



Flagler County
Education Foundation

February Newsletter

Our Mission

We are dedicated to elevating every student in Flagler County by uniting community, resources, and opportunity through innovative programs, mentorship, and unwavering support for educators and families. We remove barriers, ignite potential, and ensure every student has the resources and opportunities to succeed.

Beaver Toyota Student of the Week

Each week, Beaver Toyota will recognize and award a student from Flagler County School District as the "Student of the Week" along with the Beaver Toyota Award of Excellence. This award is given to students who are seen as someone who goes above and beyond as a student and leader of their school! Along with receiving the award, local radio stations, the Beach 92.7, KIX 98.7, KOOL 100.9, and WNXF 94.9, will air the student interview Monday through Friday around 5:20 pm.

Help Us Stock the S.T.U.F.F. Bus This Winter!

S.T.U.F.F. BUS
SUPPLYING THINGS U FIND FUNDAMENTAL

Our students need the "basics," and your support will make a difference!

WINTER WISH LIST

- UNDERWEAR 5t-adult 2xl
- SOCKS- ALL SIZES
- JACKETS- ALL SIZES
- SWEATPANTS/YOGA PANTS- ALL SIZES
- SNEAKERS SIZES PRESCHOOL-ADULT

You can always drop off in the main lobby of the Government Services Building,
1769 E. Moody, Bunnell, FL 32110
Contact Stephanie Ellis (386)437-7526 x1128 or elliss@flaglerschools.com

Winter is here, and the S.T.U.F.F. Bus is gearing up to ensure that Flagler Schools students have the essentials they need for the season!

Our winter supply drive is underway! We are urgently collecting the following new or gently used items:

Essential Clothing Needs:

UNDERWEAR: Sizes 5T through Adult 2XL



Way to go Ella! **Old Kings Elementary School**



Way to go, Elevyn! **Indian Trails Middle School**

JACKETS: All Sizes (Coats, Hoodies, etc.)
 SWEATPANTS/YOGA PANTS: All Sizes
 SNEAKERS: Sizes Preschool through Adult
 Your donation helps remove barriers to learning and offers warmth and dignity to students in need. Every item truly helps us Ignite Potential!

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Donate Supplies: Drop off items at the Flagler Ed Foundation Bus in the parking lot at 1769 E Moody Blvd, Bunnell, FL 32110
 Contact Stephanie Ellis for any questions!
 Make a Financial Gift: Support the S.T.U.F.F. Bus directly here:

<https://wl.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx...>

Thank you for helping us take care of our Flagler family this winter!

2026 Innovation Challenge

BIG IDEAS WANTED! The 2026 Innovation Challenge is here!

Do you have an idea that could change the world—or just make our community a little better? It's time to bring it to life!

We are thrilled to announce that the 2026 Innovation Challenge is officially coming to Palm Coast on April 30, 2026. This is your chance to showcase your creativity, problem-solving skills, and entrepreneurial spirit.

ACT FAST: Applications officially open TODAY, FRIDAY, January 30th!

Whether you're a tech wizard, a social advocate, or a creative thinker, we want to



Way to go, Aliyana! Rymfire Elementary School

CLASSROOM TO CAREERS PRESENTS
A DIPLOMA PLUS INITIATIVE

**WELCOME TO
FUTURE FRIDAYS**

READY TO SHARE YOUR PATHWAY TO A BRIGHT FUTURE?

We aim to educate students on career paths that can be taken after high school.

- Internships
- Career Exploration
- Professional Pathway

SIGN UP NOW

BECOME A PRESENTER EVERY FRIDAY
Flagler Palm Coast & Matanzas High Schools

Flagler County Education Foundation

CF PROGRAMS UNITED WAY Volusia-Flagler

flaglerschools Engage. Educate. Empower.

Inspire the Next Generation!
 Future Friday is coming, and we're looking for **INDUSTRY LEADERS, COLLEGES, and BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS** to share their knowledge and experiences with students.
 Showcase your career path
 Highlight opportunities in your field
 Connect with future talent
 Your story could spark a student's dream career!

see what you've got. Let's show everyone why Flagler County is the hub of the next generation of innovators. Check the link below tomorrow to start your application!
<https://buff.ly/2yciGd8>

Advent Health Car 43!



Exciting day at **Matanzas High School & Flagler Palm Coast High School**. We were honored to welcome the **AdventHealth No. 43** car to campus today and are grateful to the **AdventHealth Palm Coast** team for sharing with our students about possible career opportunities in health care and NASCAR.

