

FDLRS Parent Services News & Information

For Parents and Caregivers of
Students with Disabilities



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A message from our FDLRS Supervisor,

To the amazing and hard-working teachers, support staff, student services staff, administrators, community members and everyone else who is either nominated or given an award this year, I want to personally congratulate you on this accomplishment.

Please know that no matter what your role is in our district, your support, advocacy and mentoring you provide to students with disabilities in our district will inspire dreams, shape lives and give us all hope for our future generation of leaders.

We are grateful for your professionalism and leadership and significant contributions that you have brought to Hillsborough County Public Schools.

All of you have truly gone above and beyond the call of duty to inspire our children to soar to new heights. On behalf of FDLRS, the Exceptional Student Education department, and the entire school district, we are so grateful for the impact that you are making in our children and our community.

Michael Levine



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22ND ANNUAL EXCELLENCE IN ACTION AWARD WINNERS

Administration

Rebecca Sargable, Collins Elementary

Community

Alessi Bakery Management and Staff

ESE Pre-Kindergarten Teacher

Emilsa Robicheaux, Colson Elementary

ESE Elementary Teacher

Alecia Battinelli, Northwest Elementary

ESE Middle School Teacher

Susan DeLeon, Walker Middle Magnet

ESE High School Teacher

Shayna King, Pepin Academies

General Education Elementary Teacher

Stacie Seal, Apollo Beach Elementary

General Education Secondary Teacher

Richard Roy, Benito Middle School

Instructional Support

Vaniece Johnson, Yates Elementary

Support Staff

Ashley Bass, Brandon High School

Therapist

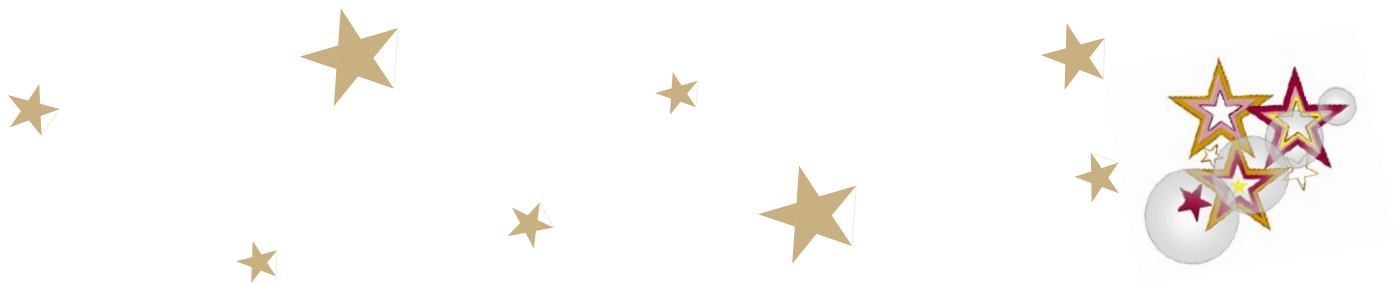
Stephanie Kennedy, Valrico Elementary

Transportation

Sarafina Candis, Walden Lake Elementary

Volunteer

Gabriella Fasulo, Plant High School



“She taught him how to communicate and speak where no other therapist could and inspired his love for learning, he is now completely verbal..”

“She spent countless hours even after school, late in the evening places calls, calling me back then placing even more calls to help us. She truly went above and beyond to try and stabilize my family again.”

“She has more patience than any teacher I have ever met and between this and her positive reinforcement methods make students feel good about themselves and have the confidence to answer questions even if they get it wrong.”

“This school environment supports inclusion in its every fiber. Our input as parents is always respected. I hope you know I have come to trust you with more than my life.”

“She got her singing wheels on the bus to help her feel better and pass time to get to school.”

“She always tells me that I can do it. She encourages me to do my best. She also gives me more confidence because she cares about me and believes that I can do.”



EIA QUOTES



“He pulled our child in close and providing him with not only a safe place to escape from his peers but a listening ear and words of wisdom.”

“She hugged me and assured me that my child would be safe and was trained to handle kids such as my daughter! “

“The way she connects with her students even via zoom is simply incredible. She is patient with them, she is nurturing, she celebrates them, rewards them and makes them truly feel gifted and special.”

“Sincerity and Selflessness...these are the rare qualities that are most endearing!”

“Because of all the good hearted people, this young woman with disabilities is having an amazing workplace experience. It has given her hope and a glimpse of many aspects of a future workplace. “

“She has gone above and beyond for my daughter and I. She kept track of her assignments and made sure I was aware of, and completed those assignments. She's helped us navigate our grief. Ashley helped me make decisions regarding her care and called to check up on us.”

“She is patient with me and gives me extra time when I need it because she wants me to do my best.”

ESE PARENT SURVEY

This survey provides valuable information that allows us to understand what we do successfully, and on practices, we may need to improve upon. Please know that your responses are confidential, and no personally identifiable information will be included in data or reports provided to the FLDOE or districts.

Please take a moment to complete the survey online at <https://www.esesurvey.com/altlogin.php> before May 31, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Valdes at (813) 837-7733 or email debbie.valdes@hcps.net

Thank you for taking this opportunity to partner with us and for sharing your input.

Kimberly Workman, General Director
Department of Exceptional Student Education



Parent Services is supported by Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS) and Hillsborough County Public Schools (HCPS).



Our goal is to guide and empower families to become collaborative, effective advocates for their child with special needs by providing information, help and support to promote academic and social success in school and within the community. Each Exceptional Student Education (ESE) parent liaison works closely with regional district schools and staff and is a parent of a child who has received ESE services.

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Preparing Students for Life

Mission

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