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During center time, Dr. Ewert plays games with the students, reinforcing reading, vocabulary, phonics, and math skills. And he's so creative, he has also developed his own game boards with an Immokalee flair!

## Volunteers help out at Collier County Schools

By Jennifer L. Kupiec

Specialist, Communications & Community Engagement Collier County Public Schools

Collier County Public Schools thrives on the support of its volunteers. We have so many amazing individuals that give of their time and talent. Whether it be general classroom assistance, tutoring support, or assistance in our media centers (libraries), these individuals are positive role models showing our students they care, day in and day out.

One of those outstanding individuals is right here in Immokalee at Eden Park Elementary. Dr. Lawrence Ewert has been a volunteer in his wife's classroom since she started teaching at Eden Park in 2012.

If you've ever wondered what our volunteers do, the list is endless! Some of Dr. Ewert's many duties as a volunteer include: passing out tickets for positive behavior, prepping center material, grading routine

work, and helping with sight word and math review. He has sharpened at least 5,000 or more pencils over the years!

Let's not forget lunch. Dr. Ewert enjoys having lunch with students each day he is at school, a definite highlight of the day.

While that may seem like a lot, his work with us doesn't end in the classroom. Dr. Ewert's college art classes come in handy as he is instrumental in making banners for various events throughout the year.

We are so thankful to have such positive role models throughout our schools. If you think you might enjoy spending time in our classrooms or helping with our many school projects, visit the Volunteer page on our district website ([www.collierschools.com/volunteer](http://www.collierschools.com/volunteer)). "You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give," Kahlil Gibran.

## Constitutional amendments to be on November ballot

First in a series

By Cathy Womble  
INI Florida

There are 12 proposed amendments to the Florida Constitution on the Nov. 6 ballot. Amendment number one, which was proposed by the Florida Legislature, deals with the Homestead Exemption.

The Homestead Exemption Act was initially introduced in 1933, after the Great Depression, and was intended to give some tax relief to property owners by allowing them to deduct \$5,000 of their property's value from their taxes. In the 1960s it was increased to \$10,000 and in 1980, to \$25,000.

In 2008, this was increased to \$50,000. This means that if your home is worth \$100,000, and you qualify for the Homestead Exemption, your home would be taxed as though it were only worth \$50,000.

The new amendment proposes to raise

the exemption by an additional \$25,000 for those whose homes are valued at or above \$125,000. If a home is valued between \$100,000 and \$125,000, they would receive a partial exemption. These reductions would not affect the amount paid in school taxes.

There are many things to consider before heading to the polls. Not everyone qualifies for Homestead Exemption. You must legally own the property, and it must be your permanent residence. You must file for the exemption by Jan. 1. Businesses do not qualify. Renters do not qualify. Your vacation home is not eligible.

Even if you do qualify for Homestead Exemption, you only qualify for the additional exemption if your home value is above \$100,000. You can find this out by going to any of the area Property Appraiser offices' websites where they have posted links which allow property owners to find out

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## Immokalee Foundation volunteer joins Take Stock in Children

Naples resident Louise Penta, an engaged and dedicated volunteer for The Immokalee Foundation for more than a decade, has joined the board of directors of Take Stock in Children of Florida.

Penta, who was awarded the Take Stock in Children statewide Mentor of the Year in 2015, has been a member of The Immokalee Foundation board of directors since 2008. She added the nonprofit's unique Fund-A-Dream™ auction to its fundraising tool kit in 2010 and has served as co-chair of the foundation's most important fundraiser of the year, the Charity Classic Celebration.

A retired operating room nurse, Penta became an active supporter of The Immokalee Foundation upon moving to Naples from the Boston area. In Massachusetts, she devoted many hours to charitable efforts for the Winsor and Dexter schools, Joslin Diabetes Center, Camp Joslin, Boston University School of Medicine and the P. Anthony Penta Scholarship Fund, named for her late husband, who was chief of surgery at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital in Melrose, Massachusetts.

Penta was honored as one of eBella mag-

azine's Women of Initiative in 2016.

