

"Winds of Change" Bring New FAPE President

President's Message

Dear FAPE Members,



This is my first letter as the president of this organization. I would like to take this opportunity to say that I count it a privilege to serve in this capacity to such an outstanding group of professionals. I am looking forward to the next two years and anticipating great strides in the areas of community involvement and school volunteers.

The annual conference in St. Petersburg was simply top shelf. The theme, "Winds of Change" was so appropriate as we welcome our new governor, Charlie Crist and Commissioner Blomberg. FAPE is positioned to create the changes needed to meet the needs of schools in Florida in the coming years for partnerships.

I would like to thank all of our sponsors and partners for supporting the 33rd annual conference. A special thanks to our presenting sponsor Beef 'O' Brady's and our platinum sponsor the Florida Lottery. PAEC continues to take the conference to new heights with cutting edge media support. These organizations ensure the quality we enjoyed throughout this year's conference.

As we look toward the future, let us not forget that we are directly affecting the lives of young people as we partner with the community and place volunteers in our schools. The role we fill in education is crucial to school success.

Doretha Jackson

Doretha Jackson, President



Judi Miller (left), out-going FAPE president, is recognized for two years of outstanding service by incoming president Doretha Jackson.



Judi Miller provides much deserved recognition to Ken Hall, VP Marketing for Beef 'O' Brady's, the conference's "Presenting Sponsor."

Florida Association of Partners in Education

33rd Annual Conference, St. Petersburg

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Winds of Change





CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS!

These two lucky conference attendees won the following prizes at the FAPE conference in St. Petersburg:

Vicki Wolfe: 3 day/2 night stay at the Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront!

Ginger Blair: Complimentary FAPE registration for 2008 conference!



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THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

During the 2007 FAPE Conference, incredible people joined in helping to make the conference arguably the best ever. Of course these people are the conference VOLUNTEERS who took the time to share themselves with all those who attended the conference. Whether taking tickets for food functions, facilitating workshops or offering a lending hand to those new to the conference, these tireless volunteers were seen doing anything and everything asked of them and more! To these people...**THANKS...WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU! SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!**

Florida Outstanding School Volunteers

The Florida Department of Education honored fifteen exemplary school volunteers at the Regatta Winners Awards Luncheon, Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront, on April 20. Commissioner Jeanine Blomberg was present to congratulate each volunteer. The event was sponsored by Nova Southeastern University's Fischler School of Education and Human Services, Publix Super Markets Charities, Dairy Council of Florida, and the Panhandle Area Educational Consortium. The crowd was entertained by 4th and 5th grade *Voices of Perkins* from Perkins Elementary, Center for the Arts, Elizabeth McGilvrey, Choral Director. We highlight here the senior category of Florida Outstanding School Volunteers. Look to future issues to meet the youth and adult recipients!

MYRTLE "GRANNY" SMITH

Region I Winner from Santa Rosa County

Myrtle "Granny" Smith (age 75), a retired custodian, has been a full-time volunteer for 10 years. She is the *right arm*, a mentor for all ages, resident historian, and a person who gets the job done! Her daily vignette finds her managing tasks that include clerical skills, secretarial expertise, aide duties, public relations, maintenance, supervision of the cafeteria, modeling citizenship and work ethics, matching circumstances with resources, supporting PTO, and fundraisers. After helping students earn their fares, she chaperoned them to Washington, DC, seven times at her own expense! "Granny" takes time to listen, expresses affection and concern, and becomes involved with students one-on-one. Her time, love, and commitment (TLC) remain unmatched by ever-changing texts, tests, and technology.



JEAN EVANS

Region II Winner from Citrus County

Jean Evans, affectionately known as Grandma Evans at Forest Ridge Elementary School, is willing to assist anyone, anytime, anywhere she is needed. She is a creative, energetic volunteer who arrives each morning before school begins and spends a majority of her day working in various classrooms, on various grade levels, sharing her expertise in a number of curriculum areas. She also assists staff members with child care, recruits school volunteers, drives friends with limitations to their volunteer sites, helps the PTA, and attends evening school events with her grandchildren whom she is raising. Grandma Evans sincerely wants each child to succeed and enjoy school. She is a wonderful role model and an outstanding example of a dedicated, caring volunteer who touches lives!



