

Bulletin Update - Florida Mentoring

October 18, 2005

Mentoring Awards of Excellence - Due October 28, 2005

Mentors who have demonstrated exemplary service during July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005, will receive a vacation cruise for two donated by Carnival Cruise Lines. They will also be recognized at a special mentoring event at the Governor's mansion. Nominations forms on-line at http://www.flamentoring.org/awards_of_excellence_form.php

Reading in the Arts Contest

Governor Jeb Bush and First Lady Columba Bush have launched a statewide reading in the arts contest for students in grades 3-12 focused on the book *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis. The contest, sponsored by the Just Read, Florida! initiative, will coincide with the nationwide release of the Walt Disney Pictures and Walden Media film adaptation of the renowned story on December 9, 2005. "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe is a story many of us read in school. Now, as the magic of Narnia takes to the big screen, we have the opportunity to share the same adventure with our children and students," said Governor Bush. "This reading contest will bring the story of the Wardrobe to life, encouraging creativity and allowing students to share their own vision of the timeless story." The contest, "Florida's Journey into the Land of Narnia," is open to all students in grades 3-12 in public, private and home schools. Three winners will be chosen based on the following categories:

- Elementary School, Grades 3-5: Short Essay Contest
- Middle School, Grades 6-8: Illustration Contest
- High School, Grades 9-12: Short Video Contest

Winners will receive prize packages including a private screening of the movie, a weekend stay at Disney's Swan and Dolphin Resort, dinner at Orlando's Medieval Times, movie memorabilia and more. Teachers of winning students and their classrooms will also receive prize packages. In addition to contest rules and deadlines, educators can find free posters, educator guides and lesson plans created and provided by Walden Media. Contest information can be found at www.justreadflorida.com or by calling (850) 245-0503. Entries must be postmarked to designated entry submission locations no later than 5:00 PM EST on Friday, November 25, 2005.

Mentoring of Children of Prisoners Programs Award Congratulations to the Southeastern Network of Youth and Family Services, Bonita Springs, Florida, for the \$100,000 award from the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB). Awards are being provided to programs to respond immediately to hurricane disaster evacuee needs in their States and local communities. For more information: Curtis O. Porter, Director, Youth Development Division, Family and Youth Services Bureau, 330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Phone: 202-205-8102.

Mysteries in the Middle Workshop - November 3, 2005

Train-the-Trainer Workshop at Jones High School, Orlando, Florida. For more information: Brittney E. Jones, Coordinator, Families Building Better Readers, Florida Department of Education, (850) 245-0839, brittney.jones@fldoe.org.

Please forgive any cross-posting and advise us at flamentoring@aol.com if you would like names added or deleted from the Bulletin Update - Florida Mentoring. For prior issues, please visit the Florida Mentoring Partnership, under Bulletin Updates at: <http://www.flamentoring.org>.

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