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## Bruce Larkin gives 15,000 books to Teaching Tools!

WilVcc\_g and author Bruce Larkin donated 15,000 books to Teaching Tools for Hillsborough Schools. This donation is worth \$30,000. Thank you Bruce and WilVookg for helping to ensure Hillsborough County classrooms have the books students need to grow in their reading skills.





### Upcoming Events

#### *Excellence in Education Awards*

*January 28, 2010*

*5:30pm*

*David A. Straz, Jr.  
Center for the Performing Arts*

The time has come to honor Hillsborough County's brightest stars! Join 2,500 guests who will gather for this brand new event to recognize the nominees and finalists, and announce the winners, of Hillsborough County's Teacher of the Year, Instructional Support Employee of the Year, and Ida S. Baker



New KidSmart systems are unveiled at Mort Elementary School. From left to right: Susan Valdes, Hillsborough County School Board member; Beny Peretz, principal of Mort Elementary; MaryEllen Elia, Superintendent of Schools; Janel Ray, Corp Citizenship & Corp Affairs for IBM; Linda Wizner, Program Director, IT Analyst Relations for IBM; Bill Hoffman, President of Hillsborough Education Foundation.

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***Play FORE Education  
Charity Golf Classic***

***March 15, 2010***

***12:30pm***

***Avila Golf & Country  
Club***

Take a swing for our schools! The [Play FORE Education Charity Golf Classic](#), presented by Batson-Cook Company, will be held March 15, 2010 at the Avila Golf and Country Club at 12:30PM. All proceeds will benefit our programs and services. Sponsors will enjoy recognition in front of prominent members of the community and the school district. For more information contact [Cheryl Hedrick](#) at (813) 231-1937 by February 19, 2010.

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***Hooked on Education  
Fishing Tournament***

***April 29-30, 2010***

***Westshore Yacht Club***

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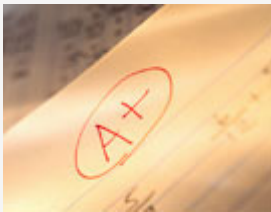
This popular "catch and release" fishing tournament is hosted by WILDERARCHITECTURE and Allstate Construction, with proceeds benefiting the Foundation. The event begins with a Captain's Dinner on the night of Thursday, April 29. The tournament begins early Friday morning, and features a goodie bag for all fishermen, and food and refreshments throughout the day. The festivities conclude with a catered awards ceremony. Contact [Cheryl Hedrick](#) at (813) 231-1937 for event sponsorship information and to enter a team, or [visit us online](#).

**Good4U, Good4Us!**



*We have many exciting opportunities coming this spring! Stay tuned for some must-see events!*

**November Success Story**



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Linda J. Wizner

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*Speak little, do much.* ~ Benjamin Franklin

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Sincerely,



Bill Hoffman  
President  
Hillsborough Education Foundation



***Readers as Leaders: A  
Cross-Age Tutoring  
Program***

*Funded through the Foundation's  
Classroom Grants program*

Young Middle Magnet  
School

During the spring 2009 term, Seventh Grade Intensive Reading students from Young Middle Magnet traveled once a week to neighboring Lockhart Elementary School to serve as a "Reading Buddy" for a third grade student. For these reading sessions the seventh graders prepared lesson plans and brought books, craft supplies, and rewards to engage their reading partners.

The students' lesson plans included joint reading, spelling tests, searches for new spelling words, worksheets, and discussion questions. Some of the questions were: What do you think they will do in the story? Why did the person do that? What was your favorite part in the story?

The teachers supervising the partnership program anticipated a significant difference in the FCAT scores for students who participated in the program versus those

who did not. The pre- and post-results from a district-administered reading assessment supported these expectations. Many of the students who participated in the tutoring program doubled their scores between the tests. These students helped increase both the school and class averages in these assessments as well.

*You can help fund similar innovative classroom projects through our School Enrichment Initiative. [Click here](#) for more information.*

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