



Center for Community Schools

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Network News

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Spring 2018

Community Partnership School Sites in Florida

- ◆ Howard Bishop Middle School, Gainesville (Alachua)
- ◆ Endeavour Elementary School, Cocoa (Brevard)
- ◆ Wilkinson Jr. High School, Middleburg (Clay)
- ◆ Edward H. White Military Academy of Leadership (EWMAL), Jacksonville (Duval)
- ◆ C. A. Weis Elementary School, Pensacola (Escambia)
- ◆ Mort Elementary School, Tampa (Hillsborough)
- ◆ Sulphur Springs K-8, Tampa (Hillsborough)
- ◆ Pelican Island Elementary School, Sebastian (Indian River)
- ◆ Leesburg Elementary School, Leesburg (Lake)
- ◆ Sabal Palm Elementary, Tallahassee (Leon)
- ◆ Evans High School, Orlando (Orange)
- ◆ OCPS Academic Center for Excellence (OCPS ACE), Orlando (Orange)
- ◆ Gulfside Elementary School, Holiday (Pasco)
- ◆ Crystal Lake Elementary School, Lakeland (Polk)
- ◆ South Woods Elementary School, Elkton (St. Johns)
- ◆ Webster Elementary School, St. Augustine (St. Johns)

Impact!

Match funding to date secured by all 14 Community Partnership Schools™ sites soared to \$2,258,134 — a 191 percent match to the legislative appropriation. *Since Sept 1, 2017:*

- 6,334 referrals received for need-based resources (i.e. food, clothing, housing)
- 12,561 hours of volunteerism contributed by local communities to their CPS
- 16,281 hours of mentorship provided to students in CPS

Endeavour Elementary marked a two-year partnership with Brevard Health Alliance; 740 students received medical and/or dental services — an investment of more than \$89,500.

STATEWIDE

Thank You Legislative Reps!

We greatly appreciate the overwhelming support from the Florida Legislature in the adoption of the State of Florida Budget for FY 18-19. In particular, for their efforts to achieve \$1.4 million in funding designated for Community Partnership Schools, thank you to:

- Rep. Clay Ingram and Sen. David Simmons (budget sponsors)
- Chairman Rob Bradley
- Chairman Manny Diaz and Chairwoman Kathleen Passidomo
- Rep. Bruce Antone and Rep. Kamia Brown for their support throughout the budget conference



Students from Wilkinson Junior High School Future meet with State Sen. Rob Bradley during Future Farmers of America Day at the Capitol.



State Sen. Rob Bradley meets with Christina Cornwell (red coat), principal at Wilkinson Junior High and northeast regional director for the Florida Association of Secondary School Principals; Jen Halter, principal at Green Cove Junior High and the Florida representative for the National Association of Secondary School Principals; and Al DeJesus, principal at Orange Park Junior High and president-elect for Florida Association of School Administrators, during School Legislative Days.

Did You Know?

- ◆ The UCF Center for Community Schools facilitated in-person strategic planning discussions for **Sabal Palm Elementary** in Leon County, **Mort Elementary** in Hillsborough County and **Pelican Island Elementary** in Indian River County.
- ◆ In St. Johns County, **Webster School's** art students designed tiles that represented civil rights, tolerance and freedom; some were used in a legacy project, "Let Freedom Ring," in St. Augustine's Hayling Freedom Park.
- ◆ **Gulfside Elementary** in Pasco County received a \$1,500 Financial Support Award from the Wawa Foundation to replenish and sustain its food pantry.
- ◆ Orange Blossom Family Health's dental services launched March 19 at OCPS ACE in Orange County.
- ◆ Congratulations to Traci Battest for her recent promotion to principal at **Edward H. White Military Academy of Leadership** in Duval County.
- ◆ **Mort Elementary** in Hillsborough County celebrated the grand re-opening of its food pantry, attended by Rep. Shawn Harrison. The pantry was expanded to include fresh fruits and vegetables and some frozen foods, and moved to the Parent Resource Center to allow greater access for parents.
- ◆ Parents at **Sulphur Springs K-8** in Hillsborough County have led multiple fundraisers, including a successful bake sale during the Winter Music Showcase that raised dollars to purchase items for the music department.
- ◆ Polk Vision, the Polk County team behind **Crystal Lake Elementary's** transformation into a Community Partnership School, visited and toured **Evans High School** in Orange County.



East Hill Edible Gardens works with C. A. Weis students.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

C. A. Weis Elementary Leadership Team and Community Partners Tackle Food Insecurity

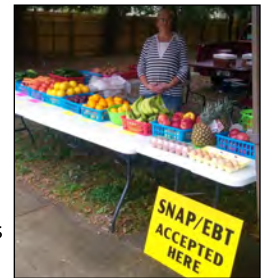
After finalizing their community needs assessment, C. A. Weis Elementary's leadership team saw that the community lacked access to quality fresh fruits and vegetables and was, by definition, a food desert.

The team created a health and nutrition work group to create and implement a sustainable strategy. The team has representation from the University of West Florida, Community Health of Northwest Florida, University of Florida IFAS, Livewell Partnership, Children's Home Society of Florida, Florida Department of Health (FLDOH) and C. A. Weis administration.

The group met the challenge with the help of local community partners East Hill Edible Gardens and Vicky's Veggies. To ensure that students were part of the solution, East Hill helped the students and teachers build a school-based, weed-free garden. Fresh vegetables were planted, harvested and eaten by the students.

The team also had to bring affordable fresh produce into the community. Vicky's Veggies sets up a mobile farmers' market at the FLDOH office once a week and was asked to do the same at C. A.

Weis. Vicky's Veggies has been coming to C.A Weis for two months, and all look forward to a healthier future.



Vicky's Veggies sets up a weekly market across the street from C. A. Weis on land provided rent free by a local landowner.

ORANGE COUNTY

Evans High School Student Overcomes Obstacles to Win Youth Leadership Award



Sarai Antoine, a student at Evans High School • A *Community Partnership School*, received a Youth Leadership Award, co-sponsored by Under Armour.

Through the support of her community school, Antoine overcame obstacles and turned her life around. Gaining leadership skills from her mentor, she become confident enough to join organizations like student government and the Student Leadership Council. Antoine also formed the first Haitian organization on campus, Club Kreole. She understands firsthand the difficulty of being an immigrant to this country, and one of her goals prior to graduation is to plan an empowerment summit for girls to address gender inequality through technology.