Take Stock in Children was established in 1995 to provide a unique opportunity for deserving low-income, at-risk youth to escape the cycle of poverty through education. Take Stock in Children offers its students college scholarships, caring volunteer mentors and hope for a better life through comprehensive services that start in middle school, continue through high school and include their transition into college. To learn more about Take Stock in Children, call 786-369-5130 or visit [www.TakeStockinChildren.org](http://www.TakeStockinChildren.org).

The Immokalee Foundation provides a range of education programs that focus on building pathways to professional careers through support, mentoring and tutoring, and life skills development leading to economic independence. To learn more about The Immokalee Foundation, volunteering as a career panel speaker or host, becoming a mentor, making a donation, including the foundation in your estate plans, or for additional information, call 239-430-9122 or visit <https://immokaleefoundation.org>.





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## Amendments

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how the amendment, if passed, with change your tax bills. Just put in an address, and the program will determine how the proposed amendment would affect the tax bill for that address. Links to the estimator can be found for Lake Okeechobee area counties at:

- Hendry County: <http://hendryprop.com/>
- Okeechobee County: [okeecheeopa.com](http://okeecheeopa.com)
- Palm Beach County: <https://www.pbcgov.org/PAPA>
- Glades County: <http://qpublic.net/fl/glades/homestead3.html>

Another consideration is the financial cost to the county if this amendment passes. If it passes, the tax base in the county will be cut significantly. This means counties will either cut services or raise the tax millage. (The millage rate is the amount per \$1,000 of property value that is used to calculate local property taxes. Millage rates are multiplied by the total taxable value of the property to calculate the property taxes.)

According to Florida Tax Watch, a non-partisan, independent, nonprofit taxpayer research institute located in Tallahassee, Florida, "Statewide, 71 percent of all Florida resident families will receive no benefit from A1,3 and if a resident does not benefit, they will very likely end up paying more in increased property taxes or other local tax and fee increases." Their study indicates that 23 percent of homesteads in Okeechobee County will qualify for the new exemption. In Hendry county, the estimate is 20.1 percent. Glades county is estimated at 22.3 percent and Palm Beach county at 67.7 percent.

In their 2018 Florida Amendment Guide, Jamesmadison.org lists the pros as lowering taxes and putting money back into the pockets of Floridians. They list loss of local

government revenue as a con.

The Florida Association of Counties believe it will cost Florida's cities, counties and other taxing authorities an estimated \$687.5 million annually, starting in 2019, and the League of Womens Voters feel it will likely result in cuts to services or higher local rates to make up for the revenue losses, or possibly both.

The League of Womens Voters website lists the following opponents to the amendment: League of Women Voters of Florida; Florida Policy Institute; Florida League of Cities; Progress Florida; Florida Education Association; Florida Association of Counties; Florida City and County Management Association.

The Florida League of Cities explains that they believe the amendment is unfair because the benefits are going to only a few homeowners rather than to everyone. They call it a tax shift rather than a tax break because "it will leave millions of hardworking homeowners with a bigger share of the property tax burden."

If you vote yes on this amendment, you are voting to give homeowners with homes valued at more than \$125,000 another \$25,000 exemption and those whose homes are valued between \$100,000 and \$125,000 a partial exemption.

If you vote no on this amendment, you are voting to keep the exceptions the way they are now.

Before every election people are told to get out and vote, but there is more to it than just going to the polls. Take time to research the issues. These things will affect you for years to come. Vote, but vote wisely.

### Amendment 2

Amendment two was also placed on the ballot by the Florida Legislature. This amendment deals with a cap on property taxes that was put in place through an amendment in 2008. The League of Women Voters explains

it as "a 10-percent cap on annual property value increases for non-homestead property." This gave them some of the same benefits as homeowners because property taxes are determined by property values. The 2008 amendment is scheduled to be repealed on Jan. 1, 2019, but the new amendment would make the cap permanent. School district taxes, which were already excluded from the cap, would continue to be excluded.

According to Jamesmadison.org, which put together a 2018 Florida Amendment Guide, there are many pros to voting yes on this amendment. If passed, annual property taxes would continue to be increased by no more than 10 percent. The guide states that studies have been done which conclude that if this amendment is not passed, there could be major tax increases which could affect renters, seniors, business owners, and part-time residents. The State Revenue Estimating Conference study estimates a \$700 million tax increase if the amendment is not passed.

