



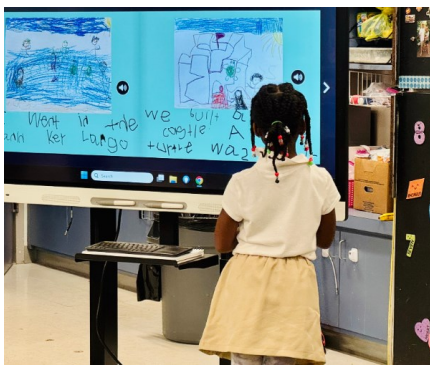
The School Bell

September 2025

In just 8 months, our new home, the *Center for Public School Excellence and Innovation*, has been buzzing with activity. From teacher shopping days at Red Apple Supplies to School District Leadership ceremonies, community meetings, and volunteering events, the building has already become a hub of inspiration, collaboration, and impact. Each day, educators walk through the doors and leave with more resources, more confidence, and more support than before.

Program Spotlight: Building Strong Foundations

Building Oral Language & Vocabulary in VPK



This program, in proud partnership with [PNC Foundation](#) as part of the [State of Florida's School District Education Foundation Matching Grant Program](#) through the [Consortium of Florida Education Foundations](#), served over 2,000 voluntary pre-kindergarten (VPK) students and 200 educators across 56 schools within the School District of Palm Beach County, improving kindergarten readiness by strengthening oral language and vocabulary skills. As part of last year's expansion, eight VPK teachers participated in a Pilot Professional Learning Collaborative, receiving intensive training and coaching to enhance instructional strategies and improve student outcomes.

99%

of children in participating classrooms showed growth on the Star Early Literacy Assessment.

95%

of teachers reported improved teaching practices as a result of the program.

99%

of teachers said the program positively impacted their outlook on teaching and desire to remain in the field.

Brick by Brick, Mind by Mind: Eight Months Strong

It's hard to believe we've already been in our new building for 8 months! Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our community, this space has transformed from blueprints and construction dust into a vibrant hub for innovation.

In that time, we've:

- **Welcomed 800+ volunteers** through the doors
- **Distributed \$903,386 worth of free school supplies** through Red Apple Supplies
- **Hosted 78 trainings** in our Multi-Purpose Rooms, strengthening connections and collaboration across our schools

And this is just the beginning—we can't wait to see what the next 8 months hold!

Champions of Education Spotlight: TD Bank



[TD Bank](#) believes every child deserves an equal start, which is why they invest in early learning and literacy through the TD Ready Commitment.

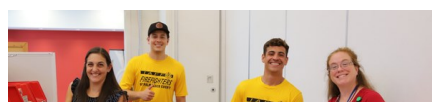
From helping to pack **30,000** backpacks to **funding teacher training** that strengthens reading skills, their impact reaches thousands of students across Palm Beach County.

We're proud to celebrate TD Bank as a true Champion of Education in our community.

[Read the Full Story](#)

Volunteers: The Heartbeat of Our Mission

From corporate groups to dedicated individuals, volunteers have poured in **4,328** hours of service, fueling the heart of our mission. Every hour, every effort, and every smile contributes to brighter



classrooms and stronger schools. Thank you for being the hands that make the difference!

We'd love for you to join us in carrying out our mission! Click below to find your opportunity!



[Find a Volunteer Opportunity](#)

Young Professional Spotlight: Andrea Rendon



Meet Andrea Rendon, former public school teacher, first-generation college graduate, and now a community leader making an impact at the Palm Beach County Food Bank!

Andrea embodies the next generation of leaders strengthening our community through service!

[Read Andrea's inspiring journey](#)

Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendars!



Heroes for Education 5K & Kids Run October 5th

Lace up your sneakers and join us as we celebrate champions who go the distance for students and public education.

[Register for the 5K](#)



GoTeach! Classroom Grant Awards October 30th

Celebrate innovation in education as we honor teachers with funding to bring creative classroom projects to life.

[RSVP for GoTeach!](#)



Thank you for being part of the Education Foundation's journey. Together, we've transformed a building into a movement, a place where every brick, training, book, and backpack contributes to building a brighter future for students in the [School District of Palm Beach County](#).



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