Enable Reading with 21st Century Skills

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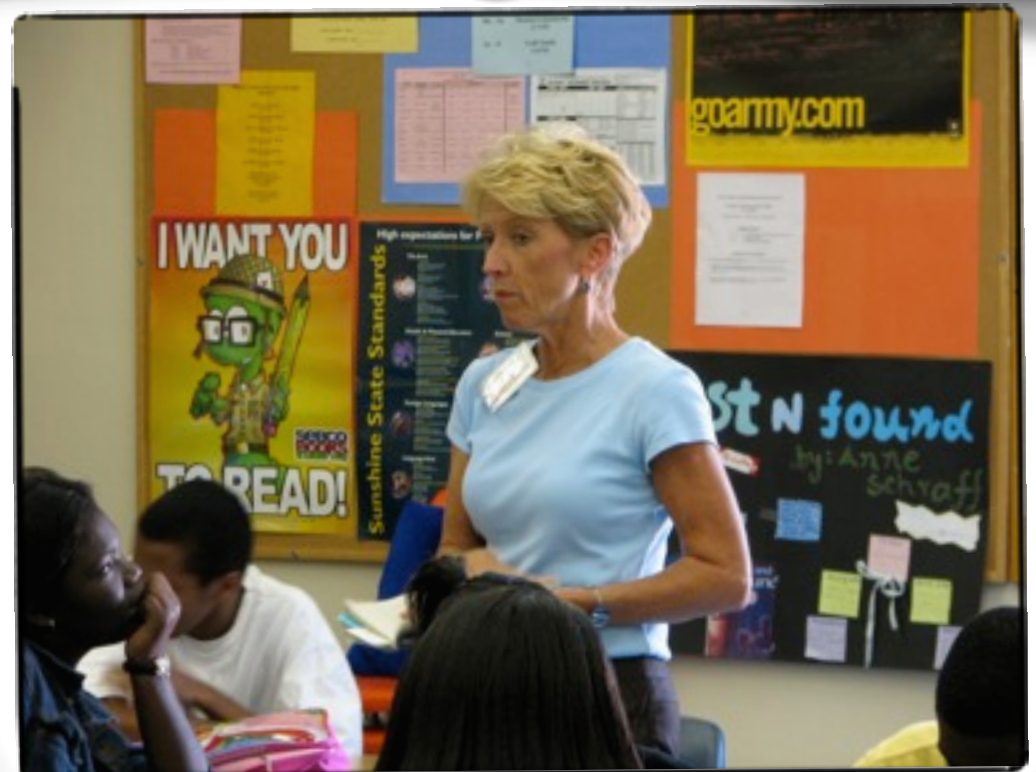Debbie Svec

About Us

John Long, Specialist

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Inspiration

Session Objectives

- Provide an overview to how teachers and media specialist use tools like iPods, laptops, and Web 2.0 tools to improve reading comprehension

- To showcase active strategies utilizing digital tools that improve reading comprehension and develop lifelong learning

- To hear from students and educators that use these strategies and how it impacts their environments

A little bit about Palm Beach County

- We are the 12th largest school district in the U.S.