Jamesmadison.org does not believe there are any cons to voting for the amendment.

Contrarily, the League of Women Voters opposes the amendment. Their position is "no tax sources or revenue should be specified, limited, exempted, or prohibited in the Constitution." They list supporters of the amendment as the Florida Association of Realtors; Florida TaxWatch; Florida Chamber of Commerce.

Voting yes on this would mean that you are voting to keep the 10-percent cap permanently.

Voting no means that you want to remove the cap.

Make sure you vote, but educate yourself, and vote wisely.

For more on the proposed Amendments see the Oct. 11 edition of the Immokalee Bulletin.

## Doh-Collier hosts the 4th Annual Big Bus event

The Florida Department of Health in Collier County (DOH-Collier) will be hosting the 4th Annual Immokalee Big Bus Event at the DOH-Collier Immokalee campus (419 North First Street, Immokalee) on Saturday, October 6, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. This free health fair and public awareness campaign is geared towards providing opportunities for individuals and families to receive certain health services and information. Eleven big buses will be on site to provide health services to those who visit. The agencies providing buses at the event will be:

- Harry Chapin Food Bank
- Collier Area Transit
- Goodwill Industries
- Bureau of Emergency Management
- Ronald McDonald Care Mobile

- Immokalee Fire Rescue
- Radiology Regional Mammogram Bus
- Salvation Army
- VA Mobile Vet Center
- Lee Health-Blood Mobile
- Lee Health-NICU Ambulance

Along with the big buses will be over eighty other agencies providing free health services and information. Free adult flu vaccines, visits from the Tooth Fairy, pediatric EKG testing, wellness checks, vision and dental screenings for children and adults, Collier Mosquito Control District Helicopter, "Karibbean Groove" live band, bike inspections and repair, bike helmets, child safety seat inspections, food, entertainment and fun for the whole family. The CAT Bus will be offering free bus rides within the two

routes in Immokalee to and from the event, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The Big Bus Event will be held in conjunction with Ciclovía Immokalee, featuring wellness events and numerous games for kids and adults of all ages to enjoy, and AVOW's Butterfly Release Immokalee, a time to remember and honor loved ones that are deceased. The butterfly is a reminder of how beautiful, delicate and fragile life can be and we should remember to appreciate and be grateful for each moment. We encourage individuals and families to participate in the Big Bus Event, Ciclovía Immokalee, and AVOW Butterfly Release and celebrate the day with safe, healthy and fun activities for all.

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## Immokalee Branch Library October Events

**FAMILY STORY TIME: Tuesdays, October 9, 16, 23 & 30 starting at 10 a.m.**, All ages.

(Stories, songs, learning activities and crafts)Registration is not required.

**PEACEFUL COLORING - October - All Month**

Coloring is the latest stress buster. Add your creative coloring skills to the large picture in the teen area. Ages 11-17 years. Registration is not required.

**TEEN READ WEEK: WHITE ELEPHANT BOOK EXCHANGE - Monday, October 8, 4-4:45 p.m.**

It's written in the stars! Come have a snack, watch movie trailers, and swap books to get the one right for you to take home. Ages 11-17 years. Registration is not required.

**BOOK BINGO - Thursday, October 11, 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Are you ready for Bingo? Join us for an afternoon of fun! Bring a friend and win some prizes! All ages. Registration is not required.

**HAUNTED HOUSE AFTERNOON MOVIE - Tuesday, October 16, 3-4:30 p.m.**

Afraid of the dark? Spend your early release afternoon at the Immokalee Library with popcorn and our ghostly friends to view a haunted house movie! First come, first seated. Registration is not required.

**NOT YOUR MUMMY'S MAGIC SHOW!**

**- Thursday, October 25, 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Join Master Magician Joey Evans and Alexandra Evans as they take you on a hilarious journey through some of Halloween's greatest characters and stories. The show features magic, comedy, music, and eye popping balloon creations in a twisted air adventure. This one of a kind show is only offered once a year, so be sure to not miss the show that will keep you on the edge of your seat! All ages. Registration required.

