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*To provide students a quality and comprehensive education that will assist them in their quest to become productive members of our society.*

Juvenile Justice Educational Centers

# JJEC Parent Newsletter

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## Message from the Reading Coach, Anne Berchtold

As a Reading Coach there are many different – and interesting- things which I do. However, before I was a reading coach, I was a classroom teacher. I graduated as a teacher in Sydney, Australia where I taught Elementary School grades 3 through 5. In Sydney, I also worked for an Educational Publishing company and it was during that time that I was lucky enough to meet educators and researchers who had a profound influence upon me. Today, I thank them for what they taught me and how their advice has helped me over the years. To this day, I am still involved in research and promoting the very best instructional practices for our students. My husband and I have a private Clinical Practice where we help those students who are having difficulties learning to read. Over 30 years and two continents we been very successful (actually, our students have been very successful!).



My educational background is truly international as I have a degree in Elementary Education from Sydney Teacher’s College (Australia), a Bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education from the University of South Florida (USF) and a Master’s in Special Education from USF. In addition to that, I have Endorsements in ESOL and Reading.

As a Reading Coach, I work with teachers to help students with reading in any subject area. Sometimes I teach right there with the teacher; sometimes we plan what will be helpful for students. Also, I test students, observe their reading needs, and report these results to the teachers. There are different types of tests and with more complex ones, I look at the data to see how are students are performing and share this data with the principal. Along with data gathering, I train teachers to use the best reading strategies for their students. In addition, I provide training (which is better known as “Professional Development”) for teachers to help them maintain their knowledge of reading. Also I co-ordinate the Reading Program and assist teachers- and students when necessary- in placing students into the program. With many Department of Juvenile Justice facilities, this keeps me very busy.

Reading is the passion of my professional life. I am dedicated to continued support and promotion of those quality instructional practices in reading which bring joy and fulfillment to learner’s lives.



### The School Board of Lee County, Florida

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# JOIN THE DJJ SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND BE INVOLVED IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

## What We Do

The Southwest Florida Department of Juvenile Justice and associated facilities are committed to ensuring your student's future is bright and secure. What your child experiences and learns in our centers will impact their decisions for the rest of their life.

Become part of our School Advisory Committee and have your voice heard - learn about district-wide and site-specific goals, meet the men and women working with and for your child, and be active in their future. We look forward to seeing you there!

**What:** Southwest Florida Department of Juvenile Justice School Advisory Committee Meeting

**When:** October 28, 2014, 5pm-6:30pm

**Where:** The Vince Smith Center

2450 Prince Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

**Who:** Parents of and people who work with students at PACE Center for Girls, AMIkids Inc., The Vince Smith Center, Price Halfway House, The SWFL Detention Center and Lee County Jail and Stockade



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## Classroom News...



Hear All About It!

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Students at the Detention Center have had a wide variety of topics to cover over the past months but the most note-worthy would be the Ebola Virus outbreak in Africa. They have monitored the Ebola outbreak since February of this year. At the beginning they were asked to predict possible outcomes of a similar outbreak happening in the United States. When the two U.S. medical workers contracted the disease students monitored their transport and treatment in Atlanta, GA. The students engaged in serious discussions about the ethical issues related to transferring ill patients to the U.S. and the possibility of transferring the disease to other citizens. We are still monitoring the various aspects that relate to the disease, helping students learn through real-world experience.

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# Discipline and Guidance



## Teaching Respect

Everyone wants and needs respect... even our children. Oftentimes parents complain that their child just doesn't show respect. The reason may be that we are trying to teach it instead of being a living example. Research proves that children learn 95% by watching the behaviors of others and only 5% of what is actually taught by instruction. So what is the best way to 'teach' your child respect? Simply by modeling a respectful life for them to imitate.

- **Respect yourself** - Before you can teach your child to respect anyone, you must first demonstrate how to respect yourself. Take care of your body. Avoid abusing consumption of alcohol or drugs. Eat right, get plenty of rest, and exercise regularly. Take pride in your appearance and dress respectfully. Wearing clothing with negative or vulgar words does not demonstrate respect. Allowing someone to take advantage or abuse you in any way—physically or emotionally impacts your kids.
- **Respect your child** - Some people believe that because children are smaller than we are and have less experience, they don't have the same feelings or rights. But they do. The same things that would embarrass or humiliate us, hurts our children also. When we scream, threaten, shame, criticize, and hit our children they shut down. They will only record and model what they experience. Remember, how we treat our children is how they will also treat others.
- **The Golden Rule** - Start early and teach your child to treat others as they wish to be treated. Toddlers are incapable of putting themselves in someone else's place but you can begin by teaching them how to care for their books and toys. Sharing is also another way to teach respect. Talk frequently with older children about feelings, differences of opinion, and tolerance.
- **Modeling** - Let your children see you behaving kindly towards others. Expect that they too perform acts of kindness such as donating used toys to a shelter. Be extra careful about how you speak in front of your children. Avoid harsh, judgmental, and critical language. Quickly move to correct your children if they call names, make fun, or insult someone—even their sibling! Showing concern by asking how their day is going, or offering a compliment is a great way to demonstrate kindness and respect.
- **Defensive modeling** - The flip side of exposing your child to appropriate behavior is to protect them from inappropriate behavior. Although we cannot safeguard our children from every negative influence, we can make it a priority to monitor disrespectful television, radio, and video games.
- **Praise** - When you observe your children behaving in a respectful manner, be sure to acknowledge and praise them. This teaches that we value these behaviors. Besides, being respectful of others will also make us feel good about ourselves.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 20th - Professional Duty Day/No class for students

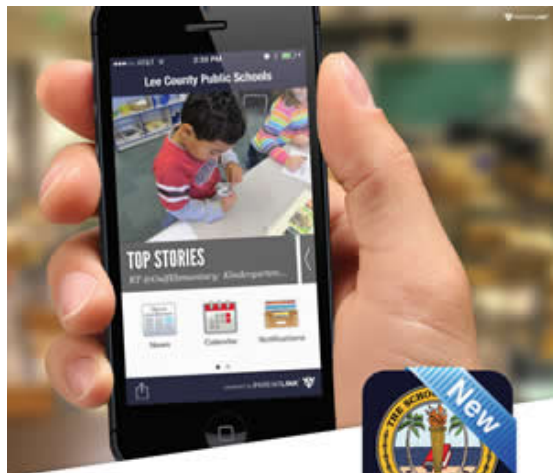
October 28th - SAC Meeting at Vince Smith Center, 5pm-6:30pm

November 11th - Veterans Day/No class for students

November 27th-28th - Thanksgiving Break/No class for students

December 22nd - Hurricane Make-Up Day/No class for students

December 23rd-January 2nd - Winter Break/No class for students



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## Out of Field Teachers

Florida State Statute 1012.42 recognized that teachers at times must be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which the teacher is certified. The following teachers working at a Juvenile Justice Education Center are certified, but may be assigned one or more classes outside their areas of certification and are required to take the appropriate steps to comply with the statutory regulations:

To date,

Ms. Roberta Henderson is a teacher at Price Halfway House. Ms. Henderson is out of field in English 6-12, ESOL, and Reading. She is currently pursuing her teaching certificate.

Mr. James Chaney is a teacher at the Lee County Jail. Mr. Chaney is out of field in ESOL and is currently pursuing his teaching certificate.