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**PALM BEACH COUNTY
RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION
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APRIL 2023**



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**ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER
APRIL 13, 2023**



Time for our annual HULLABALOOZA - our annual SCHOLARSHIP fundraiser! This is the time to bring your allowance and your NEW and UNUSED items. Ideas include clothing, gift cards, jewelry, wine, games, knick-knacks, household items, etc. Come early so we can label your items and help set up. Tickets are \$10 for 15 tickets. This is our regular monthly meeting date - at Fountainview - Sandwich Buffet is \$15. Be sure to

communicate with your caller by April 5, 2023, if you plan to attend. You can also contact Germaine Richards at (H) 561-753-3665 or (C) 561-386-0695. There will be NO DOOR PRIZES at this meeting.

FREA 5th Grade Essay Contest

For the FREA 5th Grade Essay Contest, we submitted a lovely essay by **ISABELLA KEISEL**, who attends Benoist Farms Elementary entitled "All About My Nonna". We are very proud of her and all the students from Ms. Pierre's 5th Grade class who submitted essays. Isabella did not win the top State award, but she will be awarded \$25 from our local unit.



On the places you'll go,
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting,
So ...get on your way!
--Dr. Seuss

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Our PBCREA Volunteer of the Year is **VIVIAN BLACK**! She also has the distinction of being the District 10 (Palm Beach, Broward, & Miami-Dade) Volunteer of the Year! There will be more about her at the May recognition luncheon. Kudos to **VIVIAN**! Statewide, volunteer hours are an important tool used to open doors when our representatives approach politicians in Tallahassee. Be sure to keep track of your volunteer times and record them at the luncheon meetings.



2023 - 2024 PBCREA DUES

NOW is the time to renew your yearly dues for *Palm Beach County Retired Educators Association*. Make checks out to **PBCREA** in the amount of **\$45**. You can turn them in at the April and May Luncheon Meetings or mail them to Janet Ford 715 Beech Road WPB FL 33409. **Thank you** to those members who have already taken care of this obligation!



Registration is Now Open

Come join us for a great time, be with old friends, and make new ones.

www.frea.org/convention



Important Update on School Choice Bills

Dear Fellow Advocates,

Florida PTA is reaching out to all of you to **prepare to take action** to oppose HB 1 and SB 202, two bills with the potential to create separate and very unequal systems of K-12 education in Florida. **Expect an imminent "take action alert."**

BACKGROUND: Both HB 1 (School Choice) and SB 202 (K-12 Education) are bills written to provide **state funding in the form of Education Savings Accounts to all Florida K-12 students, regardless of educational provider or family income.** These bills have been speeding through legislative committees over the past month: HB 1 may be heard in its final committee and SB 202 in its second of three committees as early as March 8. While the bills differ somewhat from each other, and both diverge from a school choice proposal by the Governor, one constant remains: **these bills have the potential through shifts in education funding to drastically impact, and perhaps cripple, public schools.**

WHAT FLORIDA PTA HAS DONE TO DATE: Over the past month members of the Legislation Committee have been working to educate legislators, many of whom are new, and to propose bill amendments. We have taken pains to explain the rich school choice environment that already exists in Florida and reiterated that no child in Florida is "trapped" in a zoned school. We have stressed the importance of closing the wide accountability gaps that hold private schools serving state scholarship students to different academic and financial standards than public and charter schools.

WISDOM WARRIOR CHALLENGE A RACE & TRACK EVENT FOR SENIORS

It's FREE! Enjoy FREE participation as well as fun camaraderie and giveaways from our generous sponsors!

****Event date 4/15/2023**

****9am - 12pm**

****Jupiter High School Track**

****Email www.WisdomWarriorChallenge.org to enter**

****Contact Dave Whelihan or Erica Sanders 561-379-3125 or Linda Borgmeyer 561-202-7650**

Distances range from 164 ft to 1 mile - Walking devices and wheelchairs are welcome!

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IF you MISSED our March 23rd Water Taxi Cruise, you missed a fun afternoon on the water with our members and guests! We were awed by the sights and homes along the intracoastal Waterway. Pictures were sent out via email to all PBCREA members and there is also a posting on the [PalmBeachCoRetiredEducatorsAssociation](#) Facebook page.

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