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| **President's Message**I don't know about you, but I am ready for spring! This has been an unusually cold winter. I know, I know, as Floridians, we shouldn't be complaining, especially seeing those pictures on the news of mountains of snow and horrible driving conditions! But my azaleas are blooming and it's in the 50's outside and it's almost March! Bring on the Spring!    Spring is my favorite time of the year. A time for rebirth and renewal! Which brings me to an important time of renewal for FAPE. This is the month to renew your existing membership or join FAPE!  Please consider supporting your state organization so we can continue to provide services to enhance student learning by building and maintaining effective community partnerships.    As you can see from the articles in this edition, there are exciting things happening!  We hope to see many of you at the Commissioner's Business Recognition Awards presentation on June 9th at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay.  And congratulations to all of the state's Outstanding School Volunteers!  What an amazing group of dedicated, talented and caring volunteers!     |

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| **Outstanding School Volunteers Announced** Commissioner of Education Pam Stewart announced the winners of the 2015 Outstanding School Volunteer Awards. The awards are presented annually to public school volunteers who have shown outstanding dedication and commitment to quality education in Florida. "It is my pleasure to recognize the outstanding school volunteers throughout the state," said Commissioner Stewart. "I am so appreciative of the countless hours they dedicate to making sure our students are successful." The awards are based on specific criteria relating to the type of volunteer contribution rendered, the need for the services provided by the volunteer, how students benefited from their service and the impact their service had on school improvement. In addition, volunteers are also selected based on the breadth of service and creative or unusual aspects of their volunteer service. Each winner received a congratulatory letter from Commissioner Stewart and a plaque of commendation. In addition, the winners are acknowledged below in the Florida Association of Partners in Education newsletter and by their school districts. The Outstanding School Volunteer Awards recognize a student, adult and senior volunteer in each of the five reporting regions in Florida. The 2014-2015 winners are listed below. **2014-2015 Outstanding School Volunteers****Region I** **Youth-**Leon County**Scott Walker**Montford Middle School, Tallahassee**Adult-**Santa Rosa County**Aljean (AJ) Lautenslager**Navarre High School, Navarre**Senior-**Wakulla County**Tom Dunaway**Wakulla Middle School, Crawfordville **Region II** **Youth-**Alachua County**Megan Mathew**Eastside High School, Gainesville**Adult-**St. Johns County**Lyn Gabrielsen**Ocean Palms Elementary School, Ponte Vedra Beach**Senior-**Duval County**Jerald Carter**Louis Sheffield Elementary, Jacksonville**Region III** **Youth,** Volusia County**Marilu Duque**Deltona High School, Deltona**Adult-**Indian River County**Carol Scaramuzzi**Sebastian River Middle School, Sebastian**Senior-**St. Lucie County**Maryann Umile**Bayshore Elementary School, Port St. Lucie**Region IV** **Youth-**Sarasota County**Naba Rahman**Pine View School, Osprey**Adult-**Sarasota County**Kellee Keller**Laurel Nokomis School, Nokomis**Senior-**Hillsborough County**Peggy Decker**Bellamy Elementary School, Tampa**Region V** **Youth-**Palm Beach County**Sarah Palumbo**Eagles Landing Middle School, Boca Raton**Adult-**Palm Beach County**Kelly Kupi**Alexander W. Dreyfoos Jr. School of the Arts, West Palm Beach**Senior-**Palm Beach County**Clara Carrazana**Grove Elementary School, Belle Grade     For more information, visit Outstanding School Volunteer Award.   |

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| **Join Today!****March is Membership Month**March is the month to join or renew membership in FAPE.  Current memberships expire March 31. Joining now will give you a full year's membership. Being a member of FAPE provides real change, relationships, recognition, rise to leadership, and resources.  Join or renew today at [www.flpie.net.](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0015jXvQxcTPSvLoX9eHEiz6yOO7He8MVmT5Re7J6hQb6XLpeKTjoDzhi3_x1tJH9sjD2sHrb9ioI8bAaOMqqRPzvhMJQG9WT6dfE7M-iLA2s_bcazVW_bZ9BpOAO3RR2AOaKse-hGNk1V4V6_F881TpDryQxAQLwUWrhU5dZsJqDg=&c=hEqPM7Xi3QhdrAJUZ6Ncm_kEWycpmiRGROXgbTqrsAV9Bk1V39wJGQ==&ch=Av0P4VEwHwQDUT6M0_vGsTwHVQBBmpYmLBEm0JbjMXEeckr_R5qZqQ==) **The FAPE Difference**FAPE has devoted the last 39 years to networking local school districts in the pursuit of sharing successful practices that promote public involvement in education.   **As a Member You Can Expect** \*Participation in Florida's premier professional organization for   school and community involvement coordinators, business partners, educational institutions, and mentoring organizations.\*Regional Drive-In Workshops.\*Opportunities to network and share resources with creative volunteer and partnership coordinators.\*A dedicated team that will listen to your needs and connect you with school districts or other opportunities and strategies.\*Regional Representatives willing and able to answer your questions.\*Mentor Coordinators for new district volunteer or partner coordinators.\*Training for you and your district via the FAPE website.    District Volunteer Coordinator SpotlightJennifer Lanza, Collier County Public Schools  C**elebrating Our School Volunteers**During the month of February the Volunteer Program at CCPS celebrates school volunteers with a Volunteer Appreciation Art Show at Golisano Children's Museum of Naples, better known as C'MON. This year's theme was heart health and volunteering, to honor the American Heart Association initiative, as well. What better way to show our volunteers how much they are appreciated than through children's artwork! I am proud to say that we were able to select 40 pieces of art for display in the Loos Art Gallery at the museum. Each of the students whose art was selected received a certificate with 2 free passes to C'MON, a free kids meal at Jason's Deli and 20% off a frozen treat at LetsYo! This was a fun and delicious way to involve our community partners too. Once the show closes the museum staff and I will be voting for our favorite piece of art which will then be used as the design for my annual appreciation card. The cards are sent out in May to my volunteer contacts at the schools and various community and business partners as way for me to say "Thanks for all you do!" In addition to the art show, I decided to take to Twitter and post daily "shout outs" for our super school volunteers on behalf of CCPS and the school they volunteer at throughout the month of February. It has been a big hit! Follow me on Twitter @CCPSvolunteers to see more. Here is a link to view some of the wonderful pieces of art on display at the Golisano Children's Museum: [http://flipagram.com/f/QhrRH3GrFl](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0015jXvQxcTPSvLoX9eHEiz6yOO7He8MVmT5Re7J6hQb6XLpeKTjoDzhi3_x1tJH9sjfNag6NuTNEfU_HAyCDRHd1C4JfKdtfdM5TEmp46DUINfDucezCd6EUkcGdiU2kwrdBrXvTCn5KKuRqPMzHKj-P8wzTPNz3IHH8ykDQf3EfGtdRGZyKL1rRUR7rXtOaun&c=hEqPM7Xi3QhdrAJUZ6Ncm_kEWycpmiRGROXgbTqrsAV9Bk1V39wJGQ==&ch=Av0P4VEwHwQDUT6M0_vGsTwHVQBBmpYmLBEm0JbjMXEeckr_R5qZqQ==)

