



Step Up For Students: Success Stories

Success Stories shares good news and recognizes continuous improvement in relationships with families, teachers and administrators.

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Free Professional Learning this Spring!

EDUCATORS ARE LIFELONG LEARNERS.
DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
ENHANCE YOUR TEACHING SKILLS!

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
(CEU's will be awarded upon completion)

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Check website for description, dates/times & locations

REGISTER NOW!!!

<https://sufs.gosignmeup.com>

Registration is not complete until you CHECKOUT

Registration open to any & all educators

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES IN YOUR AREA

Registration for the 2018 Gardiner Event is open now!



Step Up for Students

GARDINER Scholarship Networking Conference

Step Up For Students is sponsoring a Gardiner Scholarship Networking Conference: "Effective Strategies for Supporting Students with Unique Abilities," on **June 8th, 2018**.

This event promises to be a day full of networking and information gathering in the areas of Legislative and Operational Updates, Teaching & Learning, Community Culture, School Security, and Transition Services to meet the needs of special needs students and their families!

[Click here to learn more!](#)

[Click here to Register Now!](#)



Happy Trails to Kaethe Perez

Kaethe Perez will be retiring from Step Up for Students in April 2018. She is a founding member of the Office of Student Learning. She and Dr. Carol Macedonia (Thomas) started working together to create the Success Partners program in 2012. At that point the OSL team consisted of two members: Carol and Kaethe.

In her most recent role as Director of Communications, she took the lead in creating the Success Stories and Admin Advantage News letters. It is through Kaethe's guidance and facilitation that our team has grown to 15 members and continues to expand to serve all private schools in the state of Florida. We are forever grateful for her creativity, her kindness, and her "East"/big picture insight. Kaethe will be moving to Austin, Texas to be near her grandson and take on a new role as full-time Grandma! We will miss you Kaethe!

If you would like to keep in touch with Kaethe or would like to send her your well wishes, you can reach her at kaetheperez@gmail.com.

Attention Broward and Miami-Dade Counties!

Check Out This New Free Resource for Your School



[Click Here to Learn More](#)

As you may know, April is Alcohol Awareness Month. As part of a comprehensive plan to promote safe and healthy schools, Step Up for Students has partnered with education technology company EVERFI to provide the AlcoholEDU for High School online curriculum to **high schools in Miami-Dade and Broward County at no cost.**

Click the button above for more info or **contact Emily Moloney (emoloney@everfi.com)** to bring this resource to your school at no cost.

April Inspirational from Dr. Scott Beck "Be Like A Duck"



Are you feeling a little overwhelmed this month? Get a little encouragement from our monthly inspirational message!

[Read Scott's Inspirational Message](#)

Make This Month All About Mindfulness!



"Students rarely slow down during the day. When they do, it allows them to turn inward and embrace themselves exactly as they are. Over the course of the year, high school students learn to slow down, let go, and find peace through daily mindfulness exercises." Learn more about Mindfulness in Education from the Mindful Schools Blog.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Check Out Khan Academy's Newest Feature!



Woohoo! Khan Academy has announced a significant new feature—the Content tab—that makes it much easier to find and assign content.

From any class, click the Content Tab:

Browse all of the content available for your subject on a single page

- Make assignments directly from the Content tab to whole classes, individuals, or groups of students
- Preview videos, exercises, articles
- View the full set of problems in a given exercise
- Assign several pieces of content at the same time

[Click here to learn more!](#)

APRIL RESOURCES: Free Resources & Activities for the Classroom



Check out this Teacher Toolkit!

Check out this resource from the Florida DOE with Florida standards-based lesson plans and resources for teaching ELA K-12!

[Click here to view the Teacher Toolkit!](#)

Don't miss this set of Florida DOE videos of model lessons on oral language, phonics, fluency, etc.

[Click here to see the videos!](#)



Inquiry & Exploration Based Earth Day Resources

Explore new and review familiar ways to live responsibly with these lessons, projects, activities, and games for grades K-5.

[Click here to view the resources!](#)



5 Literacy Based Ways to Celebrate Earth Day

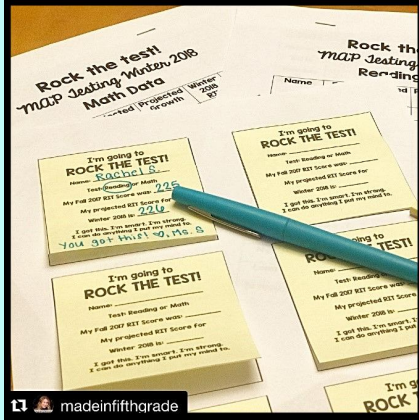
April 22nd is Earth Day, an annual celebration dedicated to environmental awareness.

Discover five ways you and your students can participate in Earth Day while also practicing reading and writing skills.

There is even a free reading adventure pack based on *The Lorax*, complete with hands on activities!

[Click here to read more](#)

MAP GROWTH CORNER: Resources & Activities for Teachers Using NWEA's MAP Assessment



How NOT to get Overwhelmed by Data: Teacher Reports to use Throughout the Year

Top 6 Test Prep Tips from Teachers on Instagram

How do you help students get into the right minds et to do their best on a growth assessment, and try hard without getting frustrated? In this post, you will find ideas specifically for teachers, by teachers.

[Click here to read more!](#)

"Raise your hand if you feel like data is a dirty word? The information you can obtain from these tests is endless. If you let it, it can take hours to look at all the possible reports and breakdowns, which is why I try to focus on a few different tools throughout the year, always knowing that I can get even more information if needed.

So, what do I use, and how do I use it? Here's what a typical school year looks like for me."

[Click here to read the full article](#)

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