ROBERT WEST

Region III Winner from Volusia County

Robert West is a daily volunteer for Roseanne Withers' 5th-grade class at Horizon Elementary, Port Orange, FL. Ms. Withers said, "Today I wonder how I could live without him volunteering. This extraordinarily giving former CEO has taught all of us life lessons to treasure." Mr. West finds innovative ways to help students struggling with math, mentors to encourage students to stay on task, and develops fun programs to encourage attendance. Again, in the words of Roseanne Withers, "Sometimes you will find Mr. West tutoring 5th grade students in an after-school program at Grace Episcopal Church, but every morning you can find him in my classroom creating unique ways to help students and teachers. He is one in a million."

JEAN HUTCHINGS

Region IV Winner from Lee County

Mrs. Jean Hutchings is an amazing person who has served the Lee County School District tirelessly for 45 years. Jean taught at Orange River Elementary for 20 years. After retiring, she has worked for over 25 years to help students as a volunteer. She is friendly, outgoing, and an outstanding role model. Jean is highly motivated and has exceptional dedication in supporting everyone at Orange River. Her innovative techniques delight the elementary reading groups she works with. In addition, she created a book club to encourage students to read. As a mentor, she spends time with her students and often buys them clothes if they are in need. She is 87 years young and Orange River's most valuable asset.



FRED ROSNE

Region V Winner from Palm Beach County

Mr. Fred Rosene has been a volunteer in Palm Beach County schools for the past 15 years since his retirement as a scientist with GTE. He has served as a tutor and mentor with elementary students in math and science at Plumosa and Crosspointe Elementary Schools. Mr. Rosene has volunteered over 1,000 hours each year working with grades 2, 4 and 5 individually and in small groups. He also volunteers with the after-school program chess and science clubs. Fred sponsors students on the Safety Patrol trip to Washington, DC, and enjoys having lunch with different students each day. In addition to these activities, this 75-year-old youngster also runs an evening program for families on how to use the computer.



FAPE Provides Five Star and New Coordinator Training

The Panhandle Area Education Consortium and The Florida Association of Partners in education announce Five Star School Award Training. The course is designed primarily for district volunteer coordinators, school volunteer coordinators and school leaders. The content describes the requirements and application process requisite to achieve the prestigious Five Star Award School status in Florida.

Outcomes: School leaders will understand the requirements for achieving Five Star School status and have successfully completed the Five Star School Award application.

Pupil Outcomes: Students will experience benefits resulting from increased parent and community involvement at the school site.

Course Availability and Schedule: The course is available on the Florida Education Channel and can be copied. Broadcast dates and times can be found at www.paec.org. Under the blue FEC tab select **Schedule**. Select **Programs** from the menu. Select **Five Star School Award** from the list, then select the **Schedule** link. **NOTE: Times listed are Central Time Zone.**

Did you know? Online in-service for new district volunteer coordinators is also available at www.paec.org (Florida Learns Academy). The training gives in-service points!



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Five Star School Award Banners & Flags



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 31, 2007-\$40 after September 1) for the purchase of flags/banners. Please contact Tammy Lamm, American Ad Specialties, 407-784-7784 or tammy@americanadspec.com.

Governor's Points of Light Award

The Governor's Points of Light Award Program weekly recognizes a Floridian who demonstrates exemplary volunteer service to their community. These individuals dedicate themselves to improving the quality of life within their community. The common thread is their love of their community and their belief that through volunteering they can make a positive impact.

If you know of an individual you would like to nominate for this award, please complete the Points of Light nomination form found at www.volunteerfloridafoundation.org. If you have questions about the award, please contact Alicia Joyner, Director of the Governor's Points of Light Award program at Alicia.Joyner@vfffund.org.

2006-2007 Calendar from DOE Family and Community Outreach

June 2007

- 22 Five Star School Award Nominations Due
- 30 Title V, Part A Applications Due

July 2007

- 13-15 PTA Leadership Conference/Parent Involvement Awards Event

Mark your Calendar for Leadership!

September 2007

- 10-11 DOE Fall Leadership training in Tallahassee

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New Volunteer Rate

The Independent Sector announces that the 2006 estimate for the value of a volunteer hour has reached \$18.77 per hour. Such an estimate can be used to help organizations quantify the enormous value volunteers provide. The 2006 estimate increased from \$18.04 per hour in 2005. As volunteer coordinators, we know that our volunteers' time is priceless. However for press release purposes, you can use the rate times the number of volunteer hours to demonstrate the savings to school districts on having volunteers enriching and remediating students.



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