



Coastline Newsletter

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FDLRS/East dedicates this issue of the *Coastline* Newsletter to the memory of our beloved co-worker **Robin Gipson** who passed away September 8, 2011. Robin was a cherished colleague and dear friend to all of us. The following poem, written by Teresa Battell, FDLRS/East, *says it all* about Robin.

To Our Angel on Earth - Robin

When you interviewed for the FDLRS new Tech position, you got my vote.
On the questionnaire you completed, I could read every word you wrote.

It was November 12, 1986, when you joined our FDLRS family tree.
You were a perfect fit from day one; this we all could see.

You created a FDLRS tradition that to this day is still true;
Any starting employee can for one full year be considered new.



You had the calmest demeanor, never frazzled, frustrated or mad.
You saw the best in every person or situation and didn't see the bad.

You had an uncanny ability to give hope and take away despair.
You instilled confidence and pride; you really did care.



You were teased often about how you were always running late.
You'd smile and say, "It's all good" and things would turn out great.

You were so outgoing and friendly, no stranger did you meet.
Plus, you always made the greatest food for everyone to eat.

That infectious smile of yours could brighten up any space.
It's one memory we have of you that no amount of time will ever erase.

"It's all about me" was an expression you used but obviously misunderstood.
Making anything about yourself never happened or ever could.

You gave birth to three terrific children: Damien, Jacinta, and Rozelle.
You left this earth with the knowledge that you certainly raised them well.

You had five precious grandchildren, four girls and finally a boy.
When asked about them, the look on your face was that of pure joy.



Our thoughts and prayers are with you Mike; you lost your number one love.
Robin will always be with you and taking care of you from above.

One word keeps echoing through our brains and that word is "why".
I know you're watching and would tell each of us, "Girl" don't you cry.

The heavens must have needed a special angel to take you away from so many,
Your family, countless friends, co-workers, and, Miss Sarah and Miss Penny.

I don't know when we will accept and believe that this is true.
I can't imagine the office, our lives, or even the world without you.

Long after leaving FDLRS and probably until life's end.
We will not only remember you as a co-worker, but as a cherished friend.

Well, the words keep coming, and about you one could go on forever.
We are so grateful for the time we had, and forget you, Robin, absolutely never.

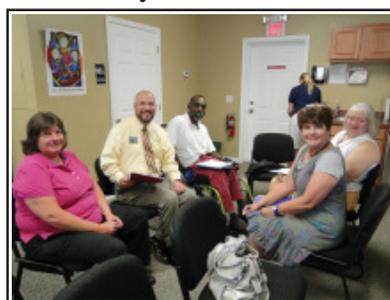
Teresa Battell (Sister, Co-Worker, and Friend)

Interagency Council Of Brevard

The Interagency Council of Brevard (ICB) was started in 1999 with Brevard Public Schools as the fiscal agent. The ICB mission statement is: *Through interagency collaboration, enhance the quality of life for all individuals with disabilities in Brevard County.*

The purpose of the Interagency Council of Brevard is three-fold:

- Identify information about barriers and potential solutions to getting agency information to those who need it;
- Expand implementation of effective transition practices and the range of transition services within the school district; and
- Enhance individual success by achieving desired post-school outcomes including independent living, employment, post-secondary education or training, leisure and recreational pursuits, and community access.



Staff members from approximately thirty agencies participate in ten monthly meetings throughout the year. Four task forces and their members facilitate the main goal setting and goal attainment for the council. The task force committees are:

- Legislative, •Transition, •Employment, and
- Marketing and Membership

For further information, visit these websites:

<http://ese.brevardschools.org/ICB/default.html>

<http://disabilitybrevard.org/>

Disability History and Awareness Weeks, October 2011

On June 13, 2008, Senate Bill 856 was signed into law creating Section 1003.4205, Florida Statutes, *Disability History and Awareness Instruction*. Based on this statute, district school boards are required to designate the first two weeks in October each year as “**Disability History and Awareness Weeks.**” During **October 3-14, 2011**, we are encouraged to provide disability history and awareness instruction in all K-12 public schools.

The goals of disability history and awareness instruction include: (1) better treatment of individuals with disabilities in society (especially youth in school) and increased attention to prevent the bullying or harassment of students with disabilities; (2) encouragement to individuals with disabilities to develop self-esteem, resulting in more individuals with disabilities gaining pride, obtaining postsecondary education, entering the workforce, and contributing to their communities; and (3) reaffirmation of commitment to the full inclusion of and equal opportunity for all individuals with disabilities.

Contact your FDLRS office for **resources** and **ideas** to assist you in providing disability history and awareness instruction!

