

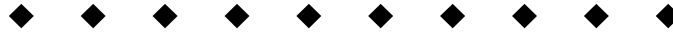
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Linking Resources to Improve Student Achievement



## Reading is the foundation for both student success and school success *By Dr. Cathern Wildey, Literacy Specialist*

One way that the Pasco County School District is helping to build the reading foundation is through the Intensive Reading classes available at each middle and high school. Gulf High has 23 Intensive Reading classes serving approximately 450 students. The majority of the students in the reading classes already

know how to read, but what is new to them is reading to learn. The Intensive Reading classes are teaching the students to use helpful reading strategies before, during, and after reading in either a class or an Internet search. Using these reading strategies for understanding the immense amount of information in social studies, sci-

ence, and math books is the secret for student success in school. Stay tuned to future newsletters for the announcement of the dates of Workshops for Parents on the CRISS and Writing strategies being taught to the students. We hope you will be able to join in one of our meetings.



## Don't forget...

to recycle your **used inkjet cartridges!** Our school receives money for every cartridge we collect. Please send the used cartridges from your home and business to our school collection boxes, located in the front office and media center. This is a great way for us to raise money and to help protect the environment.

And...we also collect **used cell phones and batteries.** Please remember to send in these items instead of throwing them away.

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## Florida Five Star School



## IBT News

Sailing through fall into winter, IBT and FBLA students have been reaching out to the community and connecting with careers and dressing for success. In the classrooms, students have been studying contractual law, accounting practices, communications, and today's technology.

On October 18, FBLA students attended leadership workshops and general session at District Fall Rally. The

*Sharon Oster, Team Leader*

workshops focused on recognizing your potential and success in the workplace. In November, members ran a fundraiser to assist in covering club expenses for state competition in Orlando in March. During the Great American Teach-In week, guest speakers included Ms. Terry Joice of Pegasus Title Company; Mr. Kevin Probst, Mr. Dan O'Malley, and Ms. Julie Soltes of Innisbrook Golf Resort; and

Ms. Suzanne Mensing of Florida Water Treatment; and Ms. Sara Sanchez, Attorney at Law.

FBLA and IBT members created the script and fashions for the presentation, "Dress for Success." Participants modeled appropriate and inappropriate attire for the workplace. Yes, there were "extreme makeovers." Also, a round of Family Feud was included with questions from a survey of 100 business

students.

Looking ahead, second semester welcomes FBLA District and State Competition, IBT Career Shadowing, and West Pasco Business Development Week.



## ICA News

The Institute of Communication and the Arts held its third annual "Talent Show" in the activity center on October 25, 2004. This event raises money for ICA seniors who are planning on going into the arts in college. This is the first year that we have enough money to offer a \$250.00 scholarship. The winners of the talent show were: First place and \$75.00 to Jose Soto (dance), Second place and \$50.00 to Sayva (step team), and Third place and \$25.00 to Craig Fountain (piano). During "Teach In" week, November 15-19, the CAPA board members and commu-

*Lisa Barrus, Team Leader*

nity members spoke to learning community students about their jobs and careers in the arts. Students heard from Edmund Fountain, photographer, St. Pete Times; Carey Yaskovic, owner of Perma Grin Graphics; Gloria Tyndall, owner of Dance Workshop, and DeeEtta Rowe, performer, Angel Cabaret Theatre. All of the presenters spoke openly about following your dream of being in the arts.

Over 100 art and photography students participated in the Autumn Arts art show at Sims Park on December 4. Congratulations to Jeremiah Thompson

for second place in painting. And a special thank you to Kristy Albertson, Ryan Hilgenberg, and Chris Wells for setting up and taking down the artwork when it started to rain.

On a more theatrical note, the drama department presented The Importance of Being Earnest on Nov. 16-18, 2004. The cast members were: Steve Sipes, Isaiah Sheppard, Jessica Polito, Megan Gillespie, Stephanie Donaldson, Shannon Mancini, Jessica Kemper, and Mark D'Alessio. The play was directed by of Mrs. Rebecca Ged-

raitis.

In January, the drama department will be preparing for an "Evening of One Act Plays" to be performed in March. We will also be holding auditions for the Annual Lip Sync Assembly, which raises money for Gulf High Scholarships. This year's lip sync is scheduled for April 1st. In addition, second semester is a very busy time for students in the arts. There are many community concerts and art shows. Our students' talents will be showcased throughout the semester. We will keep our students posted.

# ITS News

*Margaret Peek, Team Leader*

The Institute of Technical Sciences is looking forward to a busy spring for our student community. A field trip to the Kennedy Space Center will be offered to ITS students and will be mostly funded through ITS funds, with student participants being responsible for a small amount of the transportation and tour costs. We hope to offer the

chance to tour the nation's launch headquarters to motivated, interested students. Please be on the alert for more information regarding this opportunity. The University of South Florida's Engineering Fair is also held in late spring, and ITS will be recruiting students from across the student body to attend that event. Upcoming, also, is the

State of Florida's "Construction Days" program. Many aspects of the construction and engineering field are presented through this program. Some students will even be able to try their hands at driving heavy equipment! "Construction Days" presents an excellent opportunity for students achieving at all levels to become familiar with the

important role that building and engineering play in society. Students from across the student body will be welcome to fill any spots left vacant after all interested ITS students have signed up for the "Construction Days" field trip.

# IHHS News

*Carol Hlad, Team Leader*

## Upcoming Events

*Blood Drives: 1/21 & 4/29*

*Personal Fitness Week:*

*TBA*

Jason Taliaferro, an IHHS CAPA team business partner and manager of Longhorn Steakhouse, hosted a group of teachers for lunch during the Staff Development day on

January 3rd. He gave an overview of the restaurant's procedures for hiring, retaining and promoting their employees. His presentation emphasized the characteristics they

look for in an employee and the skills they would need to be successful in the hospital-ity field. We are very fortunate to have Jason on board with the IHHS team.

# Guidance/Career Resource Center News

The guidance staff recently completed Career and Academic Planner Forms (CAP) with ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students. Using the FACTS.org website students researched careers and selected their learning communities for next year. Through government/economics classes, seniors were taken to the computer lab to complete the Florida Financial Aid Application. This application is used for the Bright Futures Scholarship Program. On January 11, a presentation on Federal Financial Aid was held for seniors. The annual

Financial Aid Night for parents/students will be on Tuesday, January 25, at River Ridge High School. The event begins at 6:30 pm and all senior parents who will be applying for financial aid are invited. Also in January a presentation for tenth graders was given by Marchman Technical Education Center. A Sneak Peek for interested students/parents will be held on Tuesday, February 1 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Marchman. Registration for the 2005-2006 school year will begin in February. The timeline is as

follows:

*Written by Kathy Trapp*

- 2/14: 9th grade students receive registration materials
- 2/15: 10th grade students receive registration materials
- 2/ 22,23,24: 9th grade registration cards are collected
- 2/25,28,& 3/1: 10th grade registration cards are collected
- 3/11: 11th grade students receive registration materials.
- 3/17,18: 11th grade registration cards are collected

**\*The guidance staff encourages parents to discuss course selection with their son/daughter.\***

**Financial Aid Night**  
*River Ridge High School*  
 January 25, 2005 at 6:30 PM

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