**TRICK OR TREAT AT YOUR LIBRARY - Wednesday, October 31, Noon-4:30 p.m.**

Put on your Halloween costume (optional) and stop by the Immokalee Library for a scavenger hunt, a spooky craft, and a treat. All ages. Registration is not required.

The Immokalee Branch Library is located at 417 N. First Street, Immokalee, FL 34142. For more information call 239-657-2882 or visit their website at CollierLibrary.org.

**HOURS:**

Monday & Thursday: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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## October Events at Barron Park House

Learn to paint "Country Landscapes" using any medium. Teacher Penny Fox offers this class on October 13 and 14 from 1 to 4. Cost for members of Arts of the Inland is \$20 for one day and \$35.00 for 2 days. Non-members pay \$25 and \$40. Call Penny Fox at 239-292-7105 for details.

On October 20 from 3 to 5, Heather Caldwell is once again offering her "Abstract Art Workshop" for everyone 16 and older. Heather teaches her students how to discover their inner artist. Members of Arts of the Inland pay \$20 and non-members pay \$25. For information call Heather at 239-240-2656.

Danika Hopper, our artist of the month, will offer "Pumpkin Painting" on Saturday, October 27 from 3 to 5. This class is for adults and children alike. Members of Arts

of the Inland pay \$10 for adults and \$6 for kids. Non-members pay \$12 and \$8. Call Danika at 239-284-2708 for details and more information.

The Christmas Ornament Extravaganza begins in October. The Gallery is inviting all local artists and crafters to please donate handmade Christmas ornaments which will be sold at the Gallery during November and December. The purpose is to raise money to support all the arts in our community. The goal is collect at least 100 ornaments between now and December 15. Call Barbara Swift at 863-484-2005.

Barron Park House Gallery and Gift Shop is located at 471 No. Lee St. in LaBelle and is open Thursday thru Sunday from noon to 5. You may also visit our website [www.art-sinland.com](http://www.art-sinland.com).

## Community Briefs

### Christmas Around the World

The Immokalee Chamber of Commerce (ICOC) is hosting the Annual Christmas Around the World Parade and Snow Gala on **December 8 starting at 5:30 pm**. All the applications for the parade, Little Mr/Ms Snowflake, vendors for the Snow Gala at the Park and Recreation field, and the 5th Annual Lighting of the Christmas Tree at Zocalo Plaza are available at the ICOC Office-1255 North 15th Street, Suite #3 in Immokalee. For details and applications contact Cherryle Thomas at 239-657-0080.

### Christmas Tree Lighting

The 5th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on **Thursday, November 29 starting at 6 p.m.** at the Immokalee Zocalo Plaza, 107 1st Street, Immokalee, FL. There will be Santa's Personal Mail Drop Station, live performances, photo props for pictures with Santa, refreshments from the North Pole and the Coronation of the Little Mr & Miss Snowflake. Decorations for the event donated by the Seminole Casino Hotel. For more information contact Leonor Montelongo at 239-252-4677.

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## Pathways Center Event

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## Domestic Animal Services observes Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog Month

Domestic Animal Services (DAS) works hard to find loving homes for all of kinds of animals at the shelter, but this month the focus is on our canine pals. October is Adopt-a-Shelter-Dog Month, and we encourage you to make your house a home for one of our many four-legged friends.

DAS is offering shelter dog adopters huge savings throughout October. All dogs currently in adoption will be just \$20 the whole month. Adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, microchip, age appropriate vaccinations, flea treatment, heartworm test, FELV test and 30 days of free pet insurance. That's a value of more than \$400.

Adoption hours are Monday through

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the DAS shelter at 7610 Davis Blvd., Naples, Florida 34104. The Immokalee shelter at 405 Sgt. Joe Jones Road, Immokalee, Florida 34142, is open for adoptions from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Whether you are looking for a running buddy, a best friend or a companion for your children, now is the time adopt a dog. Big or small DAS has them all. Come find that special dog you've been waiting for.

