



District news of interest posted this week on the PCS Newsroom

- Pinellas educators honored by Florida Art Education Association, <http://newsroom.pcsb.org/pinellas-educators-honored-by-florida-art-education-association/>
- Raymond James executive sees the need to mentor, <http://newsroom.pcsb.org/raymond-james-executive-sees-the-need-to-help-so-he-mentors/>
- District schools participate in walk to school day, <http://newsroom.pcsb.org/district-schools-participate-in-walk-to-school-day/>
- Pinellas Park Middle donates money to Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, <http://newsroom.pcsb.org/pinellas-park-middle-donates-money-to-susan-g-komen-race-for-the-cure/>

Palm Harbor Middle School counselor takes top honor

Jennifer Lotti, a school counselor at Palm Harbor Middle School, has been named Florida's Middle School Counselor of the Year by the Florida School Counselor Association. The association recognizes outstanding elementary, middle and high school counselors, administrators and advocates of the school counseling profession. Lotti was named Pinellas County's Middle School Counselor of the Year in January. She has been a school counselor for 14 years and a licensed mental health counselor for five years. She will be honored in October at the FSCA conference in Orlando.

Nominate a colleague for the Pinellas County Schools Support Employee of the Year

Help PCS recognize Support Employees who go above and beyond in their jobs. The nomination deadline is 11:59 p.m., Friday, Oct. 31. For the first time, nominations will be accepted in the following six categories: Classroom Support, Clerical, Food Service, Maintenance/Safety/Health, Plant Operations and Transportation. The PCS winner will be nominated for the Florida School-Related Employee of the Year. Principal/supervisors or appointed designees will submit all nominations. They are encouraged to work with a team who is familiar with the work of the nominee. Excellent writing, accuracy and specific examples of contributions are vital to this process. See attached info about the 2014-15 Support Employee of the Year Program. Check out this [fun video promo](#) that highlights all of the hard work our Support Employees do.

Flu shot rescheduling

Please check upcoming Benefits Update emails and the [PCS website](#) for the latest flu shot schedule. A number of dates are being rescheduled due to an unexpected delay in the manufacturing and shipping of the flu vaccine. Flu season in Florida is normally December through February, so there should be adequate time to receive the vaccine at school sites. Humana covered members still have the option to go to a network pharmacy and receive the flu vaccine free under their health plans. Health & Wellness has received a small supply and will be able to provide flu shots at the locations that were originally scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 14, and Wednesday, Oct. 15. If you have questions about the flu vaccine, contact handleyd@pcs.org.

Work continues on school websites

More than 40 schools have new websites online. Content managers at all schools have participated in Schoolwires training and Webmaster Brian Jones continues to provide training and assistance to content managers. Plans are underway to provide additional training for more advanced use of Schoolwires design features.

Administration Building Art Exhibit is Oct. 15

The Administration Building Art Exhibition Reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 15. This year's exhibit features 1,372 works of student-created art on display throughout the building. The artworks, which will remain on exhibit until May 2015, come from 119 district schools.

Duke Energy Great American Teach-In will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 19

Mark your calendars for the Great American Teach-in. Part of the American Education Week celebration, the event provides opportunities for community members to share information about their careers and hobbies with PCS students.

Please share your positive stories

The PCS Newsroom features stories from throughout the district. Please share your school news with us so we can include your good news on the PCS Newsroom. Please submit your story ideas to news@pcsb.org. You can also submit ideas on our [PCS Newsroom](#).