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### Note from the President

Saturday, February 12 was a record busy day at the Hillsborough Education Foundation. Starting early, we had 100 students applying for our prepaid scholarships come in to be interviewed as a new step in our selection process. These were 6th - 10th graders who spoke with our Scholarship Committee members and leaders in the community. The youngsters "wowed" the interviewers with the level of their passion, activities they've involved in, their thoughtful approach to college, and genuine desire to improve themselves via receiving a scholarship.

Saturday was also a teacher "shopping" day with more than \$3,500 worth of supplies picked up by teachers at no cost to them. That's always high energy. And all of this was while the National School Foundation Association (NSFA) was having their Board Retreat in the TECO Community Hall. These leaders in education foundations from around the country were also "wowed" by all they saw while they were visiting.

### Get Involved!



### Spotlight On: Florida State Fair Authority "The Best Time of the Year"

### Upcoming Events

The Florida State Fair Authority has been a friend and strong supporter of education for many years. Their educational programs are accessed by schools throughout the district and the state, from Cracker Country to a wide variety of programs around agriculture. The Fair Authority has been awarding a variety of scholarships for years for our community's high school students. They encourage Hillsborough students to see all they offer by providing nearly 200,000



**Play FORE Education  
Charity Golf Classic  
March 14, 2011 at  
Avila Golf & Country  
Club**

Take a swing for our schools! The Play FORE Education Charity Golf Classic, presented by Batson-Cook Company, will be Mar. 14, 2011 at the Avila Golf & Country Club. All proceeds will benefit our programs. Sponsors enjoy recognition in front of prominent members of the community and the school district. For more information contact [Cheryl Hedrick](#) at (813) 574-0273 by February 28, 2011.

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**Hooked on Education  
Fishing Tournament  
April 21-22, 2011  
Westshore Yacht Club**

This popular "catch & release" fishing tournament is hosted by WILDERARCHITECTURE and Allstate Construction, with proceeds benefiting the Foundation. Join us for a Captain's Dinner on Thurs, April 21. The tournament is Friday, featuring a goodie bag for all fisherman as well as food & refreshments. Awards are given at a catered ceremony. Contact [Cheryl Hedrick](#) at (813) 574-0273 and get ready to fish!

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**Save the Date!  
May 13, 2011  
Apple Appeal "Casino**

free tickets to the fair annually.

A few years ago they began partnering with the Hillsborough Education Foundation and have been supporting our Scholarship program, Teaching Tools (through supply drives, providing products, and financially), and most recently Hillsborough Reads. The Fair Authority has been very strategic in making sure their support is leveraged with matches which helps the Foundation multiply their gifts.



THE BEST TIME OF THE YEAR

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## Excellence in Education Awards

On Thursday, January 27 Hillsborough County's finest were recognized at the David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts. The Hillsborough Education Foundation, along with Hillsborough County Public Schools, honored educators and community members for their accomplishments at the 2011 Excellence in Education Awards.

Congratulations to this year's winners!

**Ida S. Baker Diversity Educator of the Year**

Cassandra E. Davis  
Seffner Elementary

**Instructional Support Employee of the Year**

Timothy W. Driggers  
Transportation Department

**Teacher of the Year**

Cynthia Folsom Crim  
Palm River Elementary

**Thank you Sponsors!**

Excellence in Education Awards  
Presented by **Verizon Foundation**

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Awards*

## Royale at Centro"

The Foundation Board of Directors' annual fund raiser, the Apple Appeal, will take on a new and unique form this year with an evening of fun casino gaming with unbelievable prize packages!

It will be held at our new home - Historic Centro Español de West Tampa! To learn more, click here to [email Cheryl Hedrick](#).

## Good4U, Good4Us!



*Check out these great discounts and support the Hillsborough Education Foundation!*

**Harlem Globetrotters, Saturday, March 12**  
2pm or 8pm/Lower Level  
Tickets \$22.75 (\$7 off regular price).  
**Deadline to order is Friday, March 4.** [Click here](#) for more information and to order tickets.

