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2005 in Review: FAPE Makes New Partners

President's Message



Dear FAPE Members,

This has definitely been an exciting year!! Your FAPE Board of Directors is focusing efforts on enhancing membership benefits. As you read our newsletter, you will notice that a tremendous conference is being planned for April 19 – 21, 2006, at the Hilton Daytona Beach Ocean Walk Village. Information regarding that conference can be found at www.flpie.net or you can contact Barbara Ann Cox, Barbara@MeetingMakersInc.com We already have our first registration. The attendance goal is Daytona: 500, so be sure to encourage your friends to attend.

FAPE's partners are adding SO much to the event. Many thanks are extended to the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations, Communities in Schools, DOE, SUNSPRA, and PTA. We are also working closely with David Mosrie and the Florida Association of State Superintendent (FADSS) plus Rick Everitt and the Panhandle Area Education Consortium (PAEC) on our mutual goals. Broadening the interaction and networking among all these agencies provides great opportunities for strengthening community participation in our schools.

The Conference Program Planning Committee, under the direction of Anne French and Margaret Ann Wheeler, has done a fabulous job of lining up

tremendous keynote speakers and workshop presenters. Jane Lane has been working diligently on establishing CEU credits for those who attend the conference workshops. Thanks to Susan Walton and FADSS, there will also be a new addition to the Outstanding School Volunteer Luncheon this year. The Superintendents Awards will honor superintendents who wholeheartedly support their district wide school volunteer program. This partnership with FADSS creates the opportunity for Superintendents to be recognized while they simultaneously honor our wonderful volunteers at the OSV Luncheon.

We are also collaborating with Rick Everett at PAEC to develop a model on-line training program that Volunteer Coordinators can use back in their districts in volunteer orientations. It's wonderful to have top notch materials available at your fingertips and not have to reinvent the wheel. Thanks to Rick for sharing his resources and all the hard work he has put into this.

These are all exciting new developments, but it is clear we need additional hands involved in our projects. The Board of Directors would like to reach out to all of our FAPE membership and ask for your help. If you are interested in making a difference through our organization, please call our executive director, Pam Lastowski @ 850-514-FAPE (3273) or e-mail her at pamlastowski@comcast.net. Hundreds and thousands of children will be impacted by your time, effort and leadership.

Sincerely,

Judi Miller

NEWS from DOE ...

2005 Parent Involvement Award Winners

The 2005 Parent Involvement Awards were presented this past July at the Florida PTA Leadership Conference. The purpose of this award is to promote and recognize innovative school practices that increase family involvement. The following ten recipients' programs reflect inventive methods of recruitment, training, and/or recognition of parents and other family members. Regional winners were selected based upon the program's impact on family involvement; ability to be replicated; relationship to school goals and objectives; parent/family participation in planning and implementation; uniqueness and innovation; impact on school improvement; and ratio of parents to program capability, cost, and collaborative efforts. Program descriptions and contact information can be viewed in the "Sparkplugs 2005 for Parent Involvement/Exemplary Practices" booklet, published by the Bureau of Family and Community Outreach.

Region I

Escambia

Teaching Spanish – Curriculum Enhancement
Cordova Park Elementary, Pensacola, FL

Okaloosa

No Child Left Behind Committee
Choctawhatchee High School, Shalimar, FL

Region II

St. John's

Beverly's Books 'n Babies
Hastings Elementary School, Hastings, FL

Nassau

Attendance in Action
West Nassau High School, Callahan, FL

Region III

Volusia

Cultural Diversity Celebration: An Evening of Arts & Ideas
Spruce Creek Elementary, Port Orange, FL

Seminole

Career Night and Parent Survival Night
Lake Mary High School, Lake Mary, FL



This past September, the Florida Lottery hosted a reception in Tallahassee's Old Capitol for the 2005 Annual Fall Leadership Training attendees.

Region IV

Lee

Roaring Readers – A Celebration of Reading
Spring Creek Elementary, Bonita Springs, FL

Collier

Family Science Mystery Night
North Naples Middle School, Naples, FL

Region V

Miami/Dade

Shadowlawn Parent Involvement Center
Shadowlawn Elementary, Miami Beach, FL

Monroe

Library Lunchtime Speaker Series
Marathon Middle/High School, Marathon, FL



Mysteries in the Middle, an exciting new reading workshop for middle school parents, teachers, and students was introduced with rave reviews at the 2005 Annual Fall Leadership Training.

Five Star Banners/Flags

The Florida Association of Partners in Education has negotiated a discounted price of \$30 for the purchase of Five Star School Award flags/banners from American Ad Specialties. Please contact: Tammy Lamm, American Ad Specialties, 407-649-7784 or e-mail tammy@americanadspec.com. Order forms are available at www.flpie.net.





