



CITRUS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD Summer Communication



*A Message from
Superintendent
Sandra "Sam"
Himmel*

RECORD-BREAKING YEAR FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Recognition of student achievement has been important to us here at the Citrus County School District. If you've ever heard me speak in front of any organization or group, I always take the opportunity to brag about our students in our schools. This year is no different.

First off – I must express my gratitude to our students, teachers, staff, parents and community for your relentless commitment to make this school year another record-breaking year for student achievement and organizational success. The joy of seeing our graduates take their next step to college, military, or the workplace is so fulfilling for parents and educators alike because of the memories and experiences created over the years. As a district, we are committed to doing everything possible to helping ALL students experience success. When we all invest time, effort, and resources in our children, the return on our investment is priceless.

The 2018-2019 school year has brought many changes and successes. Student achievement continues to increase, teacher effectiveness improves and we have become a safer place to learn and grow. I want to bring your attention to only a few of our successes from the class of 2019, as we continue to be one of the top school districts in Florida:

- **THREE** National Merit Scholar Finalists (Top 1% of US high school seniors)
- **SIX** National Merit Commended Scholars (Top 2% of US high school seniors)
- Our current class of 2019 has received a total of **\$561,849.99** in local scholarships.
- Approximately 5% of our current seniors have enlisted in the military. Only 1% of able Americans serve our country --- 38 Citrus County recruits
- Ranked in the Top 3rd of all Florida districts in all subject areas for the past 11 years per statewide assessments.
- Every year since 2011, US News & World Report and The Washington Post have recognized all Citrus County's high schools as Best High Schools in US and/or America's Most Challenging High Schools.

Again, I want to thank everyone for your continued support of Citrus County Schools, more importantly, our students. Our students accomplish amazing things each year thanks in large part to the level of support from parents, teachers, and the community. With each level of success students achieve, they become more engaged in learning and empowered to succeed further. In other words, success breeds success and we must work each day to do everything in our power as educators and as a district to make certain every student succeeds.

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Top Honors



**Danielle
Doherty-Koch**

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

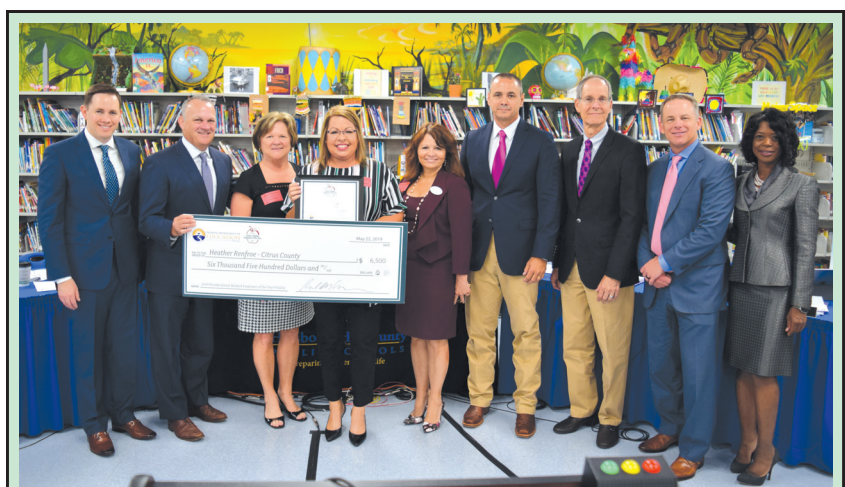
The Florida Teacher of the Year Program recognizes and honors the contributions of outstanding classroom teachers who have demonstrated superior capacity to inspire a love of learning in students of all background and abilities. **Danielle Doherty-Koch**, an eight-year Science teacher at Crystal River High School, is described by her colleagues as one of those rare educators who can teach ALL students. She has taken on the challenge of teaching some of Crystal River High's most at-risk students who promotes the highest standards of work ethic from her students.



**Heather
Renfroe**

SCHOOL-RELATED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

The Florida School-Related Employee of the Year Program recognizes outstanding education support personnel for their contributions to their schools and communities. **Heather Renfroe** has been a para-professional at Lecanto Primary School for three years. In that time, her job responsibilities continue to change to meet the needs of LPS. From writing grants to supervising students during lunchroom duty, her strong organization and communication skills have made a significant impact on staff and most importantly students.



School – Related Employee Heather Renfroe Finalist for Top State Award

We are proud to announce our School - Related Employee of the Year Heather Renfroe from Lecanto Primary School, was selected as one of the Top 5 Finalists for the School - Related Employee of the Year for the State of Florida! Superintendent Sam Himmel, Chief Academic Officer Dr. Scott Hebert, and LPS Principal Vicki Lofton accompanied Ms. Renfroe as she was recognized at the Board of Education meeting in Tampa on May 22 for her work and impact on students. Congratulations Heather!

THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN CITRUS COUNTY PRESENTS

BACK TO SCHOOL SHOTS!

No-COST MONDAY-FRIDAY JULY 29-AUG. 16, 2019 8 AM TO 4 PM
JUST WALK IN! SATURDAY, AUG. 3, 2019 9:30 AM TO 1:30 PM

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN CITRUS COUNTY
 3700 W. SOVEREIGN PATH
 LECANTO, FL 34461
 352-527-0068

Outstanding Accomplishments

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships. High school students, from all over the United States, enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/ NMSQT)- a test which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.6 million entrants each year- and by meeting entry/participation requirements.

The top 2% are awarded Letters of Commendation in recognition of their superior academic promise. Citrus

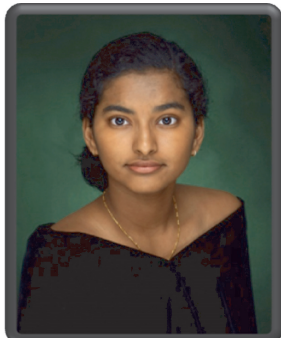
County has six students from Lecanto High School and Citrus High School receiving this recognition: Anna Buettner, Vaishnavi Karanam, Elizabeth Lantzy, Christopher Nurse, Truman Roland, and Joshua Widener.

The top 1% qualify as National Merit Finalists and are eligible for National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million. Citrus County has three students from Lecanto High School receiving this outstanding honor: Arjun Deven, Kyra Hornbuckle, and Jason Sevilla.

TOP 2% OF U.S. SENIORS CITRUS COUNTY'S 2018-19 NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED STUDENTS



Anna Buettner



Vaishnavi Karanam



Elizabeth Lantzy



Christopher Nurse



Truman Roland



Joshua Widener

TOP 1% OF U.S. SENIORS CITRUS COUNTY'S 2018-19 NATIONAL MERIT FINALIST



Arjun Deven - LHS
(International Baccalaureate)

- 4.75 Weighted GPA
- AP Scholar with Honor
- National Institutes of Health Intern
- North Florida Hugh O'Brian leadership Seminar Representative
- Member of Key Club, Spanish Club, NHS, Med-Share, 3D Printing & Design Club, Culture dub, Ugandan Pearls, Teen Town Hall, Tennis, Cross-Country Captain

COLLEGE: University of Florida (Honors Program)
MAJOR: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
PROFESSION: Biomedical Researcher



Kyra Hornbuckle- LHS
(International Baccalaureate)

- 4.84 Weighted GPA
- National AP Scholar
- Golden Citrus Scholar- English, Language & Journalism
- Member of Key Club, Interact Club, NHS, Weightlifting, UF Chem-athon, Spanish Club, Book Club, Math Field Day
- UF Gold Presidential Scholarship Recipient

COLLEGE: University of Florida (Honors Program)
MAJOR: Biochemistry
PROFESSION: Biological Researcher



Jason Sevilla - LHS
(International Baccalaureate)

- 4.88 Weighted GPA
- National AP Scholar
- Perfect ACT score of 36; Perfect 5 on 11 AP Exams
- Golden Citrus Scholar Overall Hall of Fame Award
- Member of Key Club, Robotics Club, NHS, Varsity Tennis, UF Chem-athon, Math Club, Interact Club, Commissioner's Challenge Academic State Team

COLLEGE: University of Florida (Honors Program)
MAJOR: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
PROFESSION: Biomedical Researcher



STATE CHAMPS CHS BOYS WEIGHTLIFTING TEAM

For the first time in history, the Citrus High School Boys Weightlifting Team are Class 1A FHSAA State Champions. This team is the first Citrus County boys weightlifting team to bring back such a title to the County. Citrus, which sent 14 lifters to state, had one individual champion, Carson Fluegel at 219 pounds, seven others collected medals (top six) and three finished as runners-up. Even more good news – most of the team is made up of Juniors – so we just may see a repeat of this next year. No pressure Boys.



2019 ACADEMIC TEAM TAKE HOME 2ND AT COMMISSIONER'S ACADEMIC CHALLENGE

Congratulations to six of our high school students from our district who participated in the 2019 Commissioner's Academic Challenge and placing 2nd in the State in Division II.

The Academic Challenge is a highly academic statewide high school tournament in which teams compete to answer questions which become progressively harder in each round and cover a variety of fields including English, math, science, social studies, art, music, foreign language (French and Spanish), and technology. The questions take a wide variety of forms, such as matching, multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, and free response.

