

Spotlight On...

Ambassadors of Education: Publix Super Markets Charities

Research shows that the leadership at the school site is the most important determiner of student success. As an Ambassador of Education, Publix Super Markets Charities (PSMC) has partnered with the Council to deliver programs that enable school leaders to make a difference in the lives of students in hundreds of schools throughout Florida. The results of these programs have a school-wide and community impact, highlight early childhood initiatives, and touch thousands of lives.

PSMC has funded statewide programs that develop school based leaders such as: the Florida Leadership Academy; Assistant Principal Forums and most recently the Commissioner's Leadership Academy. Their support of leadership is very significant, and has a lasting impact on communities. Year after year, these empowered leaders guide their team of educators, and engage parents and the community, to create a culture of excellence and success for their students.

PSMC has funded mentoring and community specific programs such as PASS[®]-Partnership to Advance School Success, and Executive PASS. These business mentorship programs directly focus on school and community goals to improve student academic achievement. PSMC is also a statewide sponsor of these programs. Addressing another very important area, they have supported New Teacher Retention and Development programs. This is particularly relevant because *"over a third of the nation's new teachers leave the profession within five years. In urban school districts, one in five new teachers leave the classroom after just one year, and nearly half leave within five years."*

The Council is honored and proud to partner with Publix Super Markets Charities (PSMC) on educational programs statewide. On behalf of all of us at the Council, and those we serve, **Thank You** to our Ambassadors of Education - Publix Super Markets Charities for their generous support. Together, we are making a difference in hundreds of schools and communities throughout Florida.

Wow...

- Congratulations to Superintendent **Alberto Carvalho** and the entire **Miami-Dade County Public Schools** district on winning the prestigious **Broad Prize for Urban Education**. The prize is the largest education award in the country. The award recognizes school districts that demonstrate the strongest student achievement and improvement at the same time as reducing the achievement gap for poor and minority students. The district will receive \$550,000 for college scholarships for 60 high school students that graduate in 2013.



- The **Leonard Miller Principal Leadership Award** luncheon will take place on Thursday, November 14th at the University of Miami's Newman Alumni Center. In celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of the **Council for Educational Change**, all three of the **Gold Medallion Winners** will receive a check in the amount of \$10,000.
- The prestigious **Commissioner's Leadership Academy** was held for 25 of the best principals in the State in Tallahassee on October 16 – 17th.

- After hearing her remarks, participants were afforded the opportunity to meet **Florida's Commissioner of Education, Pam Stewart**, at an evening reception sponsored by **TaxWatch**.



- **Motivational speaker, David Weber**, spoke on **"Leadership Skills Redefined,"** and captivated the audience.
- **Lyle Kirtman** focused on how to help build a school site culture of excellence looking forward.
- **Dr. Todd Whitaker** identified steps regarding **"Building a Culture of Excellence Through Relationships."**
- Exciting discussion followed a session looking at the political reality of schools in Florida and addressing **leadership through advocacy**. **Senator Bill Montford, Dominic Calabro of TaxWatch**, and **Bob Cerra** prepared commentary regarding realities of education from a political perspective.
- **Dr. John Hansen** addressed behavioral characteristics of role alike groups. This was designed to help identify their work styles and how to use their talents when working with individuals who exhibit different styles and modalities.

PASS® and Executive PASS®....

- PASS partnerships continue to be sustained in Duval County. Welcome to the new PASS partnership for Richard L. Brown Elementary in Jacksonville. **Russell Newton, Jr.** a strong supporter of PASS and business engagement in Duval schools is the business mentor, **Todd Simpson** is the principal and **Frances Gupton** is the PASS coach. Mr. Newton has been involved with PASS partnerships throughout the 2000's. His advocacy for student achievement improvement, counting what counts, principal leadership and recognizing teachers for their impact on achievement has truly had a positive impact on education. **Sherry Clarke** is the PASS Coordinator.



- New Executive PASS partnerships include: Highland Oaks Middle - Principal **Cheryl Kushi** and Business Partner **Jacy Kline** of **ING Financial Partners**; Parkway Middle Principal **Fabrice Laguerre** and Charles Drew Middle Principal **Reginald Lee** share their Business Partner, **Henry Petithomme** of **Youth Power Movement**. **Boots Richards** is the Executive PASS Coordinator.
- On October 26, Jose Marti MAST Academy 6 – 12 hosted the kick-off event for its \$90,000 B-PASS (Business Partnership to Advance Stem Success). The grant is funded by the **Committee for Economic Development**. Principal **Jose Enriquez**, CEC President and Executive Director **Dr. Elaine Liftin**, and **Bill Knudsen**, Educational Program Director for the **CED** welcomed 22 partnerships to this unique program focusing on the integration of the STEM subject areas across the school's curriculum and internships.



Please Help!

Broadmoor Elementary School in Miami-Dade is vying for a \$50,000 grant to build a playground. It is the only school in Florida in the running, so you can help by logging on to:

powerabrightfuture.clorox.com

Typing the school name or Miami-Dade should bring up their information. You can start voting on **November 5**.

You can vote once a day per device until **December 12**. Please help the students at Broadmoor to have a playground by winning this grant.

Dates to Remember ...

November 1 – Principal for a Day

November 14 – Annual Board Meeting

November 14 – Leonard Miller Principal Leadership Award

November 20 – Executive PASS Networking Meeting

Celebrating a Decade of Developing Principals and Educational Partnerships