

The 2018-2019 Family and Community Involvement Award is sponsored by the Florida PTA, State Farm Insurance, and the Florida Department of Education. The purpose of the award is to promote and recognize innovative school practices that increase family and community involvement. A district selection committee selects two winners to nominate to the Florida Department of Education for their regional awards.

## Congratulations Blue Lake Elementary and Atlantic High 2018-2019 District Winners!



Blue Lake Elementary School's **Family Center** was created to address the school's struggle with the lack of parent involvement and poor performance on state tests. It serves as a central point of contact and gathering place with its comfortable and inviting "Mi Casa es Su Casa" environment. The Family Center provides educational resources, parent training, community contacts, and a friendly setting for parent-teacher conferences. In its first semester, the Family Center greeted over 500 visitors. Working with the school's newly established and now thriving PTA, the Family Center has developed well-attended special events, as well as strong partnerships with local businesses and organizations which have assisted in providing backpacks, food and clothing for families in need.

The **Academies of Atlantic Advisory Boards** aid and support each of the Atlantic High School's academies. The diverse members of the advisory boards have backgrounds that are in alignment with each academy's career focus and include local business partners, community leaders and parents of academy students. These advisory boards assist teachers in making relevant and real-world connections for students in their chosen career fields. They also offer guidance, support, mentoring opportunities and other assistance for student to help put them on a path toward rewarding careers.



<b>2019 Family and Community Involvement Award Nominees</b>	
<b>Elementary Schools</b>	<b>Program</b>
Blue Lake Elementary	Family Center "Mi Casa es Su Casa"
Citrus Grove Elementary	Groovin' at the Grove 5K & Family Fun Run
Coronado Beach Elementary	All Pro Dads
DeBary Elementary	Fall Hoedown
Edgewater Public	Color Splash Fun Run Event
Enterprise Elementary	Light Up Enterprise!
Freedom Elementary	Freedom Cares
George W. Marks Elementary	FFEA
R.J. Longstreet Elementary	Snow Many Books
Louise S. McInnis Elementary	Reading Focus Parent Workshop
Read-Pattillo Elementary	"We're On It"
Spirit Elementary	Multicultural Day
<b>Secondary Schools</b>	<b>Program</b>
Atlantic High	Academies of Atlantic Advisory Boards
Deltona High	Conversational English Class- Online
New Smyrna Beach Middle	Onebeat
River Springs Middle	Social Studies Family Night
Silver Sands Middle	Silver Sands Middle Career Exploration Day