



FAMILY & COMMUNITY E(ngagement) UPDATE: MAY 2021

Greetings! E(ngagement) Updates keep you informed of the latest Family and Community Engagement dates, resources, news and information. Please share with your families, schools, partners and districts!

Key Dates

May	National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month
May	Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
May	National Foster Care Month
May 3-7	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 4	National Teacher Day
May 9	HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
May 10-12	EdWeek Leadership Symposium
May 12	2021 Legislative Update Recap , webinar 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET
May 21	Fridays with FDLRS: Resources for Parents and Families , webinar 11:30 am – 1:00 pm ET
May 26	Engaged: Using Summer to Connect with Students and Families webinar 2:00 pm ET
May 26	Supporting Undocumented Immigrant Students webinar 7:00 pm ET
May 31	Memorial Day!

News

FDOE COMMUNICATIONS

- [Governor Ron DeSantis Announces the Civic Literacy Excellence Initiative](#)
- [Governor DeSantis Announces a Proposed \\$75 Million to Invest in Two New Get There Faster Initiatives](#)
- [Florida Department of Education Issues Emergency Order](#)

Grants



[Home Depot Foundation Community Impact Grants](#) provides funding for nonprofit organizations and public agencies in the U.S. that use volunteers to improve communities, with a focus on veterans and diverse, underserved communities. Grants are given in the form of gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, and services. **Application Deadline: Ongoing until Dec. 31, 2021.**

[Brave of Heart Fund](#) provides financial support in the form of charitable relief grants to support the families of frontline healthcare workers who lost their lives to COVID-19. **Application Deadline: May 15, 2021.**

Resources



TIP OF THE MONTH ~ Stay connected with colleagues! District volunteer and family engagement coordinator contacts are listed on our [website](#). To add or update, click the [link](#) at the end of each EUpdate.

FOR EDUCATORS

- [5 Essentials for Engaging Families and Community Partners in Reopening Efforts](#) provided by The New Teacher Program
- [Family Engagement is Critical to Student Success – Especially Now](#) provided by Thomas B. Fordham Institute – Advancing Education Excellence
- [Get Ready for Summer! Ideas for Teachers to Share with Families](#) provided by Reading Rockets
- [Planning for Family Engagement in the Charter School Life Cycle Toolkit](#) provided National Charter School Resource Center
- [Summer Learning Programs Toolkit](#) provided by Summer Learning

FOR FAMILIES

- [51 Ways to Celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week 2021](#) provided by Waterford
- [Action Steps to Help Your Child Be Ready for High School and Beyond](#) provided by Learning Heroes
- [Foster Care Resources](#) provided by the Florida Department of Children and Families
- [Help Your Child Succeed in School Resources](#) provided by Attendance Works
- [Helping Families Support Their Middle and High School Writers at Home](#) provided by REL Northwest
- [TikTok Tips for Parents](#) National PTA

FOR VOLUNTEERS & MENTORS

- [7 Ways That Volunteers Can Engage and Support Teachers](#) provided by Volunteer Mobilization, Inc.

RECORDED SESSIONS:

- ✓ [Caregiver Engagement: A Key to a Quality Mentoring and Social Justice](#) provided by Mentor National Mentoring Partnership
- ✓ [Helping Young English Learners at Home: Simple and Fun Activities to Strengthen Language Development](#) provided by REL Northwest

Volunteer Appreciation District Highlights

Thank you for sharing your district's volunteer celebrations and recognition highlights with us. We are grateful for Florida's dedicated school volunteers!

- **Martin County** - [Volunteer Highlight at J.D. Parker Elementary School](#)
- **Orange County** - [Crystal Awards Ceremony](#)
- **Palm Beach County** -
 - [Community Engagement of Volunteers Award Winners](#)
 - [Volunteer Appreciation 2021](#)
 - [Volunteer and Business Partners Awards 2021](#)
- **Pasco County** – School staff made goody bags for volunteers and also provided them with a pin that reads, 'Volunteers Are Stars'. Volunteers also received personal emails, thanking them for their work.
- **Polk County** - [Volunteer of the Year Award Winners](#)
- **Volusia County** - 2020-2021 Outstanding School Volunteer Award winners and Mentor of the Year received their awards during "surprise" school visits. *Photos of winners below:*



Contact Us

We look forward to collaboration and open communication. Thank you for helping us improve our processes!



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