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Florida seniors can protect themselves from becoming victims of home repair fraud by following these important tips:

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\*Make sure the contractor has a valid contractor's license and insurance. An occupational license is NOT a construction license. The Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation (DBPR) issues licenses and takes complaints of contractors (1-850-487-1395). You can also check with your local law enforcement agency and the

Better Business Bureau to see if there have been any complaints or reports of fraud against the business.

\*If you suspect unlicensed activity, contact the DBPR Unlicensed Activity Division (1-866-532-1440).

\*Never fall for phone or door-to-door offers of free estimates, home inspections or "special deals". Very few, if any, legitimate contractors do this, especially after a storm.

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\*Never agree to get your own permits; that will make you directly responsible for everything.

\*Never be pressured into making hasty decisions.

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# Community Briefs

## Penny Fox Offers Painting Class at Barron Park House

Well-known South Florida artist, Penny Fox, is once again offering painting classes **October 13 and 14** at the Barron Park House Gallery located at 471 N. Lee St. in LaBelle. Penny has been an art teacher for many years and has been the winner of many awards in the art community of South Florida. Any medium. Some painting expe-

rience is preferred. "Country Landscapes" Members of AOI pay \$20 for one day, \$35 for 2 days. Non-members \$25 and \$40. Hours are 1 to 4. Contact her to RSVP at 239-292-7105.

## After School Program

Immokalee South Park, 418 School Drive, has an After School Program, **Monday - Friday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.** We have

homework help, games, arts and crafts and more. Plus snacks will be provided. Sign up today! Call (239) 252-4677 for more info.

## Big Bus Event

The 4th Annual Big Bus Event is planned for **October 6, from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** at the Florida Department of Health in Collier County, 419 North 1st Street, Immokalee, FL 34142. The free event will have Health, Vision, and Dental Screenings (Adult and Children), Visits from the Tooth Fairy, Bike Inspections, Repairs, and Helmets, Child Safety Seat Inspection, Adult Flu Vaccines, Collier Mosquito Control District Helicopter, Food...and MORE!

## Children's Peace Fair

The Children's Peace Fair will be on **Monday, Oct. 22, from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.** at the Immokalee Sports Complex, 505 Escambia Street, Immokalee FL 34142. There will be entertainment and games on the field. Join The Shelter's Immokalee Outreach Office for an afternoon of FREE family fun. For more information call The Shelter's Immokalee Outreach Office at 239-657-5700.

## Feria de la Paz Infantil

La Feria de la Paz de los Niños será el **lunes 22 de octubre a partir de las 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.** en el Complejo Deportivo Immokalee, 505 Escambia Street, Immokalee FL 34142. Habrá entretenimiento y juegos

en el campo. Únase a la Oficina de Alcance Immokalee de The Shelter para una tarde de diversión familiar GRATIS. Para obtener más información, llame a la Oficina de Alcance Immokalee de The Shelter al 239-657-5700.

## Fwa lapè timoun yo

Fwa lapè Timoun yo pral nan **Lendi 22 oktòb, ki sot nan 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.** nan Immokalee Espò Complex la, 505 Escambia Street, Immokalee FL 34142. Li pral fè amizman, ak jwèt sou jaden an. Antre nan Immokalee Outreach biwo Abri a pou yon apremidi nan plezi fanmi GRATIS. Pou plis enfòmasyon, rele Immokalee Outreach Biwo abri pou abri a nan 239-657-5700.

## Donate Christmas Ornaments

Get your creative juices flowing and donate your finished ornaments to The Barron Park House Gallery from **November 1 until December 15**. All ornaments donated will be displayed and sold throughout the months of November and December. All proceeds will help support the Arts of the Inland and The Barron Park House Gallery. 471 N Lee St, LaBelle. For info call Barbara Swift 863-484-2005.

## iCoArts Fall Festival 2018

iCoArts iannounces their first annual Immokalee Fall Festival, set for noon to 4 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 3, at the Impact Center, 1400 N 15th Street, Immokalee.

