

**THE BUZZ**



*The Putnam County School District Office nominee for Support-Related Employee of the Year is Ilene Langston. Ilene is the Executive Secretary for Information Services at the District Office. She is always going above and beyond to assist others. We thank you for all that you do. Congratulations, Ilene!*



- 1 – School Board meeting**
- 6 – Daylight Savings Time (Fall back)**
- 8 – Assistant Principal meeting**
- 11 – Veteran’s Day**
- 22 – School Board meeting – 10:30am**
- 23-25 – Thanksgiving holidays**
- 29 – Principal meeting**

**hello fall**  
*Bucket List*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Visit an Apple Orchard         | <input type="checkbox"/> Visit a Pumpkin Patch  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make Caramel Apples            | <input type="checkbox"/> Carve Pumpkins         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drink Apple Cider              | <input type="checkbox"/> Roast Pumpkin Seeds    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make Crafts with Fallen Leaves | <input type="checkbox"/> Go Through a Corn Maze |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have a Picnic at the Park      | <input type="checkbox"/> Make S'Mores           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Go on a Nature Scavenger Hunt  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Go on a Hay Ride               |   |



# Energy-Saving Tips

Right in your own home, you have the power to save money and energy. Saving energy reduces our nation's overall demand for resources needed to make energy. Here are a few tips to show how easy it is to cut your energy use at home and on the road.

- Seal air leaks and insulate your home properly so your energy dollars don't seep through the cracks
- Use efficient systems to heat and cool your home. Properly maintain and upgrade equipment. Install a programmable thermostat.
- Turn things off when you are not in the room such as lights, TVs, entertainment systems and your computer and monitor
- Plug home electronics, such as TVs and DVD players, into power strips; turn the power strips off when the equipment is not in use – TVs and DVDs in standby mode still use several watts of power.
- Use the right water heater, insulate it, lower its temperature and use less water.
- Install energy-efficient windows
- Choose energy-efficient lighting
- Use energy-efficient electronics
- Choose efficient transportation



## October 2016 Assignments

KanDee Bacon, Browning-Pearce  
Travis Bellamy, Maintenance  
Yolanda Brady, Middleton-Burney  
Christie Coleman, NEFEC  
Todd Crowley, Crescent City High School  
Bobby Cunningham, Interlachen Elem  
Peggy Harrelson, Kelley Smith  
Wilbert Hough, Palatka High School  
Ryan Hyde, Transportation  
Justin Keene, Maintenance  
Alicia Rasnake, Miller Middle  
Christopher Robinson, NEFEC

## October 2016 Retirees

Debrah Parrish, Interlachen High



## CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE

### NOTIFICATION

Emails regarding certification experience will be sent by email beginning in October...be on the lookout!

Contact Sheri Wilkinson (386) 329-0547 if you have questions.



Are you ready to enjoy a healthier lifestyle AND reduce your risk of heart disease? **Keeping the Pressure Down (KPD)** is a 6-week program that provides practical, healthy tips for individuals with or at risk for high blood pressure. The program will provide strategies for a healthier lifestyle and support for making positive changes. There will be incentives, taste testing and more! Don't wait - Now is the time to learn how to keep your pressure down!



Classes begin Wednesday, October 19th and will meet weekly through the week of November 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:30p-6:30p at the Extension office in East Palatka. Cost: \$35. **Registration is required** and closes September 30<sup>th</sup>. Registration: <http://bit.ly/2bug9O6>  
Questions? [wendyw74@ufl.edu](mailto:wendyw74@ufl.edu)



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***Jackie Smith, Personnel Specialist***  
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## Fun Facts: **THANKSGIVING**

- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Minnesota is the top turkey-producing state in America, with a planned production total of 46.5 million in 2011. Six states—Minnesota, North Carolina, Arkansas, Missouri, Virginia, and Indiana—account for nearly two-thirds of the 248 million turkeys that will be raised in the U.S. this year.
  - The National Turkey Federation estimated that 46 million turkeys—one fifth of the annual total of 235 million consumed in the United States—were eaten at Thanksgiving.
  - Cranberry production in the U.S. is around 750 million pounds. Wisconsin, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oregon and Washington are the top cranberry growing states.
  - Illinois, California, Pennsylvania and New York are the major pumpkin growing states, together they produced 1.1 billion pounds of pumpkin in 2010. Total U.S. production was over 1.5 billion pounds.
  - The sweet potato is most plentifully produced in North Carolina, which grew 972 million pounds of the vegetable in 2010.
  - According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the largest pumpkin pie ever baked weighed 2,020 pounds and measured just over 12 feet long. It was baked on October 8, 2005 by the New Bremen Giant Pumpkin Growers in Ohio, and included 900 pounds of pumpkin, 62 gallons of evaporated milk, 155 dozen eggs, 300 pounds of sugar, 3.5 pounds of salt, 7 pounds of cinnamon, 2 pounds of pumpkin spice and 250 pounds of crust.
  - Originally known as Macy's Christmas Parade—to signify the launch of the Christmas shopping season—the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade took place in New York City in 1924. It was launched by Macy's employees and featured animals from the Central Park Zoo. Today, some 3 million people attend the annual parade and another 44 million watch it on television.
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