

# THE FRIDAY 5



FIVE WAYS STUDENTS, STAFF, AND THE COMMUNITY ARE SHINING THIS WEEK.

**IT'S YOUR TIME TO SHINE, PALM BEACH COUNTY!**

January 7, 2022



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**1. IN THE KNOW**



**DR. GLENDA SHEFFIELD** CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER

IN THE KNOW

With the new year and a new semester for secondary students, the District has new resources for students to succeed academically! **Learn more in this week's In the Know video with Chief Academic Officer Dr. Glenda Sheffield.**

### **In the Know Info**

**Access free 24/7 online tutoring for students in grades 6-12 by searching for "Paper" in the Student Portal**

**Deadline approaching for 2022-2023 school year:  
Apply for Choice programs by January 28**

**2. IN THE DISTRICT**



## **Class of 2021 earns high graduation rate**

Hats off to the class of 2021 from District-operated schools for achieving a historically-high graduation rate of 95.9%, up from 94.4% the year prior.

**See the 2021 graduation rates from individual schools.**

Preparing to celebrate a 2022 grad? **Find graduation dates and locations here.**

# 3. IN THE SCHOOLS



## **Student battling cancer shows strong character in and out of school**

Sendline Simplice is known for always having a smile on her face and being a leader on campus at Lantana Middle School despite what she faces outside of the classroom, which includes doctor visits and hospital stays as she fights brain cancer.

**Read more about this inspiring Character Now! nominee.**

# 4. IN THE COMMUNITY

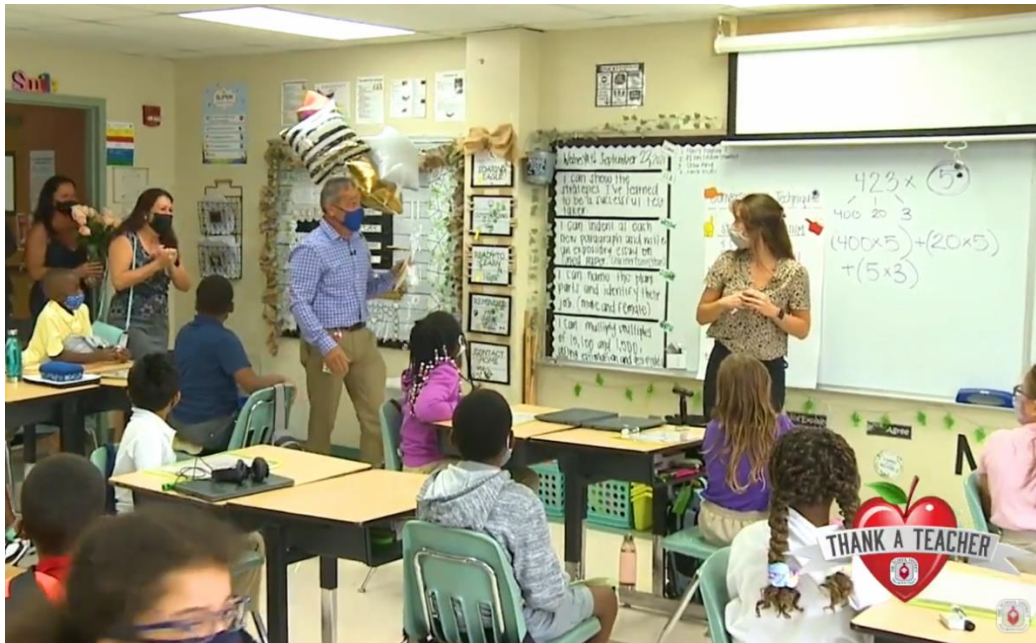


## A spotlight on STEM

A robot named “Spot” showed students at Pahokee Middle-Senior High School the opportunities available in artificial intelligence, entrepreneurship, STEM, and robotics. Special thanks to Levatas and the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County for the unique presentation.

**Check out how this futuristic robot is inspiring students' future dreams.**

# 5. IN THE NEWS FEED



Since September, the Thank a Teacher campaign has awarded 15 educators with a surprise celebration, a \$100 prize from T-Mobile and Gold Coast Federal Credit Union, and a shoutout on social media. **Check out the highlights so far this school year.**

The District looks forward to celebrating more incredible teachers in the coming months. **Submit a Thank a Teacher nomination now.**

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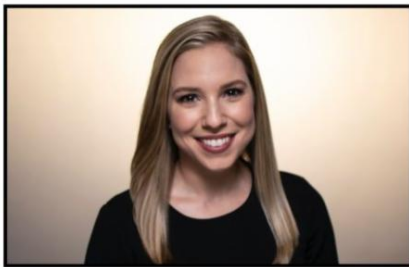
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3 Winter Break <i>(continued)</i> <b>DISTRICT CLOSED</b>	4 Teacher Work Day / Professional Development Day <b>SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS</b>	5 Students Return (Start 3rd Nine Weeks)	6	7	8
9 Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.)	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day <b>DISTRICT CLOSED</b>	18	19 <b>SCHOOL BOARD</b> Closed Sessions Regular Meeting	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Intl. Holocaust Remembrance Day	28	29
Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!						
30	31	1	2	3	4	5



**JANUARY 2022**

National Mentoring Month

Adult and Community Education Month



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