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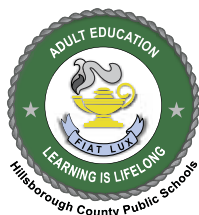
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A Newsletter for Adult Education Family Literacy Practitioners and Program Participants

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What's the Buzz All About?

It's about the Adult Education Department's Comprehensive Family Literacy Program. The program is located at five (5) different centers throughout Hillsborough County . . . and it's still growing!

The Family Literacy Program has four (4) components: Adult Education for the Parents; Age-Appropriate Education for Children; Parent Education Classes, and Parent and Child Together Time (PACT Time).

The goal is for parents and their children to carryover skills they learn in the Family Literacy Program into their daily living activities. This is called integrating the four components of Family Literacy. The Adult Education teacher, the children's teachers, and the parents and children all work together to make this happen.



Family Literacy Program Sites

The Family Literacy Program is conveniently located at five (5) sites:

Kimmins Family Learning Center

1501 E. 2nd Ave.
Tampa, FL 33602
(813) 233-2502

San Jose Family Learning Center

3218 San Jose Mission
Dover, FL 33527
(813) 757-9480

University Area Community Center

14013 N. 22nd St.
Tampa, FL 33613
(813) 558-5283

Family Center at John Calvin

6501 N. Nebraska Ave.
Tampa, FL 33604
(813) 236-0941

Chamberlain Adult School

9401 N. Boulevard
Tampa, FL 33612
(813) 631-4500

Sanchez Center

2100 East 26th Avenue
Tampa, FL
(813) 631-4500

Some Happenings in the Family Literacy Community

University Area Community Center (UACC)



An exciting event happened in the Family Literacy Program located at the University Area Community Center. During the month of June, nine (9) of the preschoolers graduated from the program.

Our graduates will be attending Head Start in the Fall. We are so proud of them! Congratulations to the graduates, their families, and their teachers!

San Jose Family Learning Center

For the third year in a row, the Adult Education Department's Comprehensive Family Literacy Program was chosen by Verizon Business as the beneficiary of its Annual Holiday Season Reading Drive. Verizon and Verizon Business employees generously donated over 400 children's books to the Family Literacy Program at San Jose Mission. Every child in the program selected free books for their home library. The teachers replenished their shelves with lots of great, new books to be read to all the children in the center. The remaining books were distributed district-wide to other Family Literacy Program sites.

The Adult Education Department's Comprehensive Family Literacy Program has received more than 1,000 books through the wonderful partnership we share with Verizon Business. We appreciate our partner in Family Literacy.



Kimmins Family Learning Center



A fabulous day was had by all at Kimmins Family Learning Center's Fall Festival / Halloween Parade last October. During PACT time children and their parents created costumes that looked truly professional. Parents displayed their creative talents and the children paraded in their costumes as they trick-or-treated at the Kimmins Center. They all received buckets full of Halloween treats. Thank you, Kimmins!

St. John's Presbyterian Family Literacy Program



Family Literacy sites district-wide welcomed Spring by designing caterpillars that turned into beautiful butterflies. They read the colorful and interactive book, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, by Eric Carle. Teachers displayed the beautiful butterflies in their classrooms before sending them home with the children for them to enjoy with their families. St. John's Presbyterian



Family Literacy Program, another Family Literacy partner, kicked this event off with a celebrity reader and other Family fun activities. (Update: St. John's Presbyterian Family Learning Program has relocated to the Family Center at John Calvin—see page 1).

READ GOOD BOOKS

As you read regularly to a child, you will notice that the child has favorite books. He/she may ask you to read the favorite books over and over again.

That's great news! Children enjoy hearing the same stories again. It helps them learn to read by hearing familiar words frequently, and by seeing and recognizing the words on the page.



Good Books for Infants and Toddlers

- Touch-and-Feel books
- Interactive books
- Books with interesting language, rhythm, and sounds such as books with rhyme, song, and poetry.
- Books with predictable patterns and repeated language such as those that retell traditional nursery rhymes and songs.

Good Books for Children Ages 3-6

- Wordless picture books can help improve children's language and build their imagination.
- Predictable books are books with words and actions that appear over and over to help the child predict what will happen next. The story may contain lots of repeated words, phrases, questions, or rhymes.
- Books with nursery rhymes, tongue twisters, word games, and silly songs help children learn to pay attention to sounds in words. This is a very important first step toward becoming a reader.

Recipe for Back-To-School Fun Family Literacy Activity

FUN FAMILY LITERACY ACTIVITY

How about creating healthy families by choosing healthy foods. Have your child cut out pictures of healthy food from magazines and supermarket ads. Make a Healthy Food Book by pasting the pictures on pages, punch holes in the pages, and tie the pages together with a string. Take the book with you to the supermarket. Together as a family you can make good healthy choices.



Let Us Hear From You

Do you have a news item that you would like to share with our Family Literacy parents?
Do you have a question that may be of general interest to other Family Literacy Program participants?
Maybe you have photos to share from a special event at your Family Literacy site.
Please let us know so we can include your news in our next newsletter.



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