

September 16, 2009

FFEA-INFORM

FLORIDA FUTURE EDUCATORS OF AMERICA

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Welcome Back!

I hope that you were able to relax and enjoy your time away from school. I am excited about another great year and working with each of you to improve the FFEA program throughout Florida. You will find some important information below. *Chadwick Myrick, State FFEA Coordinator*

Registering Your Chapter

All chapters and districts must submit a new chapter form. This process will ensure an updated FFEA database and more program accountability. You can find the new chapter form online at http://www.fldoe.org/profdev/pdf/newchapterform_10-24-05.pdf. Your current information will be removed from the database and you will not receive any FFEA correspondence until our office has received your new chapter form. If you have submitted a chapter update form or submitted a promotional item order since the end of the last school year, we have your most recent information.

FFEA Events Around the State

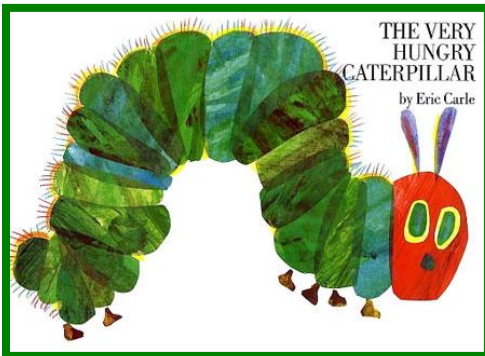
Volusia County's Candlelight Ceremony & Advisor Workshop

On September 17, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. the Volusia County School District will be hosting the Florida Future Educators of America (FFEA) Candlelight Induction Ceremony for their new FFEA chapter advisors. Following the induction there will be a dinner and an advisor workshop for all FFEA advisors and a student representative from each high school. The school principals and other district officials will be in attendance to welcome the new FFEA advisors.

Central Florida Community College Annual Educational Symposium

On September 26, 2009, Central Florida Community College (CFCC) in Ocala will be hosting its annual Educational Symposium and are asking that all local FFEA chapters attend. Attendees will attend informational sessions and will have the opportunity to meet with other local chapters for some fun, food and fellowship. For more information about the symposium, contact Ethel Tobias at ethel.tobias@saintleo.edu.

Jumpstart's Read for the Record



The simple question, "Will you read me a story?" can be your invitation to celebrate the joy of reading with a child. Read for the Record is an opportunity to bring school children together with other youth and adults to read the same book on the same day. The Very Hungry Caterpillar, a very popular book by author Eric Carle, will take center stage on Oct. 8, 2009, as Teen Trendsetters around the state will share the book at the elementary schools where they mentor. Visit www.readfortherecord.org to register your school to Read for the Record on Oct. 8!

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FFEA Web Site Update

There has been a new link added to the FFEA web site, <http://www.fldoe.org/profdev/ffea.asp>, which lists the school name of all registered chapters throughout the state. The link can be accessed by selecting "Registered FFEA Chapters" or you may visit the list directly at <http://www.fldoe.org/profdev/pdf/FFEA-Chapters.pdf>.



As the teacher liaison for the Florida Department of Education, one of Sheila Veatch's tasks is to correspond with educators statewide. She receives wonderful stories that describe the great things happening in classrooms across our state. The teachers' words

reveal a dedication to their profession and the satisfaction it brings. Teaching may not always be easy, but it's rewarding in countless ways.

Sheila's responsibilities also include maintaining the *Just for Teachers* Web site and producing the monthly *Just for Teachers* newsletter. These resources contain useful information for both teachers and students. Visit www.fldoe.org/justforteachers to see what's happening in Florida's Public Schools and beyond. For more information about Just for Teachers please email justforteachers@fldoe.org.

Hispanic Heritage Month Reading List

The Department of Education's Just Read, Florida! Office has released a recommended reading list which showcases a broad selection of Hispanic authors and their literary creations. Students and families across the state are encouraged to explore these selections during Hispanic Heritage Month and throughout the year in order to develop a greater understanding of the many contributions of Hispanic culture to our society. Go to <http://www.justreadflorida.com/hhm.asp> to see the list.

2010 State and National Conference Information

State Conference

**"To Teach a Child Is
To Change the World"**

Date & Location

TBA

High school and postsecondary chapters continue to check for registration, competition, and state officer's information at

<http://www.fldoe.org/profdev/conference.asp>

National Conference

**"Illuminate the heart
and mind. Teach!"**

Date & Location

San Antonio, Texas
February 12-14, 2010

For more information please visit

<http://www.futureeducators.org/events/conferences.htm>