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**2011 Bay Area Renaissance Festival at MOSI**

## Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union's Suncoast for Kids Foundation

*Presenting Sponsor, Instructional Support Employee and Teacher of the Year Awards*

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*Founding Sponsor, Teacher of the Year Awards*

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## Junior Workshop Helps Scholarship Students

**February 26 - April 17**  
(Open Weekends Only)  
Open Friday, March 11  
for Festival School Day.  
Individual Tickets \$5.95  
(grades 1 - 6)/\$10.95  
(grades 7-12)  
**Deadline to order is**  
**Friday, February 25.**  
[Click here](#) for more  
information and to order  
tickets.

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**Award Winning Country**  
**Music Megastar Kenny**  
**Chesney, to perform at**  
**Raymond James**  
**Stadium**

Saturday, March 19  
Bring school supplies to  
the concert to benefit  
Teaching Tools for  
Hillsborough Schools  
[Click here](#) for more  
information and to order  
tickets.

This month we had our annual "Junior Workshops" for prepaid scholarship recipients. When students reach their junior year of high school it's time to begin preparation for college in earnest.

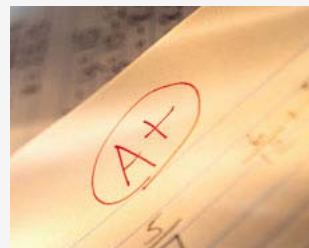
At the workshops we review information about the scholarship they have been awarded, with emphasis on how they will be accessing it. As with all of our workshops with our students, we also emphasize the 4 steps of our "KnowHow2Go" program. That is that they:

1. **Be a Pain!** [Let everyone know you are going to college; this also may mean getting a mentor such as provided by our prepaid scholarship recipients]
2. **Push Yourself!** [Take challenging college prep coursework in high school]
3. **Find the Right Fit!** [Get help in finding the right college to attend according to the student's interests, goals, and financial capabilities]
4. **Put your hands on some cash!** [Get a scholarship. Their prepaid tuition scholarship helps, but we also talk about applying for additional support]

As a first this year, the scholarship students were invited to "shop" at the Teaching Tools for Hillsborough Schools store for FREE school supplies. We want to make sure they're successful!

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## January Success Story



*Cynthia Waller*  
*E.L. Bing Teacher*

First grade students of E. L. Bing Elementary participated in hands-on interaction with tools to enhance scientific learning and interest in the sciences as a result of a grant from the Foundation. From magnetic wands to big screen microscopes, students engaged in a handful of activities that the "Exploration Station"



U.S. Representative Kathy Castor recently visited the Foundation to learn more about its programs and walk through our historic building.

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## More Than "A Thousand Words" ...

The saying goes "a picture is worth a thousand words", but consider, does a picture of a caterpillar help you understand what a butterfly is? That is the challenge a classroom teacher faces every day, making the subjects they teach come alive for their students.

Now let us take that same caterpillar, enclose it in the right environment, feed it, nurture it, watch it spin a cocoon and later emerge as a colorful butterfly. Do we have a better understanding of where butterflies come from? This is what a classroom grant does for teachers in Hillsborough Schools. It gives them an opportunity to expand their teaching, create hands on learning experiences that

program encompassed. These interactive tools urged students to develop the principles of science and produce higher test results for the remainder of their continued education.

During the course of the program, students interest in science increased from 45% to 98%. The first graders interacted with live animals, encountered long term investigations and to played games such as "Science Quiz Game Show", and "Science Folder Game Library". As a result of "Exploration Station", students now have a peaked interest in science as a whole.

"Students are excited and engaged in science activities like never before. Interest in science and acquiring scientific knowledge through investigation has become an exciting topic in our first grade classrooms at E. L. Bing Elementary," says E.L. Bing teacher Cynthia Waller.

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bring a subject alive for their students. Who knows the impact it will have on a child? Will it motivate them to further their education and become a doctor or scientist?

Teachers have a unique ability to create exciting projects that give students a deeper understanding of their subjects and with help from you through a classroom grant they can bring math, science, the arts and other subjects alive and relevant for their students.

Make a difference in a child's learning experience by making a generous gift to the Hillsborough Education Foundation's Classroom Grant program today. Click [here to learn more](#) or contact [Bob Krouse](#).

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Twain*

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*Bill*

Bill Hoffman  
President  
Hillsborough Education Foundation



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