We are so proud of our 2019 team: Nicholas Campellone, Moses Diaz-Torres, Stephen Lane, Warren Paar, Truman Roland, and Jason Sevilla. A special recognition to Jason Sevilla for making Team Florida and will compete at the National Tournament in June.

PARENT TIPS FOR SUMMER READING

Literacy experts and educators agree that children of all ages need to be read to, read by themselves and talk about the books they have read during the summer. Your student's summer reading and book discussions will help maintain reading skills, improve reading fluency and provide the opportunity to learn new vocabulary and concepts. Most importantly, when parents and children enjoy summer reading together, children develop a love of books and reading that lasts a lifetime. According to research by Richard Allington (2007), by the time a struggling reader reaches middle school, summer reading loss has accumulated to a two-year lag in reading achievement. Let's work together to help students stay on track and not lose valuable ground in reading.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS FOR SUMMER READING

The Sunshine State Young Readers Award (SSYRA) & Florida Teens Read (FTR) are statewide reading motivational programs sponsored by the Florida Department of Education (DOE) and Florida Association for Media in Education (FAME). The purpose of both programs is to encourage students to read independently for pleasure. Each year, the SSYRA books are selected for their wide appeal, literary value, varied genres, curriculum connections, and/or multicultural representation. The FTR books are designed to entice teens to read and spur critical thinking. The following titles have been selected for the 2018-2019 school year and would make excellent summer reading materials!

Additional information about these books can be found at: www.floridamediaed.org

Grades K-2:

The Princess and The Pit Stop by Tom Angelberger
Melia and Jo by Billy Aronson by Jennifer Oxley
The Very Impatient Caterpillar by Ross Burach
Rot: The Cutest in the World by Ben Clanton
Inky the Octopus by Erin Guendelsberger, illustrated by David Leonard
We Don't Eat Our Classmates by Ryan T. Higgins
Grumpy Monkey by Suzanne Lang, illustrated by Max Lang
The Bagel King by Andrew Larsen, illustrated by Sandy Nichols
The Little Red Fort by Brenda Maier, illustrated by Sonia Sanchez
Neck & Neck by Elise Parsley

Grades 3-5:

The Ambrose Deception by Emily Ecton
Annie's Life in Lists by Kristin Mahone
Ben Franklin's in my Bathroom! by Candace Fleming
The Bicycle Spy by Yona Zeldis McDonough
Bob by Wendy Mass & Rebecca Stead
Cosmic Commandos by Christopher Eliopoulos
Dragon with a Chocolate Heart by Stephanie Burgis
Enginards by Jarrett Lerner

Grades 3-5 Continued:

Ghost Attack by David Lubar
Sled Dog School by Terry Lynn Johnson
Stella Diaz Has Something to Say by Angela Dominguez
Superstar by Mandy Davis
Survival Tails: The Titanic by Katrina Charman
Tumble & Blue by Cassie Beasley
Wedgie & Gizmo by Suzanne Selfors

Grades 6-8:

24 Hours in Nowhere by Dusti Bowling
The Adventurers Guild by Zack Loran Clark
All's Faire in Middle School by Victoria Jamieson
Boy X by Dan Smith
Captain Superlative by J.S. Puller
Elephant Secret by Eric Walters
Ethan Marcus Stands Up by Michele Weber Hurwitz
Greetings from Witness Protection by Jake Burt
Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World by Ashley Herring Blake
Knockout by K.A. Holt
Nightbooks by J.A White

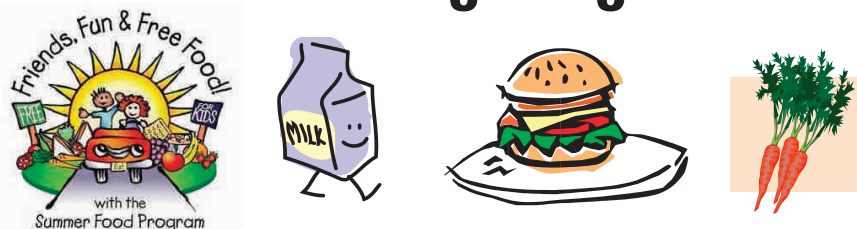
Grades 6-8: Continued

Playing Atari with Saddam Hussein by Jennifer Roy
Slider by Pete Hautman
Small Spaces by Katherine Arden

Grades 9-12:

The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo
Moonrise by Sarah Crossan
Prince Charming by Rachel Hawkins
A Curse So Dark and Lonely by Brigid Kemmerer
Whisper by Lynette Noni
Neanderthal Opens the Door to the Universe by Preston Norton
Dance of Thieves by Mary Person
The Nowhere Girls by Amy Reed
After the Shot Drops by Randy Ribay
Not Even Bones by Rebecca Schaffer
Dry by Neal and Jarrod Shusterman
The Deceivers by Kristen Simmons
The 57 Bus by Dashka Slater
Sadie by Courtney Summers
This Mortal Coil by Emily Suvada

Summer Feeding Program 2019



Citrus County School's Food and Nutrition Services will be participating in the Summer Feeding Program during the months of June and July.

