

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY E(NGAGEMENT) UPDATES

April 2017

Greetings!

E(NGAGEMENT) Updates keep you informed of the latest family and community engagement news. As always, feel free to share the information herein with others in your district.

Algebra I Corner

- With 2016-2017 FSA End-of-Course Assessments (EOC) quickly approaching, families may be searching for resources to help their children review and prepare for the Algebra I EOC. Below are links to free resources that you may share to support them in that effort:
 - [Algebra Nation](#) – online tutoring resource that is tailored to standards and student learning preferences. Students must enter the school name, username and password to access the website.
 - [Algebra Nation Parent & Family FAQs](#) – answers to questions parents frequently ask about Algebra Nation.
 - [Florida Students.org](#) – student tutorial portal to enhance understanding of Florida Standards using interactive content and opportunities to practice. Username and password not required.
 - [FSA Portal Practice Test](#) – enables students to become familiar with how the computer-based test will function and the types of items that they will encounter on the actual assessment.
 - [FSA Helpful Resources](#) – provides general information and resources about the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA).
 - [Spring 2017 FSA CBT Mathematics and EOCs Student Presentation](#) – provides tips and reminders for students taking the computer-based FSA Mathematics/EOC test.



Recognition & Awards

- On March 24, 2017, the submission window opened for [2016-2017 Golden and Silver School Award](#) and will remain open until May 2017. This award recognizes both public elementary and secondary schools with exemplary volunteer programs. For more information or if you have questions, contact Clifford.Jackson@fldoe.org.
- Remember that **National Volunteer Week** is April 23-29, 2017.
- April has several month-long observances
 - In addition to being [Florida Volunteer Month](#), April is also **Florida School Volunteer Appreciation Month** - Please visit the [Volunteer and Community Involvement](#) website to discover ideas to recognize your volunteers. We encourage you to share photos of volunteers in service to schools so that the great work that school volunteers contribute to supporting students may be featured. Photos can be shared via Twitter at [#flschoolsvolunteer](#).
 - **The Month of the Military Child** - The goal of this observation is to emphasize the important role that children of military personnel play in the armed forces community. Also, don't forget to **Purple Up! For Military Kids**, Friday, April 21, 2017. See [Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children newsletter](#) for more details.

- **Child Abuse Prevention Month** – As part of a national campaign designed to increase awareness of child abuse prevention efforts, the Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida and the Florida Department of Children and Families created a toolkit. The toolkit offers schools and communities an opportunity to replicate the campaign according to local needs while maintaining a consistent statewide message. Visit [Pinwheels for Prevention Resources](#) to access the toolkit and learn more about the campaign.

Upcoming Events

- Mark your calendars!
 - For the next **FAPE Webinar** entitled, “Out With the Old, in With the New!” The webinar will take place April 20, 2017 from 12:00 -12:30 pm. See attached flyer for details.
 - The **2017 Healthy Schools Summer Academy** is June 14 - 15 at the [Safe Schools Institute](#) in Boca Raton.
 - The **2017 Florida Parent Teacher Association Leadership Convention** will be held July 13-16 at Innisbrook Resort!
 - The **2017 Commissioner’s Business Recognition Awards (CBRA)**, will again be integrated with the Florida Chamber Foundation’s Annual Education Summit on June 14, 2017, at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress Hotel in Orlando, Florida.
 - Registration will be open soon for the **2017 Educational Strategies and Student Engagement Institute**. This year’s conference will be held September 18-20, 2017 at the Rosen Plaza in Orlando, FL. See attached SAVE THE DATE.

News and Information

- Florida’s **2016 Economic Security Report** is available to share with middle and high school students or their parents. This report aims to provide valuable information for students and parents to consider when searching education and career choices. See [paperless memorandum](#) to access the summary and full report.
- [Raleigh principal who visits home of every student on NBC News*](#)

As always, we look forward to future collaboration and open communication. If you have additional questions or suggestions, please contact our office.

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