

Summer Acceleration Academies Provide Support to Students Needing Academic Boost

Disparities in student achievement existed prior to the onset of COVID-19, but the pandemic has widened those instructional gaps. To address these issues, the School District of Palm Beach County will provide enhanced summer programming, detailed in a comprehensive Student Academic Support Plan (SASP).

The SASP solidifies the District's approach to addressing instructional gaps. As such, Summer Acceleration Academies were created containing strategies to help students prepare for success in the upcoming year. The initiatives are targeted at elementary, middle, and high school students to provide a boost to those students who have fallen behind or need additional support.

The Academies are free, and multiple programs exist that each have different criteria for participation. Students are identified for participation typically based on indicators that they are falling behind academically. The students

will then need to register for a program.

"Since March 2020, the face of education has changed dramatically. Our students have been resilient, and have worked through so many challenges," said Diana Fedderman, the District's Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning. "However, the challenges of distance learning have also taken a toll on the academic progress of many students, and the summer academies will provide the opportunity for advancement. With these programs, students will enter the upcoming year prepared for success."

The programs will engage participants with unique learning experiences in arts, music, physical education, STEM activities, and project-based learning. Students will be exposed to enrichment activities and leave the programs more prepared for success in the upcoming grade level.

The Summer Acceleration Academies will run from June 28 – July 22. It will have Extended

School Year (ESY), English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), and Migrant programs scheduled at cluster sites, centralized locations where students from approximately three schools are supported at a single site.

Programs are available at the various educational levels:

Elementary

- Rising first, second, and third graders: accelerate student achievement in reading and math by providing an engaging

instructional program through project-based learning, STEM/STEAM, physical education, art, music, social-emotional learning.

- Expanded Summer Reading Academy (SRA) for third grade: designed for students in third grade with Level 1 scores on Winter English Language Arts (ELA) Diagnostic. Students will be accelerated for reading on grade level and for promotion to the fourth grade through face-to-face instruction.

Middle

- Middle School Course Recovery: students in the eighth grade are prioritized, and sixth and seventh grade students who need remediation.

- Jump Start to High School: students who have failed two or more grades or students whose age in seventh grade is commensurate with someone who failed two or more grade levels.

High

- Graduation Support Academy: for students who

have not met one or more criteria for graduation. Priority will be given to 12th graders who need to graduate in FY21.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided free to students at summer school sites and summer camp locations. Additionally, bus transportation will be provided for students in all summer programs. For any questions about Summer Acceleration Academies, and to register, families should contact the principal at their child's school.

PBC Criminal Justice Commission to Host Community Forum on Policing

The public is invited to join the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission's Community Engagement Task Force on Wednesday, Apr. 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Palm Beach State College.

This will be an insightful open dialogue of questions and answers on Public

Education and Policing with the School District of Palm Beach County Police Department, Palm Beach State College Office of Security and Risk Management, and Florida Atlantic University Police Department.

The event will be held in person with a maximum of 100 attendees and will be

broadcast live on Channel 20. Others may participate virtually via Webex where questions may also be asked in advance or the day of the broadcast. Email your questions to CJC-PublicForums@pbc.gov.org.

Preregistration is required. To register for the

in-person session or Webex, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/forum-on-policing-in-palm-beach-county-registration-141461040781> [eventbrite.com]

Palm Beach State College is located at 4200 S. Congress Ave., Lake Worth. The event will be held at the Duncan Theater.

Food Brings Us Together

By Helen Vogt Greene

When Lake Worth first began in 1912, one of the first businesses that were needed were grocery stores. Food is one of the main ingredients that brings people together. The first grocery store was opened by Isaac D. Waltz and his wife Lucy. It was located at 110 Dixie Highway, but later it was moved to 812 Lake Avenue. They sold mostly basic supplies for the Pioneer families and guess what? They had the first car in Lake Worth.

If larger quantities of food items, such as flour, sugar and rice, were needed, Elmer Farrow, who owned a dray business made the trip to West Palm Beach each week.

Wooden sidewalks, because the sand was said to be 'kneedeep' were on Lake Avenue. The first stores on Lake Avenue, the first street to be grated, came somewhat as a surprise. It was thought by the developers, Bryant and Greenwood, that Dixie Highways would become the 'shopping Mecca.'