Flagler County Education Foundation supports and appreciates the African American Mentoring Program for Girls

Sign up today to present, email
johnsonm@flaglerschools.com

Star of the show was the Matanzas High School Building Construction Technology



Educators, Community Partners, and Industry leaders gather to strengthen the CTE partnerships for **Flagler Schools** students. The Star of the show was the **Matanzas High School Building Construction Technology Instructor** and students as they shared the classroom experience. Thank you to our sponsors who support this program.

Buddy Taylor Middle School Hosts Literacy Night



Flagler County Education Foundation supports and appreciates the African American Mentoring Program for Girls and the faithful mentors who support our **Buddy Taylor Middle School** students. Here, they provided additional time and talent to ensure students were exposed to **Flagler Schools** exceptional programs and study opportunities.

Our House in Bunnell



We had an opportunity to help ensure students at Our House in Bunnell have snacks for after-school homework assistance. Learning is so difficult when hungry. Thank you to our donors who make all this possible!

Partner Community Foundation of Volusia Flagler at the Capital.



The **Buddy Taylor Middle School** Literacy event at the **G.W. Carver Center** was a huge success. The food, books, giveaways, and smiles made the evening all worth it! Thank You Team BTMS, for sharing this event with the community.

OKES Health Fair



Our very own **Maryiotti S. Johnson** at the Capitol with **United Way of Volusia-Flagler**



Counties, sharing all that is happening in Flagler!

9/11 Memorial Stair Climb Senior Scholarship



SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP DONOR

We are thrilled to share some exciting news regarding our scholarship program! This year marks the inaugural launch of the 9/11 Memorial Tribute Climb Senior Scholarship, and the response has been nothing short of inspiring. Our donor is absolutely moved by the number of seniors who stepped up to apply. Seeing our students connect with the values of resilience, remembrance, and community service through this application process has been a highlight of our year.



We are absolutely thrilled to share the incredible news regarding the inaugural launch of the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb Senior Scholarship!

The response from our **Flagler Schools** seniors has been nothing short of inspiring. Our donor is deeply moved by the large number of students who applied, demonstrating a profound connection to the values of resilience, remembrance, and community service.

9/11 Annual Memorial Tribute Stair Climb, Your generosity is helping us Ignite Potential while ensuring that we never forget the bravery and sacrifice that this scholarship represents.



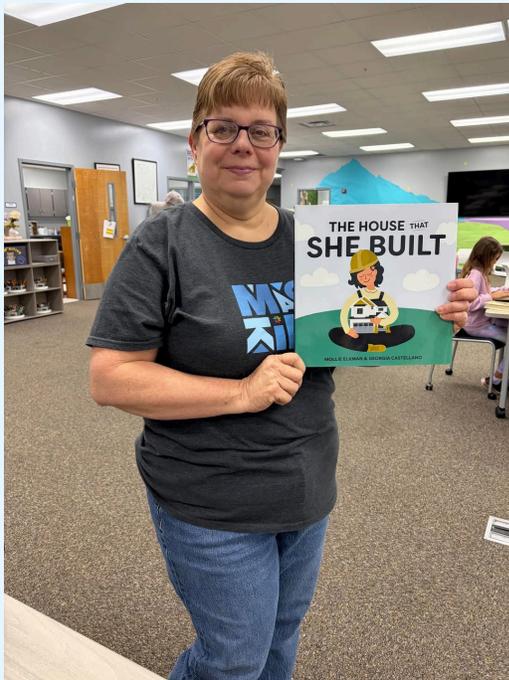
5th Annual Joe Rizzo Memorial Golf Classic Monday, April 20th!





Today's 2nd annual **Old Kings Elementary School** Health & Career Fair was a huge success! Coach Landi, our OKES Teacher of the Year, does an incredible job for our students to enjoy & learn! We are proud to support this event, lots of kiddos enjoyed fresh fruit today on a chilly Friday.

Flagler Schools Library The House SHE Built by the Flagler HBA



Flagler Schools library at Belle Terre Elementary School is graced with a copy of The House that SHE Built by the Flagler Home Builders Association - Flagler HBA. Grateful for our local donors who enhance literacy in Flagler Schools.

OKES Garden

5TH ANNUAL

JOE RIZZO

MEMORIAL

GOLF CLASSIC



BENEFITS FLAGLER SCHOOLS' CLASSROOM TO CAREERS

20 APRIL 2026 | **SAVE THE DATE!**

SPONSORSHIPS & PLAYER INFO COMING FEB 20TH

The most anticipated golf event in Flagler County is back!

