Outstanding work is being done every day in Duval County Public Schools. The 180 Days & Ways to be Public Education Strong campaign (#MyDuval180) highlights facts, figures, and features about students, teachers, administrators, schools, and departments for each day during the school year. Check out our Facebook, Twitter, and 180 Days Web page daily for new information, facts, and stories.

Schools throughout the district have held assemblies and celebrations in recognition of Black History Month. Guest speakers have talked to students at LaVilla School of the Arts, Mayport Coastal Sciences Middle School, Joseph Stillwell Military Academy of Leadership, Love Grove Elementary School, and Pine Forest Elementary School. Both Mayport and Stillwell honored African-Americans in the military. Students at Jean Ribault High School were recognized by the Commissioner of Education’s African-American History Task Force for participating in “306: African-American History.” Meanwhile, for the entire month, students and staff at Fletcher Middle School have decorated doors that paid tribute to the local and national grounds of African-American memorial. These are just a few of the many ways Duval County Public Schools students and staff have celebrated Black History Month. #MyDuval180

Spotlight

Former Ambassador Talks to Students at Terry Parker High School

Students from Terry Parker High School are taking part in the Great Decisions Program that is being sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Jacksonville. As part of the program, students are preparing for an International Crisis Management Exercise, in which they will play the part of US leaders trying to diffuse a potential crisis situation. To help them prepare, former United States Ambassador Marilyn McAfee spoke to the students last Wednesday. She described real-world experiences based on her personal experiences in Iran, Iraq and other Middle Eastern and Central Asian countries.