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## A Quarterly Community Newsletter

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Tomlinson Adult Learning Center

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## **Tomlinson is Proud of Family Atmosphere**





Mr. Gerald Warren, Night Foreman

Whether it is to commemorate a birthday or share good news at a faculty meeting, the people of this school come together to have fun and enjoy each other's company. Ms. Sandra Kitch's class (bottom center) celebrates the birthdays of two students, Maria Burgas and Shindano Macimu. "Everyone brought food; we played music and enjoyed time together at the end of class," said Sandra. Monthly meetings have the same spirit, with people bringing in prepared food to share for lunch. To close last school year, we cooked breakfast together before "digging in" to the agenda (and the waffles.)



Holly Heintz and Barbara Riddle-Dvorak, Teachers



Ms. Marolyn Coleman, Sr. DMT, and Mr. Howard Riddles, Teacher



Ms. Tanja Vurunic, Lead ESOL Teacher





Above Right: Principals and area superintendents await the big moment.

**Right:** Renee Flowers congratulates My'ya McGriff on her graduation.

**Below:** Shaterika Fisher celebrates her long-awaited success.





## **Díd You Know?**

- Tomlinson was originally a high school and opened in 1919
- In 1931, it was a junior high school
- In 1967, Mirror Lake became Florida's 6th Adult School
- Today, over 50 countries are represented in the ESOL Department
- Our school has served over 600 people this school year, so far
- There are 39 full or part-time faculty members in our 6 programs
- Our Media Center is open daily from 8am to 3pm and Monday evenings from 6pm to 8:30pm



Above: Jennifer Murray is proud to be walking across the stage to commemorate her graduation. She now works at John Hopkins Middle School as a secretary. We are proud that she is a part of Pinellas County Schools.

**Right:** Mark Tierney wasn't able to make it to the graduation ceremony this September, but it doesn't make us any less proud of him. Ms. Anni Mallory gives him a congratulatory hug after he passes his GED exams.



Lori Lukowski brings a "thank-you" gift to Donna Lawless for helping her get passing scores to obtain her GED.





Tomlinson students, along with graduates from all of the other adult learning centers, celebrated their accomplishment of earning a State of Florida High School Diploma on September 28th, at 7pm, in the lovely facility of Ruth Eckerd Hall.

All GED Graduates were invited to participate in the event for \$15; pre-registration at the PCS Administration building was required.

The ceremony was originally scheduled for earlier in the month, but Hurricane Irma had other plans for all of us.

Renee Flowers, member of the Pinellas County School Board, was the keynote speaker for the evening. She congratulated the graduates and encouraged them to be proud of their successes and to continue in their educational journeys.



## **ONLINE GED** Available 24/7

Some people have to be creative when making time to go to school because of their work schedules. Ms. Donna Lawless helps with that. She meets with people during the day to show them how to gain access to the Online GED classes. If students have trouble, she's only a phone call away. Her direct line is: 727-638-3131 and her email is: lawlessd@pcsb.org.