



## Foundation Forum

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This is a monthly newsletter to keep you updated on projects and initiatives of the Pinellas Education Foundation. Please forward this to anyone you feel would be interested in learning more about the Pinellas Education Foundation.

### Cheer On the Home Team at Pinellas County Schools Spirit Night at the Rays

Join us on April 12, 2008 as the Rays take on the Baltimore Orioles at 7:10pm. Come watch as teachers, students, and employees of Pinellas County Schools are highlighted throughout the game!



For this night only, the Rays are offering Pinellas County Schools a \$10 ticket package that will include an Outfield ticket and a voucher for a hot dog, drink and snack (\$28 value). Any student, teacher, support employee, administrator, family member or friend may take advantage of this spectacular ticket package. The first 10,000 fans will receive a Rays visor presented by Catch 47.

Order forms are available through your school administrator. For those at the administration building or alternative sites, contact Nick Grasso at 588-6124 or 588-6125. Employees at Walter Pownall Service Center, contact Sharon Ingram at 541-3526. Checks should be made payable to your school. The deadline to order tickets is March 27; tickets will be distributed April 7 – 11. Tickets must be purchased in advance; this offer is not available through the Rays Box Office.



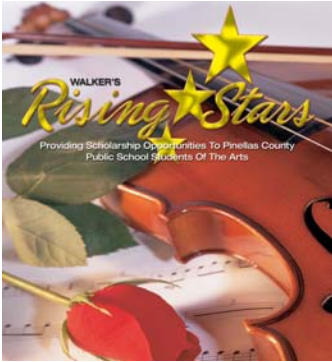
### Round It Up for Education at Sweetbay Supermarkets

During the entire month of April, customers of all eleven Pinellas County Sweetbay Supermarkets will be able to “round it up for education”. As you make your grocery purchases, Sweetbay cashiers will give you the opportunity to donate to the Pinellas Education Foundation by rounding up the value of your purchases. All contributions will be donated to the Doorways Scholarship Program where they will be matched dollar-for-dollar, giving deserving Pinellas County Schools students a chance for a college or technical school education. So shop Sweetbay Supermarkets and “round it up” in April. Thanks Sweetbay!

### Let the Good Times Bowl

The St. Petersburg Times Newspaper in Education program (NIE), with support from the Pinellas Education Foundation, will host a *Let the Good Times Bowl* bowl-a-thon to benefit NIE on Saturday March 29, 2008 noon to 5:00 p.m. at Seminole Lanes, 8668 Park Blvd. N, Seminole. Proceeds will help provide free newspapers and curriculum to Tampa Bay area classrooms.

Registration is \$20 per person (\$100 for team of five bowlers) which includes three games of bowling, shoe rental, lunch, bowling shirts, a team photo and special prize drawings. Bowlers may raise additional donations for NIE and turn them in at the event. **For information on participating in this event, please contact Maria Walkiewicz, 727-893-8969 or [mwalkiewicz@sptimes.com](mailto:mwalkiewicz@sptimes.com).**



## Prepare for the Stars to Come Out

The annual Walker's Rising Stars Awards Show is set for May 28 at 7 p.m. at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater. Get ready now for this star-studded evening as a yearlong, countywide competition culminates with the Walker's Rising Stars Awards Show. Funded by noted neurosurgeon, Dr. Jeffrey Walker, this competition will recognize and provide scholarships up to \$10,000 to our most outstanding public high school junior and senior solo performers in the fields of instrumental music, vocal music, theater, dance and visual arts. More information on tickets will be available from the Foundation in April.

For more information visit our website at [www.PinellasEducation.org](http://www.PinellasEducation.org)

## Hands-On Economic Education Showcase

On Thursday, April 24, 2008 from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm, the Gus A. Stavros Institute will host a *Hand-On Economic Education Showcase*.

All area private and out-of-county schools are invited to explore how their students can become a part of the exciting, innovative learning experiences of Enterprise Village, Finance Park and Career Cove. The Institute provides opportunities for elementary, middle and high school students to experience "real life" situations and prepares them to make decisions which will assist them with adult life, both personally and professionally.

If you know any educators in the area that might be interested in learning more about these wonderful programs, please invite them to attend this free event. Lunch will be provided.

Registration is available at [www.stavrosinstitute.org](http://www.stavrosinstitute.org) or by calling (727) 588-3746.

## Thanks to Our Newest Corporate Ambassadors

Our Corporate Ambassador Program provides opportunities for individuals in businesses throughout Pinellas County to assist in the work of the Pinellas Education Foundation and support the students and educators of Pinellas County Schools. Our Corporate Ambassadors serve as advocates for public education in their various walks of life, assist the Foundation with its fundraising efforts, and carry information about our many programs into the community. Thank you to all of our Corporate Ambassadors and welcome to our newest Ambassadors.

**Ruth Rymal** - This Joe Rocks

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## Seniors & Scholars

The Seniors & Scholars Program was established to provide Pinellas County residents, ages 55 and older, the opportunity to learn about the Pinellas Education Foundation and the programs we offer for students and teachers. We offer a Breakfast Series which gives seniors the opportunity to enjoy a morning of free fun, food, prizes and a variety of informative programs. Breakfast guests may tour Enterprise Village and Finance Park, two of the Foundation's most innovative programs. Since the program began, many Seniors & Scholars members have embraced the mission of Pinellas Education Foundation by volunteering, mentoring, and contributing. To find out more about Seniors & Scholars visit our web site at [www.PinellasEducation.org](http://www.PinellasEducation.org).

## Visit Us and Learn How You Can Change a Life

The Pinellas Education Foundation changes lives through learning by supporting the following programs:

- Enterprise Village & Finance Park promoting free enterprise and financial education for 5th and 8th graders
- Doorways scholarships & mentoring opportunities for financially deserving students
- Frances Stavros Career Education Fund opportunities & the Jacobson Culinary Arts Academy
- College-bound scholarships for graduating high school seniors
- Pinellas County Outstanding Educator of the Year honoring the profession of teaching
- Teacher classroom grants that inspire innovative projects
- Walker's Rising Stars competition featuring talented high school students in the Arts
- Seniors & Scholars breakfast series and events benefiting our 55+ population

We offer one-hour informational sessions to help educate members of the community about the Pinellas Education Foundation and how our programs impact the teachers and students in Pinellas County public schools. These one hour educational sessions include a tour of our world-renowned program Enterprise Village. Won't you join us?

For information on session dates and times, or to schedule a session, contact Marilyn Browne at 727-522-4816 ext 30 or [brownem@pinellaseducation.org](mailto:brownem@pinellaseducation.org).

## Save on Tax Preparation and Support Education

Pinellas Education Foundation business partner, H&R Block, is pleased to offer a special discount to educators and friends of the Foundation on 2008 income tax preparation. Schedule an appointment at your nearest H&R Block office and present the attached coupon to receive a \$20 discount on tax preparation services. In addition, if you are a new H&R Block customer and mention the Foundation and offer code 40000723378936, the Pinellas Education Foundation will receive a contribution of \$25.

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