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Area 10 Report
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West Palm Beach

Events:

- The secondary Science and Engineering Fair held December 7-9 at the Florida Fairgrounds. 1300 students presented science fair projects. The finalists will be recognized at the Science Fair Awards Ceremony on February 4 at the Palm Beach Central High School.
- SECME workshops have been in progress preparing for the Olympiad scheduled for April.
- The 25th Annual Palm Beach County Schools Commissioner's Academic Competition (A TEAM) was held at the Educational Network Studios in Boynton Beach on December 8-10. Selected students from 12 high schools competed in the county championship in the following categories: World Languages, English, Math, Science, Fine Arts/ Humanities and Social Studies. The following schools placed as follows: 3rd Place: West Boca H.S., 2nd Place: Spanish River H.S., and 1st Place: Atlantic H.S. This is Atlantic High School's 5th consecutive district "A Team" Tourney Win and they are headed to Disney World.
- The 25th Everglades Coalition Anniversary Conference was hosted by the Arthur R. Marshall Foundation on January 7, 2010 at Pine Jog Environmental Education Center/Pine Jog Elementary School. A roundtable of panelists and topics were introduced to promote educational programs that encourage everglades awareness through curriculum. Over 100 participants gathered at the conference to hear Keynote speaker Glenn Thomas and many other guest speakers.
- The "Paddlers" club sponsored a canoe trip beginning at Okeechobee and ending at Grassy Waters Preserve. Teachers interested applied and 10 participants were selected to paddle down a series of Florida canals to promote conservation and environmental awareness. The trip lasted seven days beginning on Jan 1st.
- Congressman Ron Klein will visit Boynton Beach HS to interact with the students.
- Suncoast Community H.S. and Atlantic H.S. advanced to the "Sweet 16" Round at the International Contest.
- Palm Beach Gardens HS Pizzazz Chorus to perform at Carnegie Hall. They received Prestigious "Featured Choir" Status.
- Forest Park Elem is now authorized to provide an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program.
- Emerald Cove Middle school was honored by American School Counselor Assoc.
- Pahokee Middle/Senior High School student wins Governor's recognition. **Angelica Zavala**, an 8th grade student was the winner of the FY10 Governor's Recognition Scholarship Essay Contest. The award is a four year Florida university tuition scholarship, valued at \$16,550. The essay topic was, *What do you believe to be the legacy of a former governor of the State of Florida?*

- On January 22, 2010, students at Suncoast community H.S. will host National Heroes and Speakers sponsored by the History Department. Speakers will include former students and teachers that witnessed turbulent integration at Suncoast in the 170-71 school year. Heroes that are on the agenda to speak are: Major David Trail, USAF (Ret.) detailing his experiences during the Vietnam/Cold War, Two surviving astronauts, Mercury Cmdr. Scott Carpenter, USN (Ret.) and Moonwalker/Apollo 14 Lunar Module pilot Capt. Edgar Mitchell (USN.Ret.)

Broward County

Events:

- The county has started a “Go Green” Initiative Website encouraging schools to develop school wide initiatives to become environmental stewards.
- Department Instructional Leaders (D.I.L.’s) and Science Coaches reviewed assessment databases for science fair researching. Data crunching will reveal benchmark assessment results.
- Science fair will be held on February 12, 2020.
- Broward County was recognized with a Discovery Schools Award.
- The Marine/Ocean Awareness week is getting a jumpstart with the Waterway cleanup on March 16, 2010.