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    Commissioner's Business Recognition Awards                                  **Florida Chamber FoundationAnnual Education & Philanthropy Summit****LEARNERS to EARNERS**June 9, 2015 Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay Tampa, Florida9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Education Summit**5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. | Commissioner's Business Recognition Awards Program** Mark your calendar for the Florida Chamber Foundation's Education& Philanthropy Summit. Join Florida's business community, workforceprofessionals and education thought leaders in interactivediscussions on how to connect today's learners to tomorrow's careeropportunities.This year, the Chamber Foundation is holding the Education &Philanthropy Summit in conjunction with the Florida Departmentof Education Commissioner's Business Recognition Award program.Businesses from around Florida will be recognized for theircontributions of time, resources, and personnel to improve thequality of education in our public schools.As businesses look for the next generation of ingenuity and leadership,this event will highlight and strengthen innovative partnershipsbetween businesses, education and philanthropic funders.In Partnership with:                 https://files.ctctcdn.com/5951cabb001/1059d084-4c1c-4c2f-bbab-f62ac3198ef8.png      https://files.ctctcdn.com/5951cabb001/97c86b7d-8c9b-42ae-b44f-c80aa5a93749.jpg                 https://files.ctctcdn.com/5951cabb001/c318e567-421e-42ca-b2ba-fe5612cb633a.jpg |

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| FAPE Board Officers to Be Elected in MarchThe election of FAPE Board President Elect and Vice President of Business Partnerships is scheduled for March 31, 2015.  Officers will be elected for a two year term, July 2015 through June 2017.  The Nominating Committee, chaired by Michelle Roberge, submits the candidates listed below.  Members will receive online ballots, for the purpose of voting, thirty days following this announcement.**President Elect:** Sara Au, Senior Specialist Partners in Education, Orange County Public Schools**Vice President, Business Partnerships:** Debi Elfen, District Volunteer Coordinator, Palm Beach County Public Schools   |

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| Adele Graham AwardAlachua County Public Schools' volunteer coordinator Liz Stark has been named the 2014 winner of the Adele Graham Award, sponsored annually by the Florida Association of Partners in Education (FAPE).Stark was presented with the award during the most recent school board meeting by Dorothy Spradley and Linda Morris, both of whom are FAPE board members and previous winners. The award is presented to recognize an individual volunteer coordinator who has given tirelessly to build the state's school volunteer program."Liz is an outstanding example of the award named in honor of Adele Graham," said Spradley. "Like Mrs. Graham, Liz is a focused, committed and consistent supporter of public school volunteerism and community involvement here in Alachua County and throughout Florida."The award is named after the wife of former Florida Governor Bob Graham, who during his tenure persuaded the governor and legislative leaders to provide state resources to promote school volunteer programs. Adele Graham continued her advocacy for school volunteers when her husband was elected to the Senate.Stark is currently in her 11th year as the School Volunteer Coordinator for the district. For nine of those years she has also been active in FAPE, serving in a number of leadership roles. She is currently serving her second year as president of the organization. In that capacity she has worked to maintain FAPE's viability despite the state's economic downturn, including organizing the organization's first drive-in workshop at Legoland in Orlando.Under Stark's leadership, Alachua County Public Schools boasted more than 24,000 school volunteers who contributed more than 750,000 hours of service during the 2013-14 school year."We are so proud of the recognition that Liz has received," said Superintendent Dr. Owen Roberts. "Her efforts to recruit, train and retain volunteers here in Alachua County and throughout Florida are critical to the success of our students and schools."

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| Dorothy Spradley and Linda Morris present the Adele Graham Award to Liz Stark |

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| Partner PatterHow much time is enough for an average adult to spend on their daily physical activities? What counts as aerobic activity? What counts as muscle strengthening activity? What if you have a disability? The following link from the CDC is a great resource that provides guidelines for adults.  <http://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/everyone/guidelines/adults.html>   |

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