



Quarterly Buzz

The Latest from District 3



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Celebrating District 3 Schools

As we wrap up the second quarter of school, I am excited to share news of a new format we will be using for my newsletter with the upcoming inauguration of **Quarterly Buzz**, District 3's e-newsletter featuring school news, events and accomplishments.

My goal is to highlight school activities, engage with the communities we serve, and ensure our key stakeholders—parents, students, staff, community members and business partners—are aware of how Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is educating today's students to succeed in tomorrow's world. **Quarterly Buzz** will be posted on my website at <https://www.browardschools.com/District3>.

Here are a few recent highlights from District 3 schools:

- **Aviation Academy@ATC, a School Partnership with the City of Fort Lauderdale!** An effort to establish a world class Aviation Academy in Fort Lauderdale has been diligently pursued by a number of collaborating partners and is about to come to fruition. There is an overwhelming demand for highly skilled workers in this sector. In a presentation at the 9/17/2019 School Board meeting, it was announced that the first phase of this multi-tier effort will be the establishment of an *Avionics System Technician* program at Atlantic Technical College beginning in January 2020. **Thank you to all** who have worked hard for this concept to become a reality, with a *special shout-out* to **Commissioner Heather Moraitis**, City of Fort Lauderdale, **Rufus James**, Executive Director of FXE, **Leslie Brown**, Director of BCPS's Portfolio Services, and **Bob Crawford** of Atlantic Technical College for their efforts in support of this initiative. You can watch the presentation at <https://eduvision.tv/I?RDALgR>

- **School Choice Window Opens December 2, 2019 to 5pm February 5, 2020!** If your student has a passion, talent or interest in a particular area consider visiting one of our outstanding magnet programs during upcoming open houses. District 3 high schools: **Fort Lauderdale HS**, January 8th 6pm, Cambridge, Pre-Law & Public Affairs; **Northeast HS**, January 21 6pm, BioTechnology, The Alternative Energy Program, The Latin Academy; **Sheridan Technical HS**, December 10th 6pm, Technical Academies; **Stranahan HS**, January 11th, 1-4pm, Medical Sciences, Science & Pre-Engineering, Urban Teachers Academy, Integrated Career and Academic Networks. **D-3 Middle Schools: New River MS** Jan 30th 6pm, Marine Science, Integrated Career and Academic Networks; **Sunrise MS**, Dec. 3, 6pm, Montessori; **D-3 Elementary Schools: North Andrews Gardens ES**, Jan. 22, 6pm, Performing & Visual Arts; **Riverland ES**, Dec. 4, 6pm, Communications & Languages; **Virginia S. Young ES**, was Nov. 13, 6pm, Montessori; **Wilton Manors ES**, was Nov. 14 6pm. If your target school already held open house, please contact the school for more information
- **2020 National Merit Scholarship Program – Fort Lauderdale High** had four students named as semifinalists: Rom Amasay, Jaren Ball, Katherine Gegoutchadeze, and Syed Tahir. This is a huge accomplishment and I wish everyone luck as they await announcement of the winners.
- **News from Northeast High School** – Congratulations to the Hurricanes' Samsung **Solve for Tomorrow** Team for moving on as state finalists in the competition! Also, Ms. Mabour's Lemelson-MIT project is still in the full patent process, after getting the status of patent pending last year. Northeast has added two dual enrollment courses with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and the Alternative Energy class is learning GIS, Geographic Information Systems, with students aiming to become certified in this highly desirable field at the end of the course.
- A **Huge** thank you to the **Rotary Club of Oakland Park/Wilton Manors** for providing dictionaries to 3rd graders and Constitution books to 5th graders at

District 3 schools. The Rotary members do this every year and their civic leadership is greatly appreciated!

- **Whiddon-Rogers Education Center** hosted their annual **Partnership Breakfast** on October 8, 2019. Student representatives from each of the career pathways assisted in the program. Culinary Arts students prepared a delicious breakfast, TV Production students filmed and took pictures, Criminal Justice students provided escorts, Music Technology students provided music, and Business Management students were tour guides. WREC also celebrated **College Week** during October 7-11. Representatives from Broward College, Keiser College, and the technical colleges met with students to explain their programs and have students apply. Students and staff wore their favorite college shirts and accessories.
- Two students in the **Whiddon-Rogers Middle School Academy** received scholarships from **Take Stock in Children**. They will receive student advocacy services, mentoring, and college readiness preparation. They will also receive a two-year college scholarship when they graduate high school. **Peace Week** was recognized on September 16-20 with activities on campus.
- We all had a great time at **Lloyd Estates Elementary** on October 30th greeting the walkers as part of “**Walk to School Day**”, promoted by Broward MPO. **Walk/Bike to School Day** is an international event celebrated in October. Thousands of communities join in with fun and safe **Walk/Bike to School Day** events that get families, teachers, city staff, and community members **walking/biking** together, while educating children and families about the benefits of **walking/biking**. See the photo at the end of this newsletter.
- Then, on November 7th **Croissant Park Elementary** invited me to read to the students as part of Jumpstart’s annual “**Read for the Record**”. BCPS, in partnership with the Childrens’ Services Council and multiple early childhood stakeholders, provided a free copy of “Thank You, Omu” to each pre-kindergarten and kindergarten child in Broward

County. Over 40,000 books to 40,000 children! See the photo at the end of this newsletter.