What's New In The FDLRS LIBRARY

Did you know you can search our FDLRS Library database from your own computer at school or at home? Just go to our website - <http://fdlrs.brevard.k12.fl.us/east/> - click on the "Library" button, click on the "Search the database" button, and enter a keyword, or title, etc. It will display a list of materials in groups of 10 at a time. If there are more than 10 materials, just click the "next" button and you'll see the next 10 items. If you find something you want to check out, just give us a call or send us an email request with the catalog # (letters and numbers). If the material is checked out, we can put you on a waiting list. We can send materials to you through the courier and you can return them to FDLRS through the courier. It's that easy!

Here are a few of our most recent acquisitions. Contact FDLRS/East at 321-633-1000, ext. 540 to checkout these materials and more. DVD's and CD's can be checked out for one (1) week.

KA087 The First Days of School: How to be an Effective Teacher; Harry K. Wong

A "how to" book on how to develop a discipline plan, motivate learning, increase student achievement, encourage positive behavior, maintain a well-managed classroom, and more. Includes the DVD "Using The First Days of School" with Chelonnda Seroyer.

KA088 Never Cease to Learn: An Inspiring Message to All Educators; Harry K. Wong

38 minute DVD. Harry Wong shares his years of wisdom and insights in this presentation that's perfect for personal renewal and growth. Includes these topics: Setting the Stage; The Secret to Being Effective; The Importance of Good Habits; Ask Questions; When Things Connect; Let Them Know You Care; Some Habits to Develop; Go to Conferences; and more.

KA089 I Choose to Care; Harry K. Wong

60 minute DVD. Harry Wong shares useful and motivational topics for successful teaching including: Start class immediately; Student comprehension is enhanced when questions are interspersed throughout the lesson, rather than placed all at the end; Effective teachers rehearse classroom procedures until they become student routines; and Student success is enhanced when the student is kept aware of what is to be accomplished.

KA090 How to be an Effective and Successful Teacher; Harry K. Wong

Contains 2 audio CD's, 2 hours 40 minutes. Includes these topics: Effective Defined; What is an Effective Teacher; Seven Questions Answered; A First Day Script; How to Teach a Procedure; Classroom Management Plans; Structure and Consistency; How to Create Effective Assignments; Scoring Guides for Assessment; and You are the Difference.

KA091 How to Improve Student Achievement;

Harry K. Wong

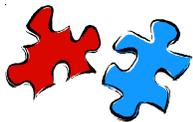
Contains 2 audio CD's, 2 hours 40 minutes. Includes these topics: The Secret of Being an Effective Teacher Revealed; The Characteristics of an Effective Teacher; Lighting the Candle of Learning for Students; How to Structure the Classroom for Student Success; How Students Help Each Other Learn; How to Help Students Achieve; and Find the David in Every Student.



KA194 New Teacher Induction; Harry K. Wong

A "how to" book on how to train, support and retain new teachers.

Visit US online or in person!!!



Putting the Pieces Together:
Proactive Strategies for Parenting Young Children with Autism

Volusia County Schools has developed a comprehensive parent training program for parents of young children with autism. This program is designed to promote positive behavioral interventions within a family's natural routines and environments. Parents receive instruction in proactive strategies designed to promote desirable behaviors, build skills, and reduce undesirable behaviors. Additional components of the training include instruction on the basic characteristics of autism spectrum disorders, programs, and services available through Volusia County Schools and accessing community resources.

A primary goal of the training is the generalization of skills initiated at school into home and community environments. To promote skill generalization, a follow-up meeting is held with each student's teacher and parent at the completion of the course.

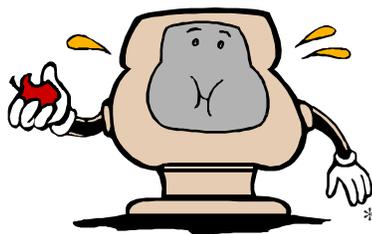
The program is divided into eight, 1 1/2 hour sessions and is offered twice a year. This format allows parents to receive ongoing support throughout the training. Parents receive instruction during the class, practice the strategies at home and in the community, and return to class to receive ongoing feedback and support from the trainers. This format helps reinforce the newly learned skills of students, while building parent confidence and capacity.

The primary curriculum used is "Positive Parenting Practices for Young Children with Autism," 2003, LEAP Outreach Project. Targeted professionals and community partners participate in various components of the training. Additional resource materials are provided to each family. A lending library is available for parents to check out materials each night.

The training was originally delivered to parents of prekindergarten students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Due to increased need and parent requests, the program was expanded to include parents of students with ASD in Kindergarten through 5th grade. As of March 2011, 160 parents and/or grandparents have participated in the training.