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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- 1 Parking lot fillers
  - 5 "Me too!"
  - 10 Cutlass automaker
  - 14 Nike competitor
  - 15 Valuable violin, for short
  - 16 Genesis or Exodus, e.g.
  - 17 Like the 1920s-'30s, economically
  - 19 Wild revelry
  - 20 Audition hopefuls
  - 21 Enjoyed a sail, say
  - 23 Indian melodies
  - 24 Excellent work
  - 27 Dean's email suffix
  - 28 Japanese sash
  - 30 Back of a flipped coin
  - 31 2,000 pounds
  - 32 Uncooked
  - 34 Greek messenger of the gods
  - 35 Dramatic weight-loss program
  - 38 Geek Squad member
  - 41 Fireworks reaction
  - 42 EPA-banned pesticide
  - 45 Roger who broke Babe Ruth's record
  - 46 Refusals
  - 48 Prior to, in poems
  - 49 Deadeye with a rifle
  - 53 "A Doll's House" playwright
  - 55 Decorative inlaid work
  - 56 Watchful Japanese canines
  - 57 Comet Hale-\_\_\_
  - 59 Hectic pre-deadline period
  - 61 Thought from la tête
  - 62 Hayes or Hunt
  - 63 Slaughter in the Baseball Hall of Fame
  - 64 Surrender, as territory
  - 65 Grab
  - 66 Emailed

- DOWN**
- 1 Musical set at the Kit Kat Club
  - 2 Guacamole fruit
  - 3 Tear gas weapon
  - 4 Margaret Mead subject
  - 5 Georgia and Latvia, once: Abbr.
  - 6 Horseplayer's haunt, for short
  - 7 Island near Curaçao
  - 8 Perry in court
  - 9 Convention pin-on
  - 10 Section of a woodwind quintet score
  - 11 Conrad classic
  - 12 Guard that barks
  - 13 Big \_\_\_ Country: Montana
  - 18 Approximately
  - 22 One-to-one student
  - 24 Prejudice
  - 25 Corrida cry
  - 26 Undergraduate degrees in biol., e.g.
  - 29 Scottish hillside
  - 33 Detective's question
  - 34 Sunshine cracker

- 35 Massachusetts city crossed by four Interstates
- 36 Insurance covers them
- 37 "Please stop that"
- 38 Film lover's TV choice
- 39 Corn serving
- 40 Hardly roomy, as much airline seating
- 42 Preordain
- 43 "It'll never happen!"
- 44 Most uptight
- 47 Many a Punjabi
- 50 Goldman \_\_\_: investment banking giant
- 51 New employee
- 52 Eyelike openings
- 54 Tugs at a fishing line
- 56 Clearasil target
- 57 Clic Stic pen maker
- 58 Poem that extols
- 60 Pince-\_\_\_ glasses

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# Two Collier Schools receive National Blue Ribbon Recognition

**By Jennifer L. Kupiec**

Specialist, Communications & Community Engagement Collier County Public Schools

U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos yesterday recognized 349 schools as National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2018 and we are proud to say that two of our local schools made the list. Congratulations to Sea Gate Elementary School and Lorenzo Walker Technical High School! It is quite the accomplishment to have two of our schools make the list as only 12 schools in Florida received the distinguished honor.

The recognition is based on a school's overall academic performance or progress

in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

"I'm pleased to celebrate with you as your school is named a National Blue Ribbon School," said U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos in a video message to the honorees. "We recognize and honor your important work in preparing students for successful careers and meaningful lives. Congratulations on your students' accomplishments and for your extraordinary commitment to meeting their unique needs."

The coveted National Blue Ribbon Schools award affirms the hard work of educators, families, and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where

students master challenging and engaging content.

Now in its 36th year, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has bestowed recognition on more than 8,800 schools. On November 7-8, the Secretary and the Department of Education will celebrate with 300 public and 49 private school honorees at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C.

All schools are honored in one of two performance categories, based on all student scores, subgroup student scores, and graduation rates:

- Exemplary High Performing Schools are among their state's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments

or nationally normed tests.

- Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing Schools are among their state's highest performing schools in closing achievement gaps between a school's student groups and all students over the past five years.

Up to 420 schools may be nominated each year. The Department invites National Blue Ribbon School nominations from the top education official in all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Department of Defense Education Activity, and the Bureau of Indian Education. Private schools are nominated by The Council for American Private Education (CAPE).

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