

Buccaneer Bulletin



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Charity Challenge Update

In December 2013, FSWC (ECHS at the time) held their fourth annual charity challenge. Our goal was to raise as much money as possible to cover Kai Culver's medical expenses. Kai was just like any other four year old, except for the fact that he was battling Burkitt's Lymphoma. As a community of less than 400 (including faculty), our school was able to raise \$1,216. Kai turned five in September of 2014 and is currently in remission, but he remains his same happy-go-lucky self. He has his first loose tooth, has learned how to ride a two wheel bike, has read his first book all by himself, learned to swim,

has had his first piano recital, and has been skiing for the first time. These milestones and accomplishments seem amazing in the most normal of circumstances, but to Kai's family, these are gifts not to be taken for granted. Kai now only returns to the Children's Research Hospital for check-ups, and for meetings to help fundraise for the hospital (Kai has been asked to be one of the "faces" for the Children's Miracle Network of hospitals). His parents are very grateful for all they've been given and they hope Kai will go on and continue to inspire others.



In the summer of 2014 Kai took his Make-a-Wish trip to Colorado to "dig dinosaurs" where he got a chance to look at and stand in dinosaur footprints at Dinosaur Ridge, and to help prepare fossils at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science... with a little behind the scenes tour from his favorite resident paleontologist, Dr. Scott Sampson, from PBS's Dinosaur Train cartoon.

SNAP Week

(Below) Suzie Wood, junior at FSWC, helps two boys from the Charlotte Harbor School make special valentines in honor of SNAP week.



Special Needs Awareness Program (SNAP) is a non-profit organization that helps fund unique programs for those children with special needs as well as ensuring that they feel safe in their learning environment. FSWC's Key Club teamed up with the Florida Key Club Governor and the Charlotte Harbor School for a creative SNAP week pro-

ject, assisting special needs children with making Valentine's Day cards. Linda Martin, district president of Key Club, explains, "I was so overjoyed to have been able to meet these young men. They have such big hearts and I am confident they will go on to do great things." The project was a huge success and the boys really enjoyed it.

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Important Dates

- March 2-8—FSW Spring Break
- March 9-13—FSWC Spring Break
- March 19—FSW March Madness Party
- March 23-26—Holocaust Remembrance Week
- March 27—Phi Theta Kappa Inductions
- March 29—Relay For Life Bowl-A-Thon
- March 31—FSWC "SPLASH" canoe trip

Thank You!

FSWC's NHS would like to extend a huge thank you to Carmelo's Italian Ristorante for donating a wonderful dinner to the faculty council who decides who will be inducted into NHS. We would also like to thank Longhorn Steakhouse and Outback for donating gift certificates to these teachers. Thank you both for your continued support in our school.

Student Appreciation Day!

On February 19, FSW hosted their annual Student Appreciation Day as a way for SGA as well as FSW's faculty to show students they are thankful for all of their hard work and dedication throughout the year. This year's Student Appreciation Day included free food (pizza, wings, burgers, mini tacos, and chocolate covered pretzels), as well as some fun activities and bounce houses. "Student Appreciation Day is a fun way for students to take a break from their busy schedules and stressed filled lives and feel young and burden-free again," explains Courtney Clark, a dual enrolled sophomore at FSWC. Students had the opportunity to shoot at space targets (similar to a carnival game), "fight to the death" in the inflatable boxing ring, shoot some hoops, or race each other on the obstacle course. There were also booths set up from Commuter Services giving away free

bicycle helmets and pedometers. The booth also offered information on safety and you could sign up to receive a service that assists you when you feel unsafe or threatened. Though the booths might not have been as exciting as free food or bounce houses, they were set up entirely for the students' benefit and were a very nice bonus for anyone who stopped by. A few high school students even wore their bicycle helmets to class afterwards. This event lasted from 12-4 and there were students present all afternoon to enjoy all of SGA's hard work and efforts. With midterms approaching, students seemed to really enjoy being able to take a moment away from their studies and just cut loose. Once again, we would like to extend a huge thank you to FSW's SGA for making all of this possible!



(Above) Students waited in line to sign up for a free bicycle helmet and receive a few safety tips from Commuter Services.

(Right) Dual enrolled sophomores from FSWC enjoy the festivities of Student Appreciation Day during their free period.



Spring Break Is On Its Way

Safe Spring Break

On Tuesday, February 24, Florida SouthWestern State College held their "Safe Spring Break" expo in order to promote and encourage the student body to stay safe, smart, and healthy over their spring break (March 2-8). This event held a DUI simulator in which students could walk along a chalk line, play paper toss, and drive a toy truck around cones. First, you completed these tasks "sober" and then you completed them while wearing two different DUI simulator goggles (the second pair making you feel more "drunk" than the first.). This simulation was an attempt to demonstrate to students how significantly drinking can impair your vision, reaction time, and judgment. Also present at the event were tables set up with freebies such as healthy snacks, sunglasses, sunblock, and goody bags. The event was successful in helping the student body have the safest spring break possible.



FSW students take turns navigating a toy truck around traffic cones while wearing the DUI simulator goggles.



Hayley Edwards tries walking a straight line while experiencing the impaired judgment of someone who is drunk.

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