Nutritionally balanced meals will be provided to all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability during Summer vacation when school breakfasts and lunches are not available. **All children 18 years old and younger are eligible for meals at no charge at an Open Site** and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. The programs are only approved for geographical areas of need where 50 percent or more of the children qualify for free and reduced price meals during the school year. The goal is to make sure no child goes hungry.

The sites that are offering meals are as follows:

Site	Serving Dates 2019	Serving Times
Citrus Springs Middle	June 4th--August 2nd (Open Monday thru Friday)	Breakfast: 8:00 am--9:00 am Lunch: 11:00 am--12:00 pm
Inverness Middle School	June 4th--August 2nd (Open Monday thru Friday)	Breakfast: 8:00 am--9:00 am Lunch: 11:00 am--12:00 pm
Rock Crusher Elementary	June 4th--July 25th (Open Monday thru Thurs)	Breakfast: 8:15 am--9:00 am Lunch: 11:15 am--12:00 pm
Crystal River Middle	June 4th--August 2nd (Open Monday thru Friday)	Breakfast: 8:00 am--9:00 am Lunch: 11:00 am--12:00 pm

NOTE: ALL SITES WILL BE CLOSED ON JULY 4th

For more information, please contact Ms. Fredrikson at 726-1931 X 2451



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Meet Your Teacher 2019-2020 School Year

SCHOOL	Date	Time	Grades, Etc.
Elementary Schools			
Central Ridge Elementary	Thursday, August 8th	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	
Citrus Springs Elementary	Thursday, August 8th	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Pre-K through Grade 5
Crystal River Primary	Thursday, August 8th	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Pre-K and Kindergarten meet in the cafeteria 1st - 5th grades Safety Patrol and Parents- in the Cafeteria
Floral City Elementary	Thursday August 8th	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 12 noon	Kindergarten-and New Students Pre-K through 5th
Forest Ridge Elementary	Thursday, August 8th	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	
Hernando Elementary	Thursday, August 8th	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	
Homosassa Elementary	Thursday, August 8th	2:30 pm -4:30 pm	
Inverness Primary	Thursday, August 8th	3:30 pm-4:00 pm 4:00 pm-6:00 pm	Pre-K & Kindergarten 1st through 5th
Lecanto Primary	Thursday, August 8th	2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	
Pleasant Grove Elementary	Tuesday, August 7th	3:30 pm - 4:00 pm 4:00 pm-6:00 pm	New to PGE All others
Rock Crusher Elementary	Thursday, August 8th	4:30pm - 6:30 pm	
Middle Schools			
Citrus Springs Middle	Wednesday, August 8th	3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	
Crystal River Middle	Wednesday, August 7th	3:00 pm - 4:30 pm 4:30 pm -6:00 pm	6th GRADE ONLY 7th & 8th ONLY
Inverness Middle	Wednesday, August 8th	3:00 pm - 6:00 pm 1 :00 pm -3:00 pm	6th Grade Orientation
Lecanto Middle	Wednesday, August 7th	3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	
High Schools			
Citrus High	Friday, August 10th Thursday August 30th	9:00 am -12:30 pm 5:30 pm -7:00 pm	FRESHMAN & New Students Fall Open House
Crystal River High	Friday, August 9th Thursday, August 29th	8:00 am-12 Noon 5:30 pm-7:00 pm 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm 6:00 pm-7:00 pm	FRESHMAN ONLY Fall Open House: Advanced Placement Presentation General open house
Lecanto High	Tuesday, August 20th Thursday August 8th	5:30 pm -7:30 pm 8:00 am -11:30 am	Open House Freshman & New Student Orientation- Students are to be dropped off in the Gym by 8:00 am and picked up at 11:30 am. Parents are invited to walk around with their students from 11 :30-1 pm.
Academy of Environmental Science	Thursday August 9th	10:00 am-4:00 pm	
CREST	Thursday August 8th	3:30 pm- 5:30 pm	
Renaissance Center/SRMI	Tuesday, August 7th	9:30 am -11:30 am 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Returning Students New Students Only