

As educators, we are trusted, and we have power! PCTA & PESPA, through the Pinellas Common Good Campaign, in partnership with our local, state, and national partners will continue to intentionally be involved in community. Our initiatives and priorities for 2024 will continue to focus on housing and public educator pay for our Pinellas County educators and families in our community! We must now our rights and must know where to access our community resources! Join us as we continue to build a base that is ready to take action and build consistency between our actions actions. For more information on how to become a part of the PCGC Coalition please visit www.PCTA-PESPA.org (Pinellas Common Good Campaign)

HOUSING & COMMUNITY Resources

Pinellas Common Good Campaign

Please check out the list of ever growing housing and community resources we have listed on our website (www.PCTA-PESPA.org/commongood). We hope this webpage will help many families across our community. If you have resources you know we should add to our list email jamie.beck@floridaea.org.

WORKING TO BUILD A BETTER COMMUNITY!



Bay News 9

On January 8, 2024 the day before the start of Florida legislative session, Pinellas Common Good took a stand in solidarity with our statewide and community partners. Meeting on the steps of St. Pete City Hall to say it loud: When corporations pay their fair share and our elected officials prioritize working people, we can truly build a Florida For All!! PESPA President, Nelly Henjes alongside PCTA President, Lee Bryant spoke on behalf of all educators in Pinellas County urging local leaders to prioritize educator pay in our Pinellas County Public Schools.

1,500 BOOKS - READING OPENS THE WORLD

On January 15, 2024, Pinellas Common Good partners celebrated the life and impact of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. PCGC in partnership with The American Federation of Teachers, Reading Opens the World initiative to

“give children and young people free books to read, love and keep, and to open their world.”

~Randi Weigarten, AFT President

During the event 30 volunteers walked the Dream Big Parade route handing out 1,500 free books, journals, and pencils to parade goes along the parade route in downtown St. Petersburg, Florida.



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARADE



DID YOU KNOW?

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MANY FLORIDIANS WHO THINK THEY'RE REGISTERED TO VOTE BY MAIL, ARE CURRENTLY NOT!

2024 is an important election year for many local elections. Primary elections are quickly approaching and PCGC has been active across Pinellas County reminding people to check their voter registration status. We encourage you to use MakeAPlanToVote.com to check your registration status right now. In 2021, numerous unnecessary changes to Florida's voting laws. Voters must now request a mail ballot every general election cycle. Progress Florida has made this process super easy at MakeAPlanToVote.com and their sister site PlanificaTuVotoFL.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pinellas Common Good Campaign

GET INVOLVED!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024



<http://tinyurl.com/37cdcuxn>

PEOPLE-POWERED

Education & Elections

We know that no matter what you look like or what kind of transportation you take to school, work, or to the polls, we are stronger when we work together. We are facing a lot of elected officials in Tallahassee who value greed over the needs of the people.

Join us for this *two-part, in-person* event on Saturday, February 10, where we'll talk about how we can best use our people power to:
1) help protect and strengthen our public schools and
2) to put the people back in elections in 2024.

Saturday, February 10

Location: Clearwater (TBD)

People-Powered Education

Lunch

People-Powered Elections

Doors open: 9:30

1:00-1:45

Event start: 2:00

Event start: 10:00

Event end: 5:00



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024

FEBRUARY 12
7:30 PM

FAMILIES STRONG PUBLIC SERVICES

A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON PUBLIC EDUCATION WITH DESCENDANTS OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

JIMMIE B. KEEL
REGIONAL LIBRARY
2902 W BEARS AVE,
TAMPA, FL 33618

MODERATED BY:
JESSICA WRIGHT, M.ED.
EDUCATOR &
PUBLIC ED ADVOCATE

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This panel discussion will bring together generational survivors of the Holocaust to share their stories, and those of their family, during and following the Sho'ah (calamity). Moderated by educator and public school advocate, Jessica Wright, we'll discuss the importance of continuing to share these stories and teaching honest histories in our public schools. Viewers will have the opportunity to ask questions of guest speakers following the discussion, and light refreshments will be served. <http://tinyurl.com/2sjane79>

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024

2024 Black History Month Theme:
Celebrating African Americans in the Arts

Event by ASALH of Tampa Bay and West Central Florida Labor Council

Movie Screening & Panel




Thursday, Feb. 15th
6:30 pm (Doors Open at 5:30pm)
3102 N. Habana Ave, Tampa, FL
(Hillsborough CTA Hall)

This Black History Month, help us "Celebrate African Americans in the Arts" by joining us Thursday, February 15th, for a movie showing and panel discussion of "10,000 Black Men Named George." In conjunction with the Hillsborough Classroom Teachers Association (HCTA) and the West Central Florida Labor Council (AFL-CIO), we will be watching and discussing this amazing film as it chronicles union labor leader, A. Philip Randolph, as he works to organize the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters (Pullman Porters) in the early 1900s. Doors open at 6pm. Movie begins at 6:30pm at Hillsborough CTA Hall <http://tinyurl.com/vpxpnrrj>