

Just for Teachers



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Communication from Kelly...

Welcome Back!!! I hope you all had a restful summer and you're delighting in the thrills that a new year always brings. Our newsletter this month is packed full of great information to start your year off right. Be sure to check out our webpage for additional information on upcoming conferences, discounts, instructional resources, fieldtrips, and much more!

Know that I am here for you and be sure to check our site regularly,
<http://www.fldoe.org/justforteachers/>, to discover information, updates, and special promotions.



Teacher Talk June and September Episodes:

Parental Involvement

Common Core Standards

Visit <http://www.fldoe.org/JustForTeachers/tta.asp> to view past episodes or check out our YouTube Channel at <http://www.youtube.com/educationfl>



The Florida Department of Education has a new video series called Education 360 which provides quick snapshots about important education reform efforts currently underway in the Sunshine State. View them all at

<http://www.fldoe.org/ARRA/RacetoptheTop.asp> or on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/educationfl> .



Curriculum Corner

Just for Teachers FLDOE Social Media

Facebook – <http://www.facebook.com/EducationFL>

Twitter – <http://www.twitter.com/teachersfl>

Blog – <http://www.teachersfl.wordpress.com>

NEW **YouTube** – <http://www.youtube.com/educationfl>

Mary Monroe's new book, *Tagger*

-excerpt from <http://www.marymonroebooks.com>

As a Palm Beach County school teacher for more than 13 years, Mary Monroe writes about topics that happen in real life to her students – family problems, addictions, abuse – as well as things that are important to young adults – setting and reaching dreams and goals, making friends, having that first crush – and just keeping it real. Ms. Monroe also appeals to teachers by having complete unit questions, activities and reading counts quizzes available free on her website. She is a former freelance writer and advertising copywriter, who currently teaches ninth grade reading at a public high school in South Florida, where she resides with her husband and three children. She is a National Board Certified teacher and has Masters degree in Education/Reading.

Ms. Monroe has also written *Miracle at Monty Middle School* and *Krazy White Girl*.

Teen Trendsetters™

Volunteer USA Foundation is inviting you to start a Teen Trendsetters™ program at your school. During the 2010-2011 school year, 56 high schools served 60 elementary schools in Florida and teen mentors earned more than 23,000 volunteer hours! The award-winning Teen Trendsetters™ Reading Mentors program recruits and trains teens to mentor elementary students in reading. A specialized 40-minute mentor curriculum - developed in partnership with Scholastic, Inc. - ensures teens know the who, what, when, where and how, in mentoring second and third grade elementary students. All materials are provided by Volunteer USA Foundation. The BrainStorm© curriculum, which includes mentor guides, mentee workbooks covering three science related topic areas, and Scholastic readers, is supplied for every participating elementary student. If you and your school are interested in participating in this outstanding program, please email Tracey Gallagher at tracey.gallagher@volunteerusafund.org.

Teacher Discounts



DOE Teams Up With NFL Teams for 2011

Attention all football fans! The Florida NFL teams have partnered again with the Florida Department of Education to offer specially priced tickets to teachers this coming fall! Now, all three teams – the Jacksonville Jaguars, Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Miami Dolphins – are offering these special rate tickets to key games. Submit your forms today!

- [Tampa Bay Buccaneers](#) (PDF, 707KB)
 - [Tampa Bay Buccaneers Text Version](#) (Word, 30KB)
- [Jacksonville Jaguars](#) (PDF, 855KB)
 - [Jacksonville Jaguars Text Version](#) (RTF, 14KB)
- [Miami Dolphins](#) (PDF, 4MB)
 - [Miami Dolphins Text Version](#) (RTF, 18KB)

Teacher Treasures

“In 2008, I had the good fortune to join the staff and students at Palm Beach Public as an exceptional education teacher. They have made the past few years the best of my teaching career. Thanks to the Florida Education Foundation, I am looking forward to kicking off my summer vacation with a weekend at the Jupiter Beach Resort. It’s a perfect getaway for our family - close to home - ideal when traveling with my three-year-old daughter - and a beautiful beach and pool so that we can put our swim lessons into practice!” – Kathryn Hall



Kathryn Hall, a teacher at Palm Beach Public Elementary School, won our May giveaway for one, two-night stay at Jupiter Beach Resort .

Patricia Bunting won our June giveaway for two complimentary nights at The Palms Hotel and Spa, Miami Beach, Florida.



“I am Patricia Bunting, a Science Teacher at Matthew W. Gilbert Middle School in Jacksonville, Florida. I am very excited about teaching the next generation! Each year is a new opportunity to shape the future and create opportunities for young people. I am thankful to have won this opportunity for a much-needed vacation. I plan to use this vacation to relax before the new school year begins.”

The Teacher Treasures giveaway form will reopen on the first of each month. With such a variety of offerings, we will clear all entry forms on the day of the drawings. **The September giveaway** will be for one, two-night stay for four at TradeWinds Island Resorts. Enter today at <http://www.fldoe.org/JustForTeachers/>.



ClassWish.org

ClassWish.org, an exciting new nonprofit, helps teachers and schools attract donations to provide supplies from parents, local businesses, alumni and others in the community. Visit <http://classwish.org/teachers> for more information.

Teacherwishlist.com

TeacherWishLists.com is a simple, easy-to-use online teacher wish list management tool that teachers, communities and parent teacher organizations can use to publicize their classroom wish lists to parents, businesses, and other potential donors - all for free.

