

### ***Congratulations to these Award Winners:***

- Sulphur Springs Elementary in Tampa was named Florida's Elementary Reading Leadership Team of the Year after improving from an "F" grade in 2008 to a "B" in 2009. Principal **Dr. Christi Chandler Buell**, a *Leonard Miller Principal Leadership Award* Gold Medallion finalist in 2009, and the district's Elementary Reading Supervisor made the surprise announcement. Only one school is recognized with the annual award from Just Read! Florida. Other members of the Reading Team include: **Emily Deitzer, Laura Johnson, Donna Calderoni, Sharon Stewart, Cathy Tirpak, Julie Sekulits, and Lynn Rogers.**
- **Douglas Rodriguez**, Principal of Miami Central Senior High, and the 2008 *Leonard Miller Principal Leadership Award* winner, has been named to the **Miami-Dade College Alumni Hall of Fame** in the area of Education.
- Executive PASS<sup>®</sup> partner **Covanta Energy** teamed up with the **Rotary Club of Doral** in the development of a project to expand and improve the animal facility in the Agriscience program at Doral Middle School. The partnership was recognized as the Outstanding Joint Venture at the **Miami-Dade County Public Schools** annual Dade Partners luncheon. **Mark Trowbridge**, President and CEO of the **Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce**, and an Executive PASS partner, served as the Master of Ceremonies for the event.



### ***Heartfelt Thanks:***

- A special thank you goes out to two of the Council's supporters who have been, and continue to be, true Champions of Education in the State of Florida. First, our statewide PASS<sup>®</sup> sponsor, **Raymond James Financial, Inc.** who donated \$30,000 in 2010. In addition, they have donated over \$400,000 since 2001 in support of PASS and the Council. Also, thanks to **Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida**, who since 2003, has donated \$600,000 in support of Council programs. We are grateful for their generosity and ongoing support.
- During the site visit at Jefferson High School on January 22, **Stacy Carlson** from the **Helios Education Foundation** offered to fund the opportunity for six mentor teachers participating in the **Helios Teachers' Initiative** in Hillsborough County to attend the **National Science Educator Leadership Association's** summer institute in Flagstaff, AZ. Teachers and mentors attending the event are:
  - Kristy Chiodo, Mentor, Robinson High School
  - Hannah Graziano, Teacher, Robinson High School
  - Missy Allison, Mentor, McClane Middle School
  - Nakia Sturup, Mentor, Jennings Middle School
  - Kaja Richard, Mentee, Middleton High School
  - Jonathan Gerlach, District Science Staff for Elementary Science, Hillsborough Schools
  - Larry Plank, Secondary Science Supervisor, Hillsborough Schools

## ***Thank You's continued...***

- *Thank a Teacher.* The National PTA established **Teacher Appreciation Week** as the first full week in May. **National Teacher Day** is always the first Tuesday of this Week, making May 4<sup>th</sup> the day to say “Thank You” to a teacher.
- The Council extends sincere appreciation to **Tim Guertin** and **Matthew Thomas** from **PST Computers, Inc.** who recently worked on upgrading our computer server and operating system. This will allow us to be more up-to-date technologically, increase our capacity, and to communicate with stakeholders more efficiently.

## ***PASS<sup>©</sup> and Executive PASS<sup>©</sup>:***

- May 4<sup>th</sup> was the kick off event for the new PASS partnership in Tampa between **Douglas Davidson**, business mentor from **Bank of America Merrill Lynch** and Principal **Toynita Martinez** of Booker T. Washington Elementary. The Coach is **Gloria Kolka**.
- Welcome to the new Executive PASS partnership in Miami-Dade between **Edgar Martinez**, Senior Project Manager, **MCM** and **Emirce Ladaga**, Principal of Citrus Grove Middle School.
- To begin the second semester, 50 faculty and staff members from Palm River Elementary School in Tampa organized and participated in their first Book Night at **Barnes and Noble**. Over 300 parents and students enjoyed the many activities presented. Fictional characters read bedtime stories to students who were dressed in their pajamas. Face painting, photographs with the story characters, scavenger hunts throughout the store, drawings for gift cards, and cookies were available to all. **Palm River** students displayed their artistic and musical talents. **Woodland Johnson**, Principal and the teachers and students at Palm River Elementary look forward to future events.



## ***Dates to Remember:***

- **May 11** – Miami-Dade **Executive PASS** networking session at the offices of **Akerman Senterfitt**. Thanks to host **Robert Zinn**, Board Member.
- **May 19** – **PASS** networking session at **Tampa Port Authority**. Thanks to host, **Richard Wainio** – Council Board of Trustees meeting to follow.

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