- We are the fifth largest school district in Florida

- We have an enrollment of 168,342 students

- We have 185 schools

- We have 12,541 teachers in the district

- We have 149 languages/nationalities represented in this District

State Standardized Test

2%
2%
16%
16%
65%

Legend:
- A
- B
- C
- D
- F
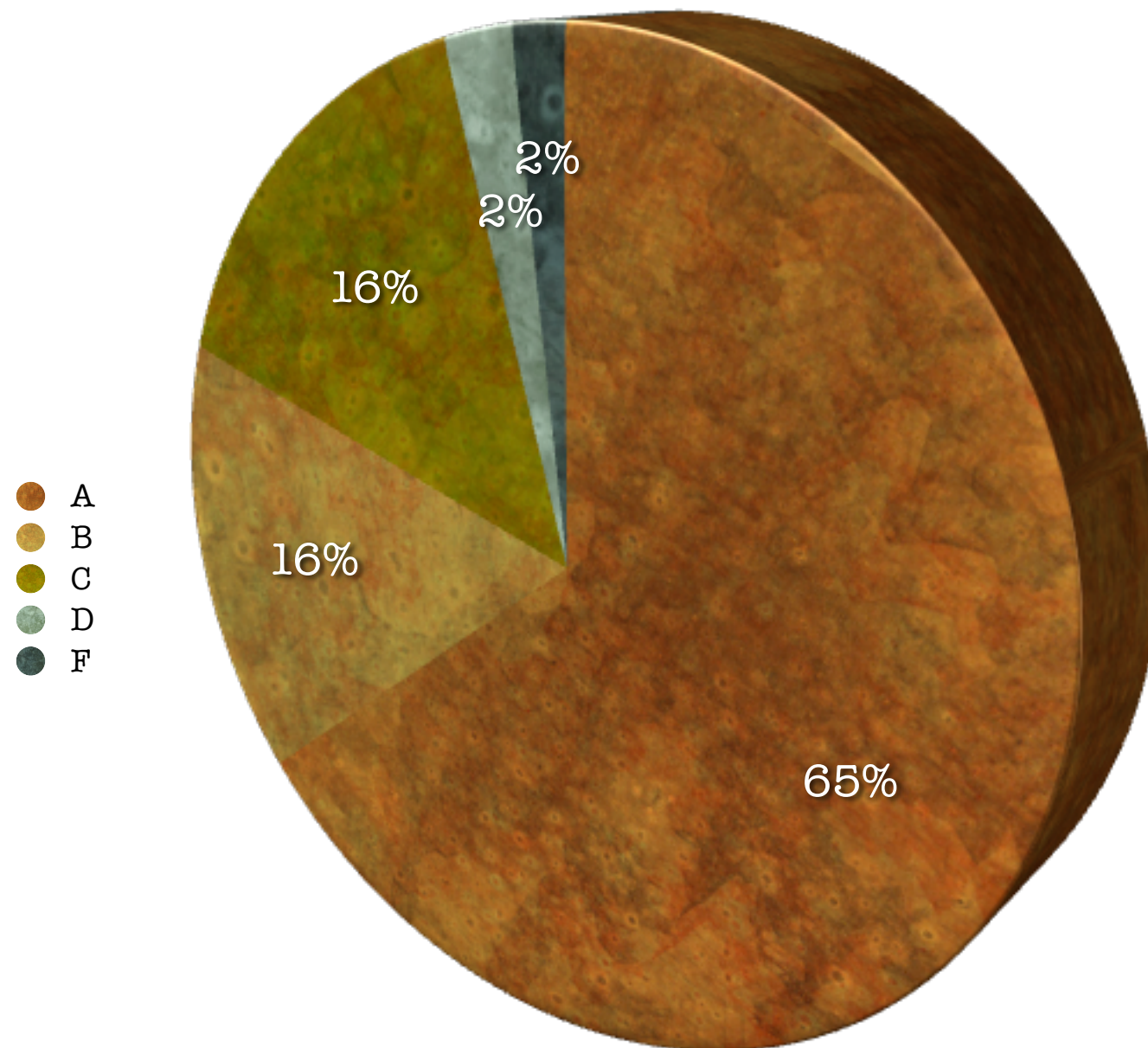
School District of Palm Beach County School Grades

based on

Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT)

Identify Needs

- 73% Graduation Rate

- District has not made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in the past two years

Palm Beach Gardens High

- Needs

  - 4th most urban school in district

  - 58% free reduced lunch

  - Went from D to B and still struggle to make AYP

Strategies

Digital Reading Portfolio

Use of capturing samples of students reading to encourage improvement

Graphic Organizers

Helps students organize thoughts and processes to clearly help with comprehension

iPods/ iRead

Checking out iPods with print copies of books so that they can listen and read builds fluency

Strategies

Gaming Software

Cranium Core builds comprehension and excitement for reading

Podcast

Students talk about reading through discussion and book talks

Web Chats

Interact with authors or software designers to learn more about the process

Digital Reading Portfolio

- Capture students reading samples throughout the year

- Capture using iPods, GarageBand, or Video

- Store digital reading portfolio for authentic assessment

Organizing a Digital Reading Portfolio

Digital Reading Portfolio

Graphic Organizers

- Use Inspiration and/ or Kidspiration to organize thoughts

- Brainstorm

- Develop Character Webs

iPod/ iRead

▷ Check iPod out with text version and pencil

▷ They get the audio with text to enhance fluency

▷ Use with intensive readers

iRead

Building love for reading

Gaming

▷ Read Aloud
▷ Play the Game
▷ Discuss and Defend

Cranium CoRE

▷ Reading, Writing, and Listening Skills
▷ Engagement Factor
▷ Resource to Intervention Strategy
▷ www.craniumcore.com

