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The Tribute

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Tomlinson Students Appreciate the help of **DUKE ENERGY & Pinellas Ed Foundation**

For the second year in a row, DUKE Energy showed their generosity by funding our \$1000 grant, which provides bus passes for students to come to school. "Earth-Friendly Transportation to Transitions" helps educate the community about the benefits of using mass transit for the community and for our environment.

To qualify for a bus pass, students are given an informational sheet to read aloud and share with their friends. A quiz follows, so we can identify individual growth in environmental knowledge. For each subsequent pass, students must have 100% attendance and be making progress toward their educational goals. We are grateful for the grant.



Below: Roody Sarah shows how proud he is of earning his bus card for the week.

Far Left: Jacob Juist used to live just a few blocks away from Tomlinson, but now that he's moved, the bus pass comes in handy for him to continue in his educational goals.

Middle: Max Alliance has near-perfect attendance, and is grateful for his opportunity to learn.

Left: Nelson Jean Louis appreciates his bus pass to help him get to school every day.

New to the Adult World, but not new to Education

You will encounter Ms. LaTrenda Browne, our evening DMT, as one of the smiling faces in our front office as you enter Tomlinson. A St. Pete native and mother of two grown sons (one of whom is a Marine Security Guard stationed in Cambodia), Ms. Brown has been in the school system for 17 years, but came to us in September of this school year. In the past, she has worked with children who have learning disabilities in elementary schools in Gulfport. She says that she is positive atmosphere creator, lifelong learner, LaTrenda is at SPC, where she is when she is not busy helping make Tomlinson run smoothly. Her hobbies include "Praise Dancing" and singing at her church, but lately she has been too busy to pursue anything but her studies. We are so happy to have her with us at this "stop" on her career path.

***Welcome
LaTrenda
Browne***



Marzano

TEAMWORK BUILDING & CELEBRATION



Collaboration is the key to success in so many areas of life, and that was the case in early March when the GED students came together for a teamwork event, based on the Marzano framework. Given exactly the same items for construction, each team of students had only 15 minutes to “construct the highest tower” that would not fall over during the competition. Their supplies included a marshmallow, 20 strands of uncooked spaghetti, one yard of tape, and one yard of string. “The planning stage was the most important part,” said one student, who enjoyed the activity almost as much as the pizza and treats. “If everyone knows what their job is before you start, it goes a lot easier for the group,” she said. Her teachers agreed and made that part of the day’s lesson. “Knowing where you are going comes first; then, you decide how to get there, taking it one step at a time.”

Above Left: All the GED students gathered to watch a TED Talk on cooperation before the activity.

Above: After the exercise, students were treated to lunch.

Left: Students in Ms. Malloory’s classes work together to build their marshmallow and spaghetti tower.



Congratulations to Recent Graduates



Above: Luis Frederic gives a “thumbs up” to let everyone know it’s possible to pass all four sections of the GED test.

Right: GED Teacher Holly Heintz is proud of her student, Misty Ahrens, for receiving her high school diploma.

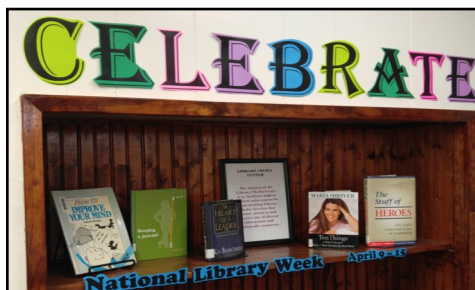


Right: Evening Coordinator, Patrick Jennings, congratulates GED Student, Jonas Araujo, who received his diploma after attending night classes from 4-9pm.



Above: Seth Chambliss is proud of his certification.

Above right: Joshua Moscoe
Right: Jessica Kirk



National Library Week in April brought many more visitors to our Media Center, with Nina Cornelius and her welcoming smile there to greet them. Come on in and “check out” what’s new for Tomlinson students.



Above: Another cause for celebration this term was the “2nd Annual Valentine’s Day Party” for the entire school. Students came downstairs during their breaks and wrote messages of love in their own languages for the bulletin board. Of course, “sweet treats” were a part of the “Love in Any Language” activity.