- **North Andrews Gardens Elementary** starred in a **Youth Arts Expo November 21st** at World AIDS Museum in Wilton Manors. Students performed from Drama & Orchestra with music from "RENT". This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to be involved in an international cultural event. The theater students sang "Seasons of Love," Orchestra students performed "Waterfalls" by TLC, and the Visual Art students displayed three panels of their creation which honor the mark AIDS has left in the South Florida community. The World AIDS Museum partners with Broward County Schools to provide education in classroom and school assembly settings. On November 4th **NAGE also** celebrated the dedication of the Peace Pole they were awarded during the **10th Annual Choose Peace Week** for the winning poster artwork of Gabrielle Anderson and Isabella Cubas. **Girls, you are both wonderfully talented!** Thanks go out to both Mr. Jose Davila who donated his time and supplies to install the peace pole, and the United Way of Broward County who helped make the gift possible. See photo at the end of this newsletter.
- **Celebrating School Lunch Week** – October 14th through 18th. **Wilton Manors Elementary, Northeast High School, and New River Middle** welcomed me during lunch hour to help celebrate. Being able to visit with school students and staff is so rewarding. A **big shout out to Oakland Park Commissioner Tim Lonergan** who pitched in to serve and recognize the hard work of our wonderful, cafeteria workers at **Oakland Park Elementary**. Mr. Runcie visited Westwood Heights, and many district administrators participated by visiting District 3 Schools. **Thank you, Everyone, for showing your support!** See the photo at the end of this newsletter.
- **District 3 Schools Win Grants!** Through the generosity of the **Community Foundation** of Broward, two District 3 schools were awardees: **Cypress Elementary**, \$1500 for **SEEDS of Change**; and **McNab Elementary**, \$1137 for **Florida Ecosystems & History** and \$931 for **Exploring for Enrichment. Nice work, teachers!**

- **Broward Education Foundation Teacher Innovation Grants** are coming up. The proposal deadline was November 22. I know there are aspiring teachers with wonderful ideas to enrich their students out there just waiting to hear if their proposals made it.
- The **Annual Winterfestival of Music**, a 30-year partnership between Broward County Schools and the Broward County Aviation Department, will be held the week of December 9-13, 2019. Hundreds of Broward County Music and Performing Arts students will serve as musical ambassadors to thousands of Holiday travelers at each terminal every day that week at the Fort Lauderdale International Airport. Please take a moment to stop and enjoy their performances as you pick up your holiday guests.
- **Thank you to the Community for supporting our annual Harvest Drive.** Each year thousands of pounds of canned goods and sundry items are generously donated by the public through our school system to those less fortunate.
- I truly enjoyed attending the **McNab Elementary Annual Winter Wonderland** on December 7, and am honored that District 3 hosted a screening of the film **Road Trip Nation** shown in celebration of **Inclusive Schools Week** at Fort Lauderdale High in the Lecture Hall. PEN, FIN, and ESLS are proud to be partnering together to showcase this movie screening. Also, the **Superintendent's Advanced Placement Studio Art Exhibit** will take place in January. Please call for more information as we draw closer to the new year.
- Last, but best of all, if you haven't heard, it is my pleasure to share with you that **Ms. Arnita Kethreddy** of **North Side Elementary School** and **Ms. Cari Rodriguez** of **Harbordale Elementary School** are finalists **for Teacher of the Year!** In addition, **Mr. Sean Curran** from **Fort Lauderdale High** is a finalist for **Assistant Principal of the Year**, and **Mr. John Vetter** of **Floranada Elementary** and **Ms. Melissa Holtz** of **Wilton Manors Elementary** are finalists for **Principal of the Year**. The most prestigious awards of the year, the winners will be announced on January 16th at the **2020 Caliber Awards** at the Broward County Convention Center.

As we head into the hustle and bustle this time of year brings, I wish everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season. Enjoy the slower pace of winter break and get ready for the New Year.

Please remember, if you have any questions or concerns call my office at 754-321-2003, and I will do my best to assist you.

Heather Pomper Brinkworth, School Board Member
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District 3 Highlights



College Week at Whiddon Rogers



**WREC Take Stock In Children
Scholarship Winners!**



**North Andrews Gardens
Peace Pole Dedication**



**Celebrating "Walk to School Day"
At Lloyd Estates Elementary**



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Commissioner Lonergan at Oakland
Park Elementary



Fort Lauderdale High School
Harvest Drive

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District 3's SMART at a Glance

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