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Community School Sites

Directors are assisting development of community schools at the following sites:

- ◆ Evans High School, Orlando (Orange)
- ◆ Endeavour Elementary School, Cocoa (Brevard)
- ◆ Edward H. White High School, Jacksonville (Duval)
- ◆ C. A. Weis Elementary School, Pensacola (Escambia)
- ◆ Mort Elementary School, Tampa (Hillsborough)
- ◆ Gulfside Elementary School, Holiday (Pasco)
- ◆ Howard Bishop Middle School, Gainesville (Alachua)
- ◆ Pelican Island Elementary School, Sebastian (Indian River)
- ◆ Sulphur Springs K-8, Tampa (Hillsborough)
- ◆ Parramore PS-8, Orlando (Orange)
- ◆ Site TBD, Tallahassee (Leon)

Impact!

ORANGE — Evans High distributed 2,546 snacks, 837 supper meals and 157 parent resources in August-September 2016.

PASCO — Gulfside Elementary had 102 students attend its summer program.

ESCAMBIA — C.A. Weis Elementary is approaching 50 percent of its 500 students using the health cottage as their primary health care provider.

HILLSBOROUGH — Students attending Sulphur Springs K-8 YMCA afterschool program (60 percent of students) outperform students who do not.

BREVARD COUNTY

Senior Pentagon Leaders Visit Endeavour Elementary in Cocoa

Senior officials from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force toured Endeavour Elementary, Brevard County's first community school, during their visit to the Air Force Technical Applications Center on Sept. 7.

AFTAC has had a community partnership with Endeavor since May 2015. The center has provided mentors, increased excitement around the annual Math and Science Night, and taken students to the Science Bowl in Orlando, "bringing home the point that just because our students come from poverty doesn't mean they lack great minds," Endeavor Principal Rachad Wilson said.

The Air Force's senior official responsible for oversight of all programs affecting diversity integration and outreach, Jarris Taylor Jr., was impressed. "As I look around and see what's being accomplished here, I realize this is precisely the kind of program I want to see benchmarked throughout the Air Force," he said. "This partnership is something that needs to be replicated, and I hope my office can play a role in spreading the word about this enormous success story."

Full story: www.cohpa.ucf.edu/communityschools/news/



Rachad Wilson (right, in light blue), principal of Endeavour Elementary School, discusses the community school strategy with Jarris L. Taylor Jr., deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for Strategic Diversity Initiative. (U.S. Air Force image by Susan A. Romano)

Did You Know?

- ◆ Community schools have collectively leveraged \$2.7M in local funding plus substantial in-kind contributions over the past year. This is in addition to the \$1.5M legislative appropriation received and beyond the 25 percent local match requirement for each school.
- ◆ Three directors have recently been hired to start community school planning activities in Leon, Indian River and Alachua counties! Four community schools are still emerging (Lake, Pinellas, Seminole, St. Johns).
- ◆ The central community school area at Evans High School is called the “Hub,” at Edward T. White High it’s the “Launch Pad,” and at Howard Bishop Middle it’s the “Nest.”
- ◆ The UCF-Certified *Community School Handbook*, 1st Edition, is complete and ready for distribution. Contact Amy Ellis at the center at Amy.Ellis@ucf.edu for your copy.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Mort Elementary Holds Grand Opening

Congratulations to Principal Woodland Johnson and Mort Elementary School for a successful grand opening ribbon-cutting event on Monday, Aug. 8, in Tampa. Over the next year, Mort Elementary will begin to offer programs and services to students and their families to improve parental engagement in their child’s education and increase access to health and mental health services, and the Mort Teacher Leader Academy will help to grow and improve teacher leadership.



ORANGE COUNTY

First Walls of New PS-8 Rise in Parramore

The first walls were seen rising in Orlando as the PS-8 community school began construction on Aug. 8. The school, slated to open in August 2017, will serve preschoolers to eighth graders.

Among many other resources available onsite, the Rosen Preschool will provide care for children starting at two years old, Orange Blossom Family Health will provide medical and dental services, and Boys & Girls Club will provide after-school programming.

Special Thanks

We can’t thank our champions enough for their continued community school support!

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