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Osceola County Schools Earn Highest State Award For Community Involvement

Thirty-three Osceola County schools have been designated as Five Star Schools earning the Florida Department of Education's most prestigious award for community involvement – the 2010/2011 Five Star School Award. This is the largest group of Osceola County schools ever to earn Five Star School awards.

The award is presented each year to schools that have shown evidence of exemplary family, school, and community involvement. To qualify, each school must meet 100% of the state's established criteria that require the full engagement of business partners, volunteers, students, families, and the School Advisory Council in the educational process. Every Five Star School must prepare a portfolio to document how they model excellence through specific community involvement programs.

Congratulations to Osceola's Five Star Schools:

Boggy Creek Elementary
Cypress Elementary
East Lake Elementary
Flora Ridge Elementary
Hickory Tree Elementary
Highlands Elementary
Kissimmee Elementary
Koa Elementary
Lakeview Elementary
Michigan Avenue Elementary
Mill Creek Elementary
Narcoossee Elementary
Neptune Elementary
Partin Settlement Elementary
Pleasant Hill Elementary
Reedy Creek Elementary
St. Cloud Elementary
Sunrise Elementary
Thacker Avenue Elementary for International Studies

Ventura Elementary
Denn John Middle
Discovery Intermediate
Horizon Middle
Kissimmee Middle
Narcoossee Middle
Neptune Middle
Celebration High
Liberty High
Osceola High
Celebration K-8
The Osceola County School for the Arts
Westside K-8
Kissimmee Charter

"I am extremely proud of these schools for making volunteerism and community involvement a priority," said School Board Member Barbara Horn. "When children, parents, educators, and the community work together as a team, our students succeed and reap great rewards."

Principals and school volunteer coordinators will receive their Five Star plaques at an upcoming School Board meeting.

The Osceola School District is looking forward to another school year where OASIS volunteers truly make a difference in the success of students. Osceola schools are now in need of tutors and mentors for students, classroom volunteers, clerical volunteers, media center volunteers, speakers, judges, Business Partners in Education, and more. Schools are happy to work with volunteers to find out the areas where they will be most effective and feel the most comfortable.

It is simple to sign up to become a school volunteer. Interested individuals can log on to <https://volunteer.osceola.k12.fl.us> to register as a new school volunteer or to renew their application as a volunteer from last school year. Parents and community residents are encouraged to call 407-870-4080 for additional information about becoming an OASIS school volunteer.

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