2006 Annual Conference Florida Association of Partners in Education



April 19-21

Hilton Daytona Beach Ocean Walk Village

Registration Fees: FAPE member: \$250 Non-member: \$300

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? YOU! AND...

Business Partner Coordinators and Business Partners
Communities in Schools Executive Directors/Staff/Board Members
Education Foundation Directors and Members
Education Public Information Officers

Family Involvement Leaders
Local Community and Government Leaders
Mentors and Mentoring Program Managers
Parents and Parent Organization Leadership

School Administrators
School Advisory Council Members
School Board Members
School Volunteers and Program Coordinators
Superintendents and Teachers

HOW TO REGISTER:

By phone: (850) 656-0025 Online: www.flpie.net Email: Registration@MeetingMakersInc.com

Conference Hotel: Hilton Daytona Beach Ocean Walk Village

To reserve your room: Call (386) 254-8200 or (866) 536-8477 and ask for the "FAPE Conference"

To sponsor/exhibit, contact: Meeting Makers Inc. at (850) 656-0025 or email Barbara@MeetingMakersInc.com

Conference Partners: Florida Association of Partners In Education (FAPE), Communities In Schools of Florida, Consortium of Florida Education Foundations, Florida Department of Education, Florida Parent and Teachers Association, SUNSPRA

Comments from last year's participants:

"Great conference! I'll be back next year." "Three Stars - way above excellent!" "Excellent times 5!"

"The partnership of 3 organizations made this a super conference." "A good conference in every aspect."

"A wonderful experience!" "Very worthwhile - I really enjoyed it!"

SPACE IS LIMITED...REGISTER EARLY!

Celebrate International Volunteer Manager Appreciation Day!

December 5 is International Volunteer Manager Appreciation Day. This day provides the opportunity to recognize volunteer managers at the state, district, school and private sector level. IVMA Day, established in 1999, brings well-deserved recognition to volunteer managers and promotes a greater awareness of the catalytic role managers offer in:

- Possessing the skills and knowledge to help others meet community needs
- Positively affecting the lives of those served, and of volunteers
- Providing the leadership necessary for a good and just society
- Helping mend the social fabric

Use December and throughout the year to honor the professionals who practice the management of volunteer resources. They make a difference. For more information on IVMA Day, visit www.ivma-day.org.

Funding Opportunities

The Volunteer Florida Foundation, through their partnership with Grant Station, now offers a complimentary weekly e-mail service that will notify your organization of potential funding opportunities. To register, e-mail Tracey Van Hook at tracey@volunteerflorida.org.

January 2006 is National Mentoring Month

"Share What You Know. Mentor A Child!" is the theme for the next National Mentoring Month, scheduled for January 2006. An initiative of the Harvard Mentoring Project of the Harvard School of Public Health and MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership, Mentoring Month will target America's 77 million baby boomers in a nationwide drive to recruit volunteer mentors. For information, visit: <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/chc/wmy2006/nmm/intro.htm>.



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MEMBER NEWS ...

Betty Marler, Bay District Schools Volunteer Coordinator, has retired. The new coordinator is Vicki Black. Her husband is head football coach at Moseley High School in Panama City. Vicki was formerly in Marion County.

Holly Laiben has changed her professional role in Martin County and also resigned as FAPE board secretary. She has assumed the new role of Grant Writer in Martin. Pat Lancaster, Citrus District Volunteer Coordinator, joins the FAPE Board of Directors and assumes the office of Interim Secretary.

Anne French and Connie Wotten, Broward, who chair committees for the Conference Planning Committee, are back in their offices. Wilma leveled serious hurricane damage to the building housing the district offices. Shelley Parpard, FAPE leader and district coordinator out of Palm Beach School District, also received damage to her office. All her schools had some level of damage. Five suffered major destruction.

At the annual FAPE meeting in Daytona, membership will elect the following officers: Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The nominating committee, under the chairmanship of Jane Lane, Seminole County, is proposing the following members to serve in these offices: **Vice President** – Rick Everitt, Washington; **Treasurer** - Connie Wotton, Broward; **Secretary** - Pat Lancaster, Citrus. If you would like to nominate a member for an office, please contact Jane at Jane_Lane@scps.k12.fl.us. A nominee must be a member in good standing at the time of nomination and election and approve their name being put forth. You will find the job responsibilities in your by-laws. Verify membership at pamlastowski@comcast.net.

There will also be a proposed by-law change to provide more security for the financial office in FAPE. Go to Article VI in your by-laws and scroll down to the office of PRESIDENT-ELECT. The proposed change will be inserted as the last sentence in that description and will read, *The President-Elect will be designated interim financial officer in an emergency.* The by-laws can be accessed at www.flpie.net.



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