



## Five Learning Years

FAMILY READINESS FOR SUCCESS

The results are in! The Nemours BrightStart! pilot program was a great success. We will be continuing the current program and piloting an expansion into kindergarten at The Webster School. The students showed gains across the board. At Crookshank and Southwoods elementary schools, 16 students were in the traditional BrightStart! Program, with 23 students in the Brightstart! Intervention Program. Those in the intervention program gained 9.57 points while those with no intervention gained 4.69 points. At Southwoods Elementary and The Webster School, 28 students were in pull out intervention groups and 31 were in the non-intervention groups. They realized a gain of 7.82 points and 1.74 points respectively.



## Tools 4 Schools

Over 75 lead teachers and department heads were able to utilize the Bailey Resource Group Depot during an open house in August. Over 1,000 inventoried items and many unique materials were selected for immediate use. The updated system has received over 100 orders since the open house. Many thanks to all of our wonderful donors who make Tools 4 Schools possible. ■

**School Spirit Pays** is a model for fundraising that creates a sustainable stream of residual monthly funding. Businesses can help the St. Johns County Education Foundation (SJCEF) through their credit card processing relationship with School Spirit Pays.

There is no additional cost to the merchant, and it supports St. Johns County schools. School Spirit Pays is competitive in its efforts to match the current fees associated with a merchant's existing credit card processing vendor.

To sign up, please call Donna Lueders at (904) 547-7120. ■

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## Dine at Columbia during September to support Take Stock in Children



Let your appetite do the giving while you support local non-profit groups in Florida by dining for lunch or dinner at the Columbia Restaurant in St. Augustine during the month of September.

**Take Stock in Children**  
Providing college tuition scholarships and a caring adult mentor to deserving low-income students.

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbia Restaurant Community Harvest program donates 5 percent of all guests' lunch and dinner checks to the charitable organizations chosen by their customers. You can help by selecting "Take Stock in Children" on the ballot provided during your lunch or dinner. ■



Community Harvest

Select Take Stock in Children to donate 5% from your lunch or dinner bill in September.

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## Inscribed Brick Program

Save 10% on inscribed bricks. \$20 of each brick sold supports students and teachers in St. Johns County. St.



Augustine's Visitor Information Center is the entry point for most who come to the historic ancient city. Next to the stately building, beneath a canopy of trees and beside the 200-year old Huegonot Cemetery, is a picturesque brick patio surrounding the huge coquina ball that represents the eastern terminus of the trans-America Old Spanish Trail. The patio's inscribed brick project offers a

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rare opportunity to leave your memory within the historic city during its 450<sup>th</sup> anniversary and beyond. When you buy a personalized brick, your name or the name of a loved one or a message will become a permanent part of the memorial patio. The profits from the sale of the bricks help to pay for historic preservation projects within the colonial city. ■

## INSCRIBED BRICKS

in the Oldest City to commemorate a birth, retirement, anniversary, or loved one.

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## Partnerships

SJCEF is honored to retain and grow new partnership opportunities within the community through the **Florida Legislature's School District Education Foundation Matching Grant Program**. These partnerships have a direct impact on student achievement in St. Johns County.



**Beaver Toyota** continues to partner with the SJCEF to two high needs elementary schools. support to Hartley Elementary School and The Webster School

**Carlisle Interconnect Technologies** has renewed their commitment to provide a stronger workforce by training juniors and senior at St. Johns Technical High School to work in the Manufacturing Industry.

**Davidson Realty, Inc.**, and the SJCEF are collaborating to provide support at Pacetti Bay Middle, Wards Creek Elementary, Mill Creek Elementary, and Palencia Elementary schools this year.

"We are very grateful for partnerships that assist the school district's mission of creating educated and caring contributors to the world," commented Donna Lueders, executive director of the SJCEF.

## Take Stock in Children®



CAN YOU HELP MENTOR A CHILD?

A mentor is a trained, adult volunteer who meets with a student at his/her school each week for the purpose of career exploration and college readiness.

Our local program currently has the following needs for 2014-2015:

- Two female mentors at Gamble Rogers Middle School
- Two female mentors at Nease High School

All interested parties can contact, Marci Poston via email at [Marcia.Poston@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Marcia.Poston@stjohns.k12.fl.us) or (904) 547-7120. ■



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