



Polk County Public Schools

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Musical Instruments Sought

The school district is seeking donations of musical instruments. Donated instruments will help some students become part of a band or orchestra program at their schools. Contact Beth Cummings, teacher resource specialist in the school district's Fine Arts department, at (863) 647-4729 to learn how to donate an instrument or for further information on the need for instruments.

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5 Take Top Honors At Superintendent's Partnership Awards

Five community groups took top honors at the 3rd Annual Superintendent's Partnership Awards event held September 10. [Click here](#) for descriptions on how these groups provided assistance to schools, students and staff.

51 Chosen For Superintendent's Partnership Awards

There were 51 community groups overall receiving Superintendent's Partnership Awards referenced in the previous E-Memo item. Schools and school district departments named individuals, businesses, civic, faith-based, non-profit and community organizations for the awards. These partners provided a myriad of goods, services, donations, mentoring, tutoring or other assistance. [Click here](#) to see the list of partners and the schools they assisted.

Record Breaking Number Of Five Star Schools Named

Thirty-two Polk schools have received the prestigious Five Star School designation from the Florida Department of Education. The Five Star Award is given to schools for community service and community involvement efforts by including family, volunteers, school advisory councils and business partners. The 32 named in Polk are the most ever in county history since the DOE started the Five Star recognition program. [Click here](#) to view the list of Five Star Schools.

2009 PRISM Exemplary Math And Science Teachers

Twenty-eight Polk teachers were honored in the 2009 PRISM Exemplary Math and Science Teacher Awards program. PRISM, an acronym for Promoting Regional Improvement in Science and Math, is a program of the Central Florida Public School Boards Coalition. [Click here](#) to view the list of finalists and nominees and their schools.

Six Are National Merit Semifinalists

Six Polk students were among only 16,000 high school seniors to be named 2010 National Merit Scholarship semifinalists. More than 1.5 million students took the National Merit qualifying test and the 16,000 semifinalists, including the six from Polk, are the highest scoring entrants in the country. Among the six is the first-ever National Merit semifinalist from the International Baccalaureate program at Haines City High. [Click here](#) to view Polk's National Merit semifinalists.

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