:10 p.m.	Curriculum Coordination with tutoring & mentoring	Title I Family Involvement		
2:15 - 3:30 p.m.			PAEC - Training Updates! Regional Sharing	
3:30 - 4:00 p.m.			Closing	



- Workshops to include:**
- LEGISLATIVE UPDATES
 - BUSINESS/COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
 - TITLE I UPDATES
 - DROP OUT PREVENTION
 - GRANTS
 - READING: TUTORING/MENTORING
 - WHAT'S NEW IN FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

**DOUBLETREE HOTEL
Tallahassee, Florida**

Parent Involvement Award continued:

Region V

**Broward County
Everglades High School
Opening Doors**



**Miami-Dade County
Leewood Elementary
Take Your Father to School Day**



Florida Outstanding School Volunteers - Senior Category

REGION I

Patricia Castro, Escambia County

Pat Castro has found a special niche where she is making tremendous contributions: the migrant community. When she is not acting as a substitute teaching assistant for the McMillan Pre-K Center, she is volunteering in the migrant Pre-K classes. Pat comforts crying students, crafts learning tools and, most important, has been a friend to the migrant parents and their children for more than 9 years. Pat's service extends beyond the classroom door. If someone has a problem or celebrates a special event in their lives, such as the birth of a child, they call Pat. Her philosophy is that learning should be "fun, fun, fun!" She purchases special colored straws to encourage children to drink their milk. If she hears a teacher mention that something is needed for the children, Pat will make it happen. She has been recognized with other volunteer awards and when asked why she devotes her time, she simply says: "I love these kids."



REGION II

Wallace Mooneyham, Union County

Wallace Mooneyham is a great asset to the community and the Union County School System. For more than 30 years, he has been the "Voice of the Tigers" at home football games and volunteered his services to the school system in a variety of ways. Whether it is a principal, teacher, student or extra-curricular activity in need, he is always eager to lend a helping hand. He chaperones field trips, volunteers in classrooms, judges science fairs and Tropicana Speech contests and participates in Read Across America. He is the ultimate volunteer; with time to mentor, tutor and read to children. Always up for a challenge, Wallace has cooked for various extra-curricular school functions, such as band boosters and Quarterback Club dinners, and hosted foreign exchange parties for students and their host parents. He also has found time to serve as an umpire for girls' softball games. His dedication, dependability and caring are evident in the time he volunteers and the lives he touches.



REGION III

Marjorie Gasser, Martin County

Marjorie Gasser is an energetic, 84-year-old volunteer. Four days a week, she volunteers in the science lab with kindergarten, first- and second-grade students. As a retired chemist, she offers a wonderful depth of scientific knowledge. She patiently visits each lab table and prompts the students to ponder the scientific concept being studied and carefully questions and encourages each student to achieve a personal level of scientific literacy. The impact of Marjorie's volunteer service also extends beyond the walls of the classroom and into the butterfly garden she created at Port Salerno Elementary. In addition, Mrs. Gasser is the Adopt a Classroom sponsor for the science lab. She has been instrumental in obtaining grants and raising funds. She believes that "each child needs to dig in the dirt, to hold their plant and watch it grow." Marjorie is a superb role model for the Port Salerno Elementary community and an inspiration to young scientists as she helps them learn and grow.



REGION V

Nancy Welbourn, Monroe County

Nancy Welbourn has shown a faithful commitment to the Key Largo School and the Key Largo community over the past 12 years. Assisting primary grade students with their reading has made a significant difference to many students over the years. Nancy develops a special relationship with each student, much like that of a favorite grandmother. She has a knack for finding just the right genre of literature each student is interested in and relates her vast knowledge and experience to personalize each session. One of her special talents is working with students who are learning English as a second language, enthusiastically explaining the meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary, idioms and complicated grammar rules while reading their favorite books. Her caring attitude and the contributions she makes to the students at Key Largo School help shape the children's lives and sparks their enthusiasm for future achievements.



REGION IV

Thomas Wiley, Pinellas County

Tom Wiley began tutoring at Clearwater Adult Education Center in June of 2001. He not only volunteers at the Adult Center but three other Pinellas County schools as well. This dynamic gentleman spends Monday morning as a mentor/tutor in the Adult Basic Education program. Monday afternoon finds him assisting math challenged fourth graders at Sunset Hills Elementary. On Wednesday he works with students at Clearwater intermediate to enhance their math skills. Finally, on Thursday he volunteers as a tutor at Dunedin High School. Tom not only spends "one on one" time with students, but he has revised learning materials to suit their needs. His workbook, Mastering the Times Table, has assisted students in solving multiplication and division problems. There is a 180 degree turnaround in math competency after the student becomes successful in mastering the times table. This incredible volunteer is always willing to share his volunteer experiences with others and also volunteers his time for groups such as the School Improvement Team!





Florida Association of Partners in Education 33rd Annual Conference



Save these dates!!

April 18-20, 2007

St. Petersburg Hilton

333 First Street S., St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Room rate: \$133 single/double www.StPeteHilton.com

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District Coordinators TAKE NOTE! 2006-2007 Calendar from DOE Family and Community Outreach

September 2006

12 Send to Districts:

Outstanding School Volunteer, Five Star School Award, Parent Involvement Award, and Golden and Silver Award Nomination Forms
Volunteer Survey (online)

25 Family Day

28/29 Fall Leadership Training in Tallahassee

October 2006

28 National Make A Difference Day

November 2006

1-3 Learn and Serve Institute in Tampa

6 Commissioner's Business Recognition (CBRA) Nomination Forms Distributed

12-18 American Education Week

19-25 National Family Week

December 2006

1 Outstanding School Volunteer Nominations Due

Five Star School Award Flags/Banners

The Florida Department of Education presents this award annually to those schools that have shown evidence of exemplary family and community involvement. It is the department's highest award for schools who exemplify total school and community participation. To recognize the Five Star schools in your district, the Florida Association of Partners in Education has negotiated a discounted price of \$33 until August 30, 2006 (\$40 after August 30) for the purchase of flags/banners. Please contact **Tammy Lamm, American Ad Specialties, 407-649-4772** or e-mail tammy@americanadspec.com

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