PDA UPDATE

PDA online modules provide comprehensive, high quality and accessible professional development for Florida educators wanting to improve their skills in responding to the needs of all students. Coordinated through the FDLRS Network since 2003, the PDA program currently has thirteen modules available statewide. The modules, funded by the Florida Department of Education Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services, are **free of charge** to Florida educators. Here are the upcoming courses offered by FDLRS/East during the first semester:



60 Point Module

* Instructional Practices
(Sept. 29-Dec. 15 Volusia)

30 Point Module

* Differentiating Science Instruction
(Oct. 4-Dec. 13 Volusia)

15 Point Module

* Intro to Differentiating Instruction: Responding to All Learners
(Oct. 4-Nov. 16 Brevard)

For more information...**In Brevard County contact:** Cindy Wickham, FDLRS/East (321) 633-1000 x559
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FDLRS Sunshine State Standards Labs

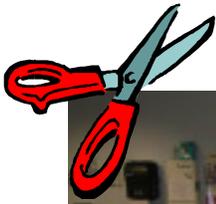
Some Brevard Exceptional Student Education (ESE) teachers and elementary teachers with ESE students have been participating in FDLRS Sunshine State Standards Labs over the years. The teachers develop student-use file folder activities and computer generated products that support the Sunshine State Standards in reading, language arts, math, science and social studies. Here are the **remaining** first semester dates:

October 11, 2011 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM (**after-school hours**)
Register on SRN # 20121105001005

October 13, 2011 from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM (**all day**)
(substitute funds are NOT available)
Register on SRN # 20121105001006

November 2, 2011 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM (**after-school hours**)
Register on SRN # 20121105001007

November 17, 2011 from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM (**all day**)
(substitute funds are NOT available)
Register on SRN # 20121105001008



Busy teachers at work in the FDLRS Production Lab!



The Child Find Staff in Volusia County is moving to Palm Terrace Elementary School, 1825 Dunn Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114. Staff will be located in portable # 219.

**NEW FACES In Brevard's
Exceptional Student Education Office At ESF**

David O'Brien is excited to be the new Resource Teacher for Intellectually Disabled. David taught Brevard's Participatory and Supported level students for nine years and has spent the past six years as a Teacher Trainer for Quality IEPs, Excent, and Matrix. His Bachelor's degree is in Exceptional Student Education and Master's degree in Educational Leadership, both from the University of Central Florida. David looks forward to working with parents, teachers, and administrators to ensure that students with Intellectual Disabilities receive the high quality, effective instruction they deserve.



Tricia Frame is the new Teacher Trainer for Quality IEPs, Matrix, Excent and Enrich assigned to the south end of the county. She has been the ESE Contact at Melbourne High School for the past eight years. Tricia is currently working on her doctorate degree in Instructional Leadership and Curriculum. She looks forward to the new challenges and experiences that this job entails.

Dr. Elizabeth (Liz) White is a state licensed audiologist. She is a graduate of the University of Florida. In 2005, she graduated from the University of Louisville with a Doctor of Audiology degree. Immediately following her graduation, she joined Cochlear Americas, an implantable hearing device manufacturer. In 2009, she returned to Clinical Audiology in Vero Beach. Dr. White joined Brevard County Public Schools in August 2011 as one of the two District Audiologists. She is excited to facilitate and support the developmental and educational management of children with hearing loss.



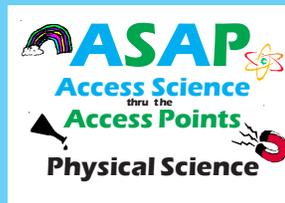
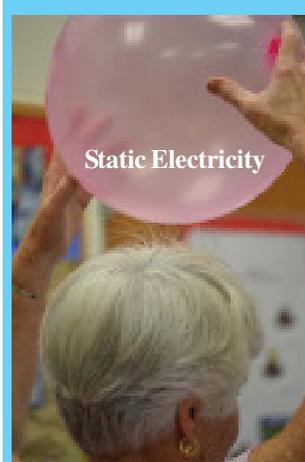
Cheryl Wratchford has been with Brevard Public Schools for 24 years in various positions. Her new position as Medicaid Specialist II is in the Office of Exceptional Education at ESF. She works with a variety of people including therapists, teachers and administrative staff. Cheryl says, "I've always loved a challenge and this is definitely a new challenge for me."

WELCOME ABOARD!!

We appreciate you reading the *Coastline* newsletter. Please click on this link to complete a quick satisfaction survey. Thanks!
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MN5BPT5>

It's all Hands-On with ASAP Science

Volusia County's secondary Multi VE teachers received round two training for ASAP physical science. **ASAP, Access Science through the Access Points**, is a supplementary guide for relating and integrating activities to the Florida Access Points for science. Facilitators Shari Hill and Linda Davidson, FDLRS/East, involved the teachers in a full day of science experiences enhanced by Safari Montage video clips, Classroom Suite & Kidspiration activities, communication device use and best of all...hands-on science experiments. Below, are photos highlighting some of the learning events of the day!



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Alta Robin Gipson

Robin was part of our FDLRS Family for 25 years. Below, we share *some* of our happy memories of her!



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