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FYI – have a great week!

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[Zero tolerance for unsportsmanlike conduct from fans at school games](#)
(Bradenton Herald © 02/24/2012)

The Florida High School Athletic Association issues annual awards to 20 schools for exceptional sportsmanship at FHSAA interscholastic athletic contests. The idea is to "help promote and encourage those associated with interscholastic competition to sport the proper attitude." After an ugly incident at St. Petersburg Lakewood High School last week during a girl's basketball playoff...

[Florida State Senate approves \\$71 billion budget](#)
(Bradenton Herald © 02/24/2012)

TALLAHASSEE The Florida Senate passed a \$71 billion budget Thursday with bipartisan support after Republicans agreed to Democratic moves to save a rural prison from closure and to spend \$1 million more to keep elderly people out of nursing homes. The vote was 33-6, as two Republicans and four Democrats voted no. The Senate budget cuts state aid to adult mental health and substance abuse, incre...

[Parents, students deserve a 'choice'](#)

(Fernandina Beach News Leader © 02/24/2012)

Week six of the 2012 legislative session started with a pre-dawn drive to Tallahassee for a mid-morning Education Committee meeting. We heard HB 291 dealing with youth athletes. This is a good bill aimed at keeping our student athletes safe during sports activities. That afternoon I presented HB 1305 in the Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee. This bill declares that it is policy of ...

[Teachers earn cash for good school grades](#)

(Gainesville Sun © 02/24/2012)

Alachua County schools, as well as others around the state, were notified that the check is in the mail. The state Department of Education notified schools that earned an A grade from the state that school recognition funds would be arriving today. Alachua County netted \$1.2 million in school recognition money, with Buchholz taking home the biggest slice of the pie. Schools receive \$70 for e...

[Editorial: Designed to fail](#)

(Gainesville Sun © 02/24/2012)

Florida's practice of grading public schools on the basis of test scores has always been a superficial — even lazy — methodology for measuring a very complex and highly variable process; education. It is more a political tool for keeping score than a useful way to measure school accountability and student progress. No...

[Winter Haven High's Robinson Is Top Teacher](#)

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LAKELAND | As she stood before her peers to accept the Teacher Of The Year award for Polk County Schools Thursday night, Linda Robinson couldn't help but think back to the impact her sixth-grade teacher had on her. Photo Galleries * Polk County Teacher & Employee of the Year Awards "She believed this poor, little, white girl could go to college," said...

[Homeless runs rampant in wake of economic hard times](#)

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Published: Thursday, January 19, 2012 Gerbasi, Chris CHRIS GERBASI | Staff Writer chrisgerbasi@dailycommercial.com They may be living in motels or cars, or at campgrounds or grandma's house. School-age children can fit the definition of "homeless" in a variety of ways, ...

[New Schools Superintendent Robert Runcie gets high marks from board](#)

(Miami Herald © 02/24/2012)

The Broward School Board hired Superintendent Robert Runcie for his business savvy, saying it trumped his lack of experience as a classroom teacher or principal. Now, almost five months into the job, board members are giving him high marks for quickly tackling some of the school district's biggest business problems, including poor communication, construction debacles and cost overruns in the...

[Sandusky scandal leads to reporting requirement in Fla bill Sandusky scandal leads to reporting requirement in Fla bill](#)

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Sandusky scandal leads to reporting requirement in Fla bill Uncategorized — posted by khaughney on February, 23 2012 2:16 PM Discuss This: Comments(0) | Add to del.icio.us | Digg it By The News Service of Florida TALLAHASSEE — Taking a cue from the sexual abuse scandal at Penn State University, a Florida House committee

Thursday approved a bill that would impose hefty fines if college admin...

[More young students should consider dual enrollment at Lake-Sumter Community College](#)

(Orlando Sentinel © 02/24/2012)

Brilliant Annie isn't alone. Another smart kid has taken the next step. Parents of an academically gifted young lady told their story after a recent column about Lake-Sumter Community College being smacked by the federal Department of Education for refusing admission to Annie Megan, who could easily do college work but was only 12. At the time, Annie, who lives with her family in Center Hill, was ...

[Timeline set to help underperforming Okla. schools](#)

(Orlando-WFTV (ABC) © 02/24/2012)

OKLAHOMA CITY — A timeline was announced Thursday for the process of developing improvement plans for 77 Oklahoma schools that the State Department of Education has identified as underperforming in student achievement and graduation rates. Board of Education members and state Superintendent Janet Barresi also sought to reassure school officials and teachers that they do not foresee a stat...

[Racist video gives school a digital dilemma](#)

(Palm Beach Post © 02/24/2012)

When a cheerleader in West Virginia created a Web page suggesting a fellow student had herpes and invited 100 classmates to comment, a federal appeals court ruled she had far exceeded her First Amendment rights. She deserved to be suspended for 10 days and stripped of her duties as the school's reigning "Queen of Charm," it ruled. However, when a Pennsylvania teen created a bogus...

[Gent's double-dip stumble](#)

(Palm Beach Post © 02/24/2012)

The biggest problem with Palm Beach County schools Superintendent E. Wayne Gent's "double-dipping" is that it wasn't discussed in public before the school board gave him the permanent job. The fact that Mr. Gent technically retired in June 2009 and was rehired a month later was not - and is not - a reason to deny him the promotion. Still, the second biggest problem is that some school boar...

[New rule could sink St. Johns County's school rankings](#)

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[Bay area senators undo damaging cuts for USF](#)

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Tampa Bay found its voice, and Tallahassee got the message. The Florida Senate on Thursday repaired most of the financial damage Sen. JD Alexander threatened to inflict upon the University of South Florida in his quest to transform USF's Lakeland campus into an independent university. The public outrage and a legislative effort led by Sen. Jim Norman of Tampa proved remarkably effective in ensurin...

[Pasco schools learn FCAT recognition money is on the way](#)

(St. Petersburg Times © 02/24/2012)

WESLEY CHAPEL — As Feb. 1 came and went, teachers at John Long Middle School began wondering whether they would ever see a penny of the promised funding for their school's strong FCAT performance a year earlier. The school learned it had earned an A back in June. Its advisory committee had to submit a plan to use its recognition money by the end of January. Yet the state Department of Educ...

[State Reconsidering Grading Options for Disabled Students](#)

(WJXX ABC 25 Duval County © 02/24/2012)

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The State Board of Education is keeping an open mind on the need to grade schools that only serve students with learning and physical disabilities. In a statement released on Thursday, Commissioner of Education Gerard Robinson said, "We are reviewing alternative options for schools that serve only these students." Some First Coast parents and principals on the fro...

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