Teacher Feedback

Justin Gilken

Student Feedback

Fritzgerald

NCLB Projects/ Podcast

MOD Squad

- Stands for Multimedia on Demand
- Digital Storytelling
- Guides

Tech Ambassadors
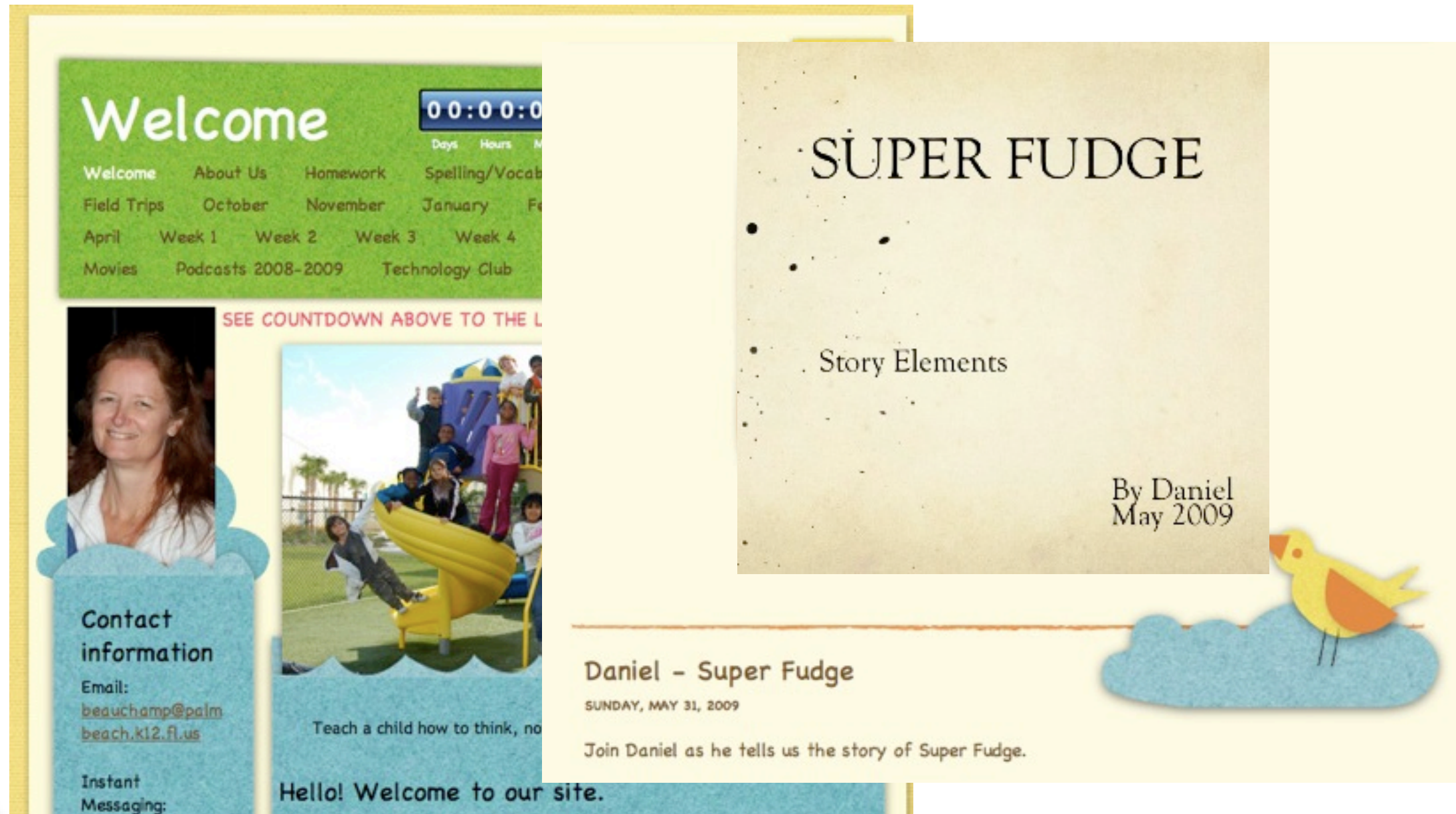
- Elementary Level
- Future Mentors
- 240 Educators from 108 Schools

Team TLC

- Technology, Leadership, and Collaboration
- Media Specialist
- Digital Literacy Hubs

Examples/ Elementary

Example/ Middle

Example/ High

Web Chats

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Does it make a difference?

Thank You!

It makes a difference in our student's lives and we hope it will impact yours as well.

Have a great conference!