Education News

SeaWorld Educational Field Trips

Join SeaWorld for an unforgettable day or night, where learning and fun become one. You'll find inspiration in SeaWorld's animals, shows and attractions and pick up some valuable lessons along the way. The programs support Sunshine State Standards, National Education Standards, and the essential principles of the Ocean Literacy Project. Choose from an educational presentation or one-hour course for just \$25 per student or an overnight sleepover for \$78 per student. For all field trips to SeaWorld, there is one free chaperone for every 10 paid students. Click here for more information: <http://www.seaworld.org/education-programs/swf/school-programs/index.htm>

Discover Florida Aquaculture

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has developed an introductory "Discover Florida Aquaculture" multi-media program. It is available FREE to middle and high school teachers. The components of the program include a "Discover Florida Aquaculture" booklet, video, poster and stickers. The components can be viewed and ordered online at http://www.flseafood.com/info_teachers.htm. If you have any questions, please call the Bureau of Seafood and Aquaculture Marketing at (850) 488-0163.

Clorox

Clorox has created *Power A Bright Future* to help save some of the programs that are most important to your school. Nominate your school for a chance to win a grant from Clorox. Learn more at <http://www.clorox.com/classrooms/grants/>.

Orlando Science Center

The Orlando Science Center is the perfect educational activity, fun and knowledge all under one roof. For visitors from out of town, Orlando Science Center is a must for your "things to do in Orlando" list. With four floors of exciting exhibits, amazing giant screen movies and engaging live programming, the Science Center is the perfect family destination. We're also the ideal rainy day activity - fun for your entire family and completely indoors! Orlando Science Center is pleased to offer teachers free admission with the presentation of a valid Florida teacher ID. In addition, receive 10 percent off when you become an exclusive member to our center! Membership includes special discounts off our summer and school break camps and free admission to more than 250 Association of Science and Technology museums throughout the nation. For more information please visit our website: <http://www.osc.org> or call (407) 514-2000.

Florida Virtual Curriculum Marketplace

The Florida Department of Education, in partnership with Learning.com, has created the Florida Virtual Curriculum Marketplace (VCM), an open repository of free and fee-based educational resources. The Florida VCM helps teachers use a single login to find, organize, use, and assign educational content that meets Sunshine State Standards: <http://www.learning.com/floridavcm/>

CPalms

CPALMS is a statewide infrastructure project developed by the Florida Department of Education to devise information systems and tools to support the implementation of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS). The project is led by the Florida Center for Research in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (FCR-STEM) at Florida State University. CPALMS is a collaborative site offering tools for K-12 teachers, researchers, universities, district curriculum specialists, and many others:

http://www.floridastandards.org/cpalms/Project_CPALMS.aspx.

Florida Reading Association

Registration for the Florida Reading Association (FRA) conference is now open! The registration form may be downloaded or registration may take place online at <http://www.flreads.org>. The conference will be held Sept. 8-11, 2011, at the Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando. The conference will feature excellent speakers and authors this year, including: Dick Allington, Vicki Risko, Ridley Pearson, Melinda Long, Julianna Baggott, E.B. Lewis, Judith Irvin, Enrique Puig, Jan Almasi, Marianne Berkes, Jane Feber, Adrian Fogelin, Matt McElliot, Jan Hasbrouck, Elfrieda Hiebert, Jan Godown Annino, and Katie Garner.

In addition to a special luncheon with the authors on Friday and Saturday, September 9th-10th, there are also 11 exciting pre-conference institutes participants may attend. A Breakfast with the Authors will also be available on Saturday, September 10th. Register as an 'early bird' on or before August 15 for the best rates. We hope to see you in Orlando!

Florida Department of Education Partners and Supports Grow Healthy Fruit and Vegetable School Gardens

Project	Description	Completed	Anecdotes
Florida School Garden Statewide Partnership	Representatives from various organizations met in an effort to help schools create and sustain school based fruit and vegetable gardens. A Best Practice Symposium is planned for Spring 2012 as part of a Farm to School Summit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three state-wide partnership meetings resulted in the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Year one goals developed and accomplished. – Action plan developed. – Two school garden surveys and evaluations complete. – School garden clearinghouse. 	“Love being part of this group. I learn so much about how to bring more gardens to my schools and be successful.”
Gardening for Grades Trainings	Nine regional <i>Gardening for Grades</i> trainings were held from February to June 2011. <i>Gardening for Grades</i> , developed by Florida Agriculture in the Classroom, is appropriate for grades K-8 and includes how-to information for teachers to educate students about nutrition education and food production through school gardens.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 230 science teachers in nine districts trained. • <i>Gardening for Grades</i> book delivered to 67 district Food Service Directors. 	“Great workshop-trying to tie it into childhood obesity - the need to eat right out of the garden!”
“Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!”	Gardening-related nutrition books distributed and read by classroom volunteers during the last week of January.	09-10: Provided 1,500 <i>Our Generous Garden</i> books Grades K-5 in 41 districts	“The students were motivated so much so that our next class project will be the creation of our own garden.”
		10-11: Provided over 1,300 <i>Our Super Garden</i> books Grades K-5 in 44 districts	
		11-12: Nutrition in Agriculture book- <i>coming soon!</i>	
“Grow Healthy”- School Garden Kits	Kits distributed containing how-to gardening manuals, vegetable seeds, spades, nutrition education materials, sunscreen, and grocery pads.	Distributed 170 kits to: 139 middle, elementary, and high schools in the following districts: Alachua Escambia Lee Osceola Putnam Brevard Flagler Levy Palm Beach Santa Rosa Broward Hillsborough Marion Pinellas Sarasota Dade Indian River Orange Polk	“The students eat Brussels sprouts out of their garden to the amazement of their parents.”
Seed Folks Middle School Garden Project	A pilot literacy-based garden project distributed kits containing <i>Gardening for Grades</i> , 30 classroom copies of the book <i>Seed Folks</i> , vegetable seeds, spades, sunscreen, and grocery pads.	Distributed seven kits to: Miami-Dade and Alachua counties	“This project was wonderful! I had a hard time keeping them from watching it grow every day.”