



Florida's 21st CCLC

Soaring Beyond Expectations!

21st Century After-School Program

February 2018

Welcome Back Readers!

Although the school year has flown by so fast, our team is ready to offer more opportunities than ever to help increase the quality and visibility of our 21st Century Programs!

In this quarter, we have placed a focus on providing meaning professional development and team building for our Site Coordinator's, Teachers and Activity Leaders.

In addition, we have successfully laid the platform for the first ever LCS, 21st Century Elementary STEM and Middle School Mock Trails Competitions. We look forward to the students participating in these activities and likewise we look forward to your continued support!

We also have had the wonderful opportunity to meet with our Advisory Council Members and work to develop initiatives that will continue to support our afterschool programs. Our 21st Century Office was invited to present to our local School Board and community! We are so very fortunate to have wonderful leaders who support each of our schools and the mission of our program!

To add, this year we have had two successful back-to-back 21st Century Audits! In both audits, our programs did not receive any Findings or areas of concern! Way to go team!

The success of our programs would not be possible without all of the amazing departments that work behind the scenes to support us. Some of these departments include: School Board Member Office, Superintendent's Office, Communications, Human Resources, Academic Services, Transportation, Finance, Facilities and Maintenance, Food Services, Safety and Security, Information Technology, Inventory, Advisory Council Members, Intervention Services, Volunteers and Partners Offices!

Lastly, without the support of our Administrators, teachers, faculty and staff, we could not possibly provide high quality programs that are meaningful and influence the academic achievement of our students.

- Mrs. Ashley Scott, Grants Coordinator

ONE-ON-ONE FREE TAX PREPARATIONS!



United Way of the Big Bend and VITA have partnered with 21st Century sites to provide parents, staff and the community with opportunities to file their taxes at **NO COST!** Everyone is free to sign up at any site, not just his or her school! Please be sure to sign up in advance and bring with you the following: Photo ID and W-2 Forms.

The sites offering these services include:

Bond – February 12, 13, and 14 **5:00-6:30PM**

Cobb – February 17 **9:00AM – 12:00PM**

Fairview – March 6, 7, and 8 **5:00-6:30PM**

Hartsfield – February 19, 20, and 22 **5:00-6:30PM**

Nims – February 24 **9:00AM – 12:00PM**

Pineview – February 10 **9:00AM – 12:00PM**

REMINDERS!

- **High School Seniors!**
The 2018-2019
FAFSA OPENED
- 21st CCLC is **CLOSED**
during Spring Break
(3/12-3/19)



School Spotlight

Hartsfield Elementary School

Hartsfield Elementary School is on the MOVE! In partnership with the 21st Century Program, Hartsfield Elementary hosted its' first EVER Parent and Family Engagement Conference. The conference offered workshops that informed and Enlightened, and a panel discussion with experts, practitioners, and parent advocates giving perspective to a plethora of topics on parent engagement.

Resources were brought in the community to attendees via the Exhibit Hall of over 20 vendors, organizations, and providers; a Farm Share distribution and other giveaways at the close of the Conference.



Helping Those in Need!

Our program strives to create lasting partnerships with various programs and companies in the community. Each 21st Century school site has adopted a local partner to complete community service projects. We want to give back to the neighborhoods we live in as much as possible.

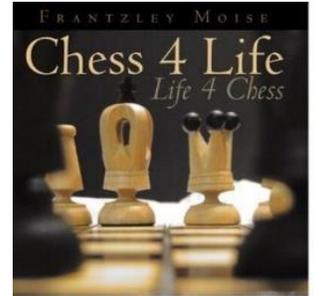
During the Thanksgiving Break, students and staff of Astoria Park Elementary School went out to service their community. The students got the opportunity to feed those in need during the holidays. The students received more than they ever imagined! They were greatly humbled to see just how their own contributions have a direct impact on their neighborhood. They are used to raising funds and materials to give to those in need. However, being able to experience how those resources get used, and have a hand in it as well, opened their minds and eyes.

Dr. Elizabeth Glenn, the site coordinator and a 5th grade teacher at Astoria Park, said, "My students left joyful and excited about how they were able to help the people in their own community. Their minds began to brainstorm all of the ways they can do more, and want to return to the community center to feed those in need again."



Vendor Spotlight!

Frantzley Moise is an educator, motivational speaker, and entrepreneur. In his book, "**Chess 4 Life, Life 4 Chess**," Mr. Moise infuses chess with life skills to motivate and inspire individuals to achieve their goals and dreams. He advocates that the **strategies** learned from **Serious Play** can be used in a compelling way, to **empower** and **educate** people of all age dynamics.



An educator for 15 years, Mr. Moise has worked with students, parents, and teachers and has presented for an array of national, state and local organizations. Mr. Moise owned and co-owned a number of business and has served in a number of organizations. He has held leadership and advisory positions and was honored for his distinguished work. Frantzley Moise is proof positive that a little determination and effort can lead to success.



Students Caught In Action!



**Bond Elementary School Spelling Bee Winners
were 21st Century After School Students!**

1st Place – Layla Hayes

2nd Place – Braneisha Livingston

February Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Pineview Tax Days
11	12 Bond Tax Days	13 Bond Tax Days	14	15 Bond Tax Days	16	17 Cobb Tax Days
18	19 Presidents' Day! Hartsfield Tax Days	20 Hartsfield Tax Days	21	22 Hartsfield Tax Days	23	24 Nims Tax Days
25	26	27	28			

March Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Fairview Tax Days	6 Fairview Tax Days	7	8 Fairview Tax Days	9 03 Ends	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL!						
18	19 In-Service Day No School	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

April Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 April Fools' Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 S.T.O.M.P. @ Godby 8:00 AM
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 March of Dimes @ Tom Brown Park 8:00 AM
29	30					

Compliance Corner!

The 3 Main Goals of 21st Century are: **Academic Enrichment, Character Development, and Family Involvement**. Project Based Learning Assignments (PBLs) serve as the academic curriculum for all the 21st Century grants.

This year, we are transitioning into allowing teachers to focus on extending the academic school day into the 21st Century programs, and having the activity leaders facilitate the PBLs. Teachers are still required to complete lesson plans. However, they will be standard-based on what is taught in the school day. **Teachers** are able to focus on skills that students need additional help with and can utilize effective resources. **Activity leaders** will work directly with the site coordinators to complete the weekly PBL lesson plans for the duration of the project. They will be able to have fun with the students by creating art projects, having field trips, bring in guests, and use technology. The PBL and activity leader lesson plans must be uploaded each month.

Best Practices to Planning Academics and Enrichment

- ✓ Plan together
- ✓ Site coordinator create PBL
- ✓ Ask students what they have an interest in
- ✓ Utilize parent feedback surveys
- ✓ PBL Lesson Plans Completed by Activity Leaders
- ✓ Academic Lesson Plans Completed by Teachers

Community Partners!

UF/IFAS Extension Office has partnered with four (4) of our 21st Century Programs to provide hands on curriculum, field trips, supplies and STEM equipment for our 21st Century School Sites. All of these resources are at no costs to the 21st Century Program.

Marcus Boston, Director and Alison Leon, Extension Agent have worked to provide supplemental curriculum, which targets and meets the needs of the students being served at the school sites. Additionally the educational programs that were researched and utilized were based on student interest. Some of the educational programs being used include: Discovery Series, Project Learning Tree, Cloverbud Activities Life Skills and Learning.

"The mission of the UF/IFAS Extension Office is to improve our lives by developing knowledge in agriculture, natural resources, and the life sciences and to make that knowledge accessible to sustain and enhance the quality of human life."

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