There were no supermarkets. This terminology had not been introduced. The stores or markets sometimes featured one item. If you wanted bread, the Pioneer family would go to the Wonder City Bakery or the Busy Corner. Many baked their own bread at home.

Isaac Waltz and Lucy sold beef. Lots of beef! It

would come as a 'side of beef.' In c. 1914 fresh pork sold for 45 cents per pound.

Dan German owned the Cash and Carry Grocery. On September 23, 1915, German sold his business to Aaron and Pearl Canady. The store became the Canady Cash and Carry. They also purchased a Lake Worth Fruit and Vegetable business.

Dan German did not leave town. He went into the citrus business, planting ten acres west of town. Shipping fruit North became big business. Lake Worth was a 'shipping hub.'

Thomas Tower, who owned a business on Dixie, moved to 801 Lake Avenue. (This building remains an historic treasure.) It later became a Pool Hall.

On January 20, 1914 Otto Schmidt arrived from Chicago. It was his birthday and he already had a job. Otto 'fed' the cylinder press for the "Lake Worth Herald." His wife remained in Chicago until a place to live could be purchased.

In the spring of 1915, the Schmidt's purchased the Illinois Grocery from A.B. Cox. The store was located at 814 Lake Avenue. In 1920, they reported making \$40,000. That was a lot of money and came from good customer service.

During the 1930's George and Sarah Leadley owned Leadley's Brothers. In the early 1940's, the name was changed to Central Market and



the McDermott Family became well known for their wonderful business. (Interesting note: before the Leadley's purchased 810 Lake Avenue, it was a furniture store.)

Fish was a main 'meat staple.' Almost every family, young and old, had a fishing pole and a rowboat. The fish came from the once clean waters of Lake Worth and the Atlantic Ocean, which could only be reached by boat, because there was no bridge until 1919.

There were those who made their living fishing and cleaning their catch to sell. Albert 'Bert' Merrow, pioneer, loved to fish. When the Blue fish were running, school was missed that day.

The Central Market and Hook's Fish Market, at 617 Lake Avenue, were there if you didn't enjoy fishing.

The first fish market was owned by M.A. Mackie and C.E. Foss.

One of our beloved Pioneers, Harvey and Margaret Schuettler owned a grocery store, Lucerne Grocery at 704, on Lucerne Avenue for over fifty years. They had the best beef in town. The Schuttler's arrived in Lake Worth from Cleveland, Ohio in 1912.

By the end of 1916, there were at least 11 food markets in Lake Worth. By the 1930's such as E. Bohren and Son) Dad and Roy) were open at 211 North Dixie. In 1927 W.A. Boutwell and his family began making their mark in the dairy business - big time!

The late 1930's saw the doors of the 'supermarkets' opening. Lovett's, with long time resident, Fred Thomas, manager, was the first to open at 625

Lake Avenue. During this time frame, Piggly Wiggly opened with James B. Graham, manager, at 630 Lake Avenue.

In 1949, the Lovett's Food Store opened with its '100 percent self-service' at 220 North Dixie Highway. Fred Thomas was still the manager.

(History Update: In 1939, the Winn (KwikChek) purchased 51 percent and became Winn-Lovett. In 1945 this company purchased the Margaret Ann stores (We had one). Winn and Lovett purchased the Dixie Home Chain. The name was changed to Winn-Dixie and became part of the BI-LO Holdings.)

The A&P (The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company) became the largest food and grocery business in the U.S. (Lake Worth's store was on the

north side at 922 Lucerne (across from City Hall). In 1920's it became part of Food Fair. In 1958, it was purchased by Best Market with the logo "Pantry Pride."

Are you confused yet? A&P became Food Fair and Pantry Pride. They moved the store to 508 North Dixie Highway. In 2015, A&P filed for bankruptcy. But Helen, aren't there are still A&P stores? You are correct! There are some that are still operational, but are privately owned.

Our Publix, which we all love and appreciate, opened on April 28, 2011. They employ well over 100 people and are located at 2nd Avenue North and North Dixie Highway. Stop by and wish them a Happy 10th Birthday! And, don't forget, it was food that brought us together.