



FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT [FACE]

DIVISION

Student, Family & Community Engagement

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FAMILY COMMUNITY CENTER (FCC)

The Hillsborough County Public Schools Division of Student, Family & Community Engagement Team, is elated to have begun providing services for families through our Family Community Center (FCC). The FCC is a centralized hub that streamlines access to a variety of resources for Hillsborough County Public School (HCPS) families, with the intent of removing barriers to student success and well-being. We are staffed and ready to serve!

Location:

5630 N. Lois Avenue | Tampa, Florida 33614

Hours of Operation:

7:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Phone:

813-609-6404

FCC – Relief Supply Distribution

During the month of November, the staff proudly supported our families within our local community affected by the recent Hurricanes.

The Hurricane Supply Distribution Event provided resources for close to 800 students, 500 families and 120 non-HCPS families, representative of 101 HCPS schools (traditional and non-traditional).

SEE VIDEO HERE:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ilm4KE0vTVs>

FCC – Services & Resources

See Link Here: <https://bit.ly/4fEPF7a>

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FUN FACTS: BY THE NUMBERS (Community-Wide Effects)

Did you know that, studies by the John Hopkins University Graduate Center show that engaged families, around **STUDENT ATTENDANCE**, reduces chronic absenteeism by up to 15%? Communities with higher student attendance rates tend to have stronger economies due to an educated and engaged workforce.



FACE INITIATIVES

FLASH BULLETIN

HILLSBOROUGH | FAMU COLLABORATIVE

For the 4th consecutive year, HCPS, led by the **Division of Student, Family & Community Engagement** hosted the FAMU Presidential Recruitment Tour as a part of the **Great American Teach-In**. Each year the Florida A&M University (FAMU) **President and Staff** hosts a statewide recruitment tour which is a key part of the University's strategic enrollment management plan to attract the state's top scholars by exposing them to the life-changing educational experiences provided by FAMU's faculty and staff.

This year's event included close to 500 Hillsborough County Public School students representing 18 high schools. This unique opportunity provided access and exposure to university staff, & representatives from "every" FAMU College; ROTC; the Registrar's Office; and Housing and concluded with FAMU's renowned student song and dance ensemble, **"The FAMU Connection."**

In partnership with HCPS Staff, and Community Partners, we were honored to host and provide this targeted opportunity for students within our schools as we *prepare students for life*.

SEE LINK HERE: <https://youtu.be/pRn3-IbWQvg>

Thanks to our community partners for their sponsorship: The Shanna and Bryan Glazer Jewish Community Center; Gwen Henderson (Tampa City Council); Yvette Lewis (President, NAACP Hillsborough County Branch); United Bikerz, Be Great Foundation, and the HCPS Adult Education Team.



FACE ACADEMY – SPOTLIGHT!

As a part of November's **Family Engagement in Education Month** the Division of Student, Family and Community Engagement launched the 2024 Inaugural (District-Wide) FACE Academy!

This event provided an excellent opportunity to provide programming, resources, training and services for families within our community to bridge the gap between home and school.

We would like to thank all participants, presenters and vendors for your engagement & support. We would like to give distinct recognition to the following **SIGNATURE SPONSORS** for their enduring commitment, resolute assistance, and unyielding support in ensuring resources were available for all!

Hillsborough County Public Schools | Hillsborough Education Foundation | Tampa Bay Food Trucks
Greater Tampa Realtors | Pinellas Realtor Organization | Central Pasco Realtor Organization

Family & Community Engagement is Everyone's Job!

FACE PTA Notable!

This recognition showcases the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for family-school partnership aligned with the High Reliability Schools Framework.

Through this initiative we acknowledge and commend our PTA/PTSAs for their exceptional efforts in promoting parent engagement, open communication, inclusive decision-making and creating access and opportunities aimed at supporting and contributing to enhanced student outcomes at school.

This month we celebrate:

**Hammond Elementary
School PTA | PTSA**

**Katarina Arterburn,
Principal**

**Ami Harrison
FACE Ambassador**

Thanks for your commitment
to excellence!



Thank **you** for
being a part of our
FACE Community!
Happy Holidays

FACE Community Partner Spotlight



Community partnerships are essential for our schools because they enhance educational opportunities, strengthen support systems and create a collaborative environment that benefits students, families and the broader community. Additionally, they enable schools to extend their **IMPACT** beyond the classroom, ensuring students are supported academically, socially and emotionally. Community partnerships represent a powerful way to build thriving schools, families and stronger communities!

For the month of December, our FACE Team, **with honor**, celebrates the following community partner for his sustained devotion and unbroken resolve in supporting district leadership, schools, families and the educational development that **impacts** overall student success.

Brian Ford Jr.
Chief Operating Officer

Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Important Calendar Reminders

**DECEMBER 23, 2024 –
JANUARY 3, 2025**

Winter Break
Non-Student Days

JANUARY 6, 2025

Students Return to School
EARLY RELEASE DAY

JANUARY 13, 2025

EARLY RELEASE DAY

JANUARY 16, 2025

End of the 1st Semester

JANUARY 20, 2025

MLK Jr. Day
Non-Student Day

JANUARY 6-24, 2025

Annual Stakeholder
Engagement Survey Window
(Staff; Students; and Families)

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!



REMINDER!

Positive student
performance starts with
regular school attendance.

<https://www.hillsboroughschool.org/attendance>