Get ready for the Joe Rizzo Memorial Golf Classic. It's not just a tournament—it's a full day of: Food & Drinks on every hole, The legendary Golf Ball Launcher, Silent Auction & 50/50 Raffle, Exclusive FootJoy Swag Bags

Come for the golf, stay for the impact. All proceeds benefit the Flagler County Education Foundation Classroom to Career Programs.

WHEN: April 20, 2026, WHERE: Grand Haven Golf Club.

Sponsorships & Player Registration

Rymfire Passport to a Healthier



Garden Club



Way to go, **Old Kings Elementary School** Garden Club! We love to see the harvest! Thank you, **Consortium of Florida Education Foundations & Beaver Toyota St. Augustine**, for making this Classroom Grant Possible!

Indian Trails Middle School Tour with the University of Women's Group



Big thanks to **AdventHealth Palm Coast** for supporting today's "Passport to a Healthier You" at **Rymfire Elementary School**! Our students are learning that physical health and medical science go hand in hand.

Advent Health Heart Screening



WHO WE PLAY FOR HEART SCREENING
For Every Kid Who Never Had The Opportunity



An Electrocardiogram (ECG or EKG) is painless, non-invasive and only takes 5 minutes to complete.
Each ECG is read by a board certified pediatric cardiologist.

WHEN: Thursday, April 16th from 5-8PM

WHERE: Matanzas High School - Locker Rooms

COST: FREE for students, courtesy of AdventHealth

REGISTER: Online at: <https://WWPF.as.me/MatanzasHS2026>



To learn more about Who We Play For or to get involved, visit whoweplayfor.org

- 80%** No symptoms prior to sudden cardiac arrest event
- 1 IN 300** Youth have a detectable heart condition
- # 1** Cause of death on school campuses and in student athletes

Protect your athlete! **Matanzas High School & AdventHealth Palm Coast** are hosting heart screenings on April 16th. Required for many extracurriculars and recommended for all! Fast, easy, and life-saving. Don't miss out!

Advent Health Heart Screenings



Today, **Indian Trails Middle School** welcomed the University of Women's Group for a campus tour! From our state-of-the-art Media Center & Agriculture room to our innovative classrooms, it was a joy to show these incredible women how we're preparing the next generation of thinkers and doers. There is something so powerful about seeing women who have paved the way in academia and professional life cheering on our middle schoolers.

Flagler Tiger Bay Senior Scholarship



WHO WE PLAY FOR

HEART SCREENING
For Every Kid Who Never Had The Opportunity



An Electrocardiogram (ECG or EKG) is painless, non-invasive and only takes 5 minutes to complete. Each ECG is read by a board certified pediatric cardiologist.

WHEN: Friday, April 3rd from 5PM-8PM

WHERE: Flagler Palm Coast High School - 100 Building Gymnasium -

COST: FREE for students, courtesy of Advent Health

REGISTER: Online at: <https://WWPF.as.me/FPCHighSchool2026>



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Investing in Excellence: A Celebration of Flagler's Finest





Investing in the Leaders of Tomorrow!
A huge thank you to the **Flagler Tiger Bay Club** for their incredibly generous donation toward our Senior Scholarships!
Year after year, this organization proves that they don't just talk about the future of Flagler County—they actively invest in it. These scholarships provide a vital "launchpad" for our graduating seniors as they head off to trade schools, colleges, and universities. We are so lucky to have a partner that values education and civic engagement as much as we do. Thank you for helping our students turn their dreams into reality!

Such a wonderful Wednesday at the TRAIL Café



Investing in Excellence: A Celebration of Flagler's Finest
Success in education is a team sport. Last night, we recognized the outstanding achievements of our Principal, Assistant Principal Teachers, Rookie Teachers, and Employees of the Year. While we celebrated individual winners, the real winner is our community. To our local business sponsors:



Thank you for your unwavering support. By investing in our staff, you are investing in the future of Flagler County. **SouthState Bank Meteor Education Beaver Toyota St. Augustine**
Congratulations! Your hard work does not go unnoticed!

FPRA Volusia/Flagler



We joined Mayor Mike Norris, Investigative Services Division Chief Augie Rodriguez, and Youth Services Section Commander Jennifer Nawrocki for coffee and great conversation with our amazing TRAIL participants. Community partnerships like these make all the difference — thank you for supporting our young people and their journey to independence!

