

### **January Newsletter**

Established in 1990, the Flagler County Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit committed to generating financial support and awareness to enhance educational programs that benefit students, families, and teachers in Flagler Schools.

### Happy New Year from FCEF!

As we enter 2025, we are grateful for the incredible support, collaboration, and accomplishments we've shared in the past year. Together, we've made a meaningful impact and are excited about the new opportunities ahead!

May this year bring you all health, happiness, and continued success. Let's continue to

work together to make a positive difference and create lasting change in our communities.



S.T.U.F.F. Bus

The S.T.U.F.F. Bus, which stands for Supplying Things U Find Fundamental, provides essential supplies and clothing to students and their families experiencing economic difficulties. Supplies include, but Mardi Gras Gala

Let's Laissez les Bon Temps Rouler!

Join us for the Flagler County Education Foundation Mardi Gras Gala to support Take Stock in Children and help students achieve are not limited to, new and gently used clothing, jackets, hygiene products, shoes, undergarments, and school supplies.



#### Impact report is here!

FCEF significantly impacted the community in 2024 by empowering students and enhancing educational opportunities!
Check out the newest edition of our Impact Report, or swing by our office and get a copy!



### **National Mentoring Month!**

Did you know that mentored youth are 52%

their dreams.

March 4th, 2025
6 PM
Grand Haven Golf Club
Stay tuned. Tickets go on sale next month!



#### **Sponsor Mardi Gras Gala Event**



### **MEDNEXUS Challenge**

more likely to graduate from college? Mentoring makes a real difference! #NationalMentoringMonth







### Flagler Schools FAFSA/Financial Aid Night

Thursday, February 6 5:30-7:00 PM Buddy Taylor Middle School Cafeteria

This event is an excellent opportunity for high school students, particularly juniors and seniors, and their families to gain valuable information about financial aid options.

Attendees will learn about the new FAFSA federal aid application, scholarship opportunities, and how to secure student loans for post-secondary education.

It's a great chance to get expert guidance on navigating the financial aid process and planning for the future.

Kindly bring your computer or tablet so you can actively participate in and assist with the process.

All students are required to have an FSA ID, please create an account before Feb 6th.

FAFSA.gov StudentAid.gov

# Flagler Palm Coast High School Agritechnology

Flagler Palm Coast High School
Agritechnology students began building
Hydroponics systems today in a joint project
with Acreage Farms and Mr. Collin Topolski.
The students will continue building these
systems over the next week and upkeep the
systems through the rest of the school year.



## New World's Reading Literacy Night!



### Flagler Palm Coast High School Girls Soccer

Girls Soccer Team for their incredible generosity and community spirit!
Your thoughtful donation to our Feeding







Celebrating the last day of the Acreage Farms hydroponic project at Flagler Palm Coast High School with Colon Topolski and Maggie Reaves. Students learned skills in Flagler's Future campaign is making a real difference in the lives of those who need it most. It's inspiring to see young leaders like you coming together to spread kindness and hope in our community.

Thank you for showing us all the true meaning of teamwork—on and off the field. Keep shining bright and making the world a better place!



#### **MLK Day!**

FCEF was Honored to be in the MLK Parade!

Today, we had the incredible privilege of participating in the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade, celebrating Dr. King's life, legacy, and dream. It was an inspiring day filled with unity, hope, and a shared commitment to justice and equality.

Being alongside our community, we were reminded of Dr. King's powerful message—that together, we can create a world where love triumphs over hate and all people are treated with dignity and respect.

Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate and honor his vision. Let's continue to live out his dream every day!



plumbing, electrical, hydroponics, and chemistry. Thank you, United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties, for making this project possible. Check out Acreage Farms at https://www.acreage.farm/







Beaver Toyota Student of the Week!

Way to go, Skyler! We are all so proud of you!



#### **Vincent's Clubhouse**

Grand Opening of Vincent's Clubhouse! We were thrilled to attend the Grand Opening of Vincent's Clubhouse, a brandnew community center dedicated to empowering and supporting people with disabilities!



### Thank you Quantum Auto Repair!

Our family at Quantum Auto Repair has always supported the Flagler County Education Foundation and our Flagler families! Thank you for providing excellent service to our Bunnell family in need with tires with a smile! Thank you, Bobby and Team Quantum!





Flagler Schools MIS team had a delicious lunch today, thanks to the generous support of Anthony's Pizza! It was a real treat. Thank you for fueling our day!



#### **TSIC Mentor Appreciation Night**

Last week, we celebrated our 85 dedicated Take Stock in Children mentors in honor of January's Mentor Appreciation Month. Recognizing them alongside our school board members and leaders was a joy. We are incredibly grateful for these mentors who volunteer their time each week to meet with their mentees, often during their lunch breaks. So far this school year, we've held over 700 mentoring sessions! Thanks to generous donors Ron & Diana Tortelli, we provided our mentors with physical copies of a Mentor Toolkit filled with helpful talking points and a flashlight keychain to symbolize how they genuinely light the way for their students. This program is about so much more than mentorship preparing students for college and empowering them to achieve their dreams. None of this would be possible without our incredible mentors, and we thank them from the bottom of our hearts.





### **TSIC Mentor Spotlight**

This week, we would love to spotlight one of our Take Stock in Children mentor, Moises Huntt, who makes it happen!

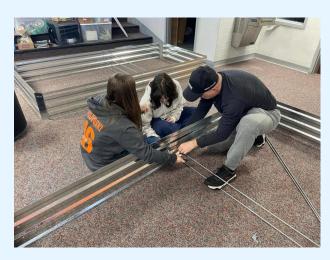


Teacher Of The Year Red Carpet Event!

# FCEF Volunteering in the Community at Bunnell Elementary Garden Party & Oceans 50 Relay Race!











Thank you to our sponsors of the Teacher of the Year event, who make it possible!

Quantum Electrical

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Pierson Fern & Greens

Flagler Palm Coast Kiwanis









### Edward Jones sponsored field trip to UNF

Flagler Schools students from Flagler Palm Coast High School and Matanzas High School attended the Edward Jones College Tour Series at the University of North Florida. Potential Ospreys add UNF to their universities of choice. Thank you, Micheal Vasseur of Edward Jones!





The Flagler County Education Foundation is thrilled to announce the launch of our new monthly giving platform. This initiative helps us continue and grow our support for Flagler County's students, families, and educators.

Just as fireworks light up the night sky, your generous contribution can illuminate the path to success for our students, families, and educators. Here's how a monthly donation can spark a brighter future:

- \$50 provides necessary school supplies, clothing, and toiletries for a child in need, ensuring they have the tools to succeed in their studies.
- \$100 allows students to break the cycle of poverty through access to higher education, opening doors to a brighter future.
- \$250 provides a homeless family with safe shelter for the night, offering them comfort and security.

Thank you for considering a gift to the Flagler County Education Foundation. Every

contribution, no matter the size, makes a difference. Wishing you a joyful and safe Independence Day filled with fireworks and hope!

> **Donate Today**

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