Heiser Foundation Senior Scholarship



Stephanie and Madison attended Media Day 2.0 hosted by **FPRA Volusia/Flagler**! So many great speakers with great insights on communication and reaching your audience. They even saw one of their partners, Michelle Bartlome, with **AdventHealth Palm Coast**, who was a moderator. Koda the Fluff, who is the therapy Dog, was definitely their favorite presenter!

DONOR Spotlight

A huge shoutout to the Heiser Foundation for their recent donation to our Senior Scholarship fund. Their commitment to Flagler County students is helping turn "graduation dreams" into "college realities."

THE HEISER FOUNDATION

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A massive thank you to the Heiser Foundation for their incredibly generous donation toward our Senior Scholarships! Because of your support, more **Flagler Schools** students will have the "green light" to pursue their dreams, whether that's at a university, a trade school, or a technical college. Investing in our seniors is an investment in our collective future, and we couldn't do it without partners like you. Thank you for being a champion for our students!

22nd Annual Mardi Gras Gala



Songwriter Festival

PRESENTED BY: INTEGRATIVE HEALTH MANAGEMENT

"(This Festival is) truly legendary. Countless 'highlight reel' moments with wall-to-wall talent and smash hit songs" - Chris DeStefano

APRIL 23-26 2026

STARS, STRIPES & STORIES

DON'T MISS THE BEST ALL-STAR SONGWRITERS FESTIVAL IN THE COUNTRY!

HIT SONGS INCLUDE: "Back Up Peas", "Tough People", "Somewhere Over Laredo", "Live Like You Were Dying", "Dirt Cheap", "No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems", "Backseat Driver", "Stay Country or Die Tryin'", "Bottle Rockets", "Forever After All", "In Color", "Through The Years", "At The End of a Bar", "Let Your Boys Be Country", "Change the World", "Check Yes or No", "I Sweat", "American Ride", "Wink", "Just To See You Smile", "God Blessed Texas", "In Case You Didn't Know", "Redneck Yacht Club", "What Was I Thinkin'", "I Cross My Heart", "Gunpowder & Lead", "The Fall", "I Never Lie", "In My Daughters Eyes", "Does To Me", "You Me and Whiskey", "Drunk Me", "Even Though I'm Leaving", "Handle on Your", "House Party", "Whiskey in My Water", "There Is No Arizona", "Good As You", "Country Dr.", "Don't Bank", "Every Storm (Runs Out of Rain)", "Break Up in the End" + MORE!

PERFORMING LIVE: Anthony Smith, Bob DiPiero, Brady Seals, Casey Beathard, Chris DeStefano, Gordon Kennedy, Ira Dean, Jamie D'Neal, Jeffrey Steele, Jimmy Yeary, Jon Nite, Lee Thomas Miller, Lydia Vaughan, Mark Nesler, Ray Fulcher, Steve Dorff, Tim Nichols, Tyler Farr, The Warren Brothers, Tyler Reeve, Allison Veltz Cruz, Andy Albert, Brock Berryhill, Chris Wallin, Dana Hunt Black, Deric Ruttan, Derek George, Drew Parker, Frank Myers, Heather Little, James Slater, Jerry Flowers, Jordan Walker, Josh Phillips, Justin Wilson, Monty Criswell, Styles, Thom Shepherd & Coley McCabe Shepherd, Tucker Beathard, Dave Palanish, Jesse Rice, Lauren Mascitti, Matt Warren, Ashley Estevez, Carrie Welling, Jimmy Parrish, Joe Vitale Jr.

Info and Tickets: PalmCoastSongwritersFestival.com

SPONSORS: Florida Department of Transportation, SouthState, QUANTUM, Palm Coast, Palm Coast Florida, Constellation FURY & FRIENDS, 250, Charles D. Johnson, K&K, R&K, Flagler County Education Foundation



The 22nd Annual Grand Haven Mardi Gras Ball was one for the history books! From the incredible costumes to the nonstop jazz, the energy was electric—but the real magic was the impact we made together.

Because of your generosity and our SOLD OUT crowd, we raised vital funds for **Take Stock in Children** and our Senior Scholarship Fund. We didn't just let the good times roll; we helped pave the way for the next generation of scholars in our community.

Flagler Schools
Matanzas High School

Huge thank you to our donors, organizers, and volunteers. See you next year!



Thank You To Our Annual Partners!



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