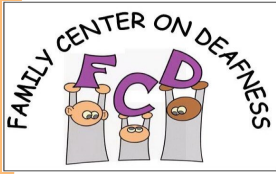


OCTOBER 2019



# Hand Talk

## MISSION STATEMENT

The **FAMILY CENTER on DEAFNESS** empowers Pinellas County families with deaf or hard of hearing members by providing programs and services to promote communication and independence.

## Busy Fall Planned for FCD

Every fall, the Family Center on Deafness starts their educational programs and services to provide for the needs of our participants.



Starting October 7th sign language classes will be held at the FCD office in Largo on Monday nights 6:00 - 7:30 pm. This six-week series of classes are open to all adult family members for just the cost of the materials (\$15), and to community members for \$50.

Since school has started our tutoring programs have also started for middle and high school student. Every Tuesdays and Thursday students are able to get the extra help they need to have a successful school year. For elementary children, REACH provides homework help and tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Our middle school students are also participating in a "Battle of the Books", where they are reading the book "Song for a Whale", then doing fun educational and art projects related to the story.

## FREE AMPLIFIED PHONES

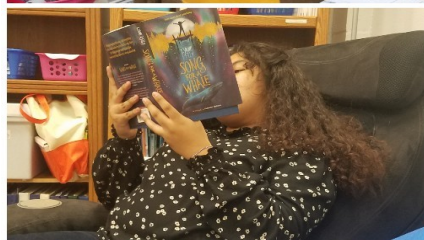


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Check our website  
for latest news and  
announcements!



## Battle of the Books



BOOK DISCUSSIONS WILL BE  
CONDUCTED WEEKLY, TUES/THURS  
AFTER SCHOOL AT FCD.

A FUN  
READING  
ACADEMIC-  
BASED  
COMPETITION  
THAT  
ENCOURAGES  
DEAF/HARD  
OF HEARING  
STUDENTS  
TO READ  
GRADES





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**Volunteers**

Bianna Greene	Marquez Robinson
Mikail Baptiste	Sirrenna Petty
Denis Sofr	Zoe Schonmann
Amanda Reener	Branson Barnhart
Bridget Phelan	DiQwan Johnson
Rene' Vojnovic	Cienna Toro
Denice Simmons	Katie Killebrew
Kimberly Albury	Alex Jenkins



Girl Squad is a group of girls from grades 5-12 who get together monthly to participate in fun team building activities, to learn about themselves and issues of relevance to teen and pre-teen girls, and to develop friendships and support each other.

Some of the activities the girls have enjoyed in the past include Yoga Practice, Self Defense Training and Spa Day.

This month, the Girls Squad will meet on Friday, October 18th at 4:30 p.m. to practice applying scary make-up in preparation for FCD's Halloween Party on October 25th. If you would like more information about this group, contact Addie at 727-403-5711 or [addie@fcdpinellas.org](mailto:addie@fcdpinellas.org)

## FCD HALLOWEEN PARTIES

**Join Us!**

Friday, Oct. 25th  
5:00-8:00pm



First United Methodist Church  
Friendship Hall  
421 Main St. Dunedin  
Wear your Costumes  
Food provided  
ASL Halloween Stories  
Crafts  
Spooky Haunted House

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

We are looking for enthusiastic actors and creative people to help us decorate! We start at 12 pm to set up the event. The event and the doors will be open at 6pm. You can bring your friends and family!

Questions or concerns, please contact Franklin at (text) 727-674-3685 or (voice) 727-235-6281.  
Email: [Franklin@fcdpinellas.org](mailto:Franklin@fcdpinellas.org)

**REACH HALLOWEEN PARTY**

Wednesday October 30  
This year, kids can bring their costumes and wear them during the Halloween party. REACH will have pizza as well so that kids are fed in case they want to trick or treat after leaving REACH.

## Open Captioned Movies at Studio Movie Grill

If you like going out to the movies, but don't like using closed-captioned devices, FCD has partnered with Studio Movie Grill in Seminole to provide open-captioned movies once or twice a month on Sundays. The next movie is October 20th. For tickets and other information go to [www.studiomovie.com](http://www.studiomovie.com)

## Budding Artists Shine At REACH

Children in the REACH elementary after school program recently had the opportunity to learn about Picasso and paint their own pillows thanks to the hard work and generosity of volunteer Rene Vojnovic.



### Family Center on Deafness Staff

**Julie Church** Executive Director  
**Kathy Kemp** Office Manager  
**Franklin Smith** Lead Youth/Family Support Specialist  
**Addie Osmar** Youth/Family Support Specialist  
**Caitlyn Dollar** Youth /Family Support Specialist  
**Sally Shortz** Program Support Specialist  
**Dawn Varner** Youth/Family Support Specialist  
**Gwen Sand** FTRI Supervisor  
**Lisa Kingston** Employment Specialist  
**Tracy Kasch** Program Manager

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH**  
**SHARE THE LOVE WITH FCD**

**BIKES CARS TRUCKS**

**SHOW**

TROPHIES TO TOP 3 OF EACH  
ANGELA'S CAR SHOWS

QUAKER STEAK & LUBE  
BEST WINGS USA

100% OF THE PROCEEDS TO GO DIRECTLY TO:

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The mission of the Family Center on Deafness is to "empower Pinellas County's Deaf Community by providing opportunities to enhance communication, education and independence."

**RAFFLES - AUCTIONS - 50/50 DRAWINGS**

All Profits from the FCD annual poinsettia sale support 2020 summer camp programs for Deaf and hard of hearing students.

**Final Deadline for Orders is November 20**

The annual poinsettia sale is a terrific way to help FCD provide quality, accessible, and educational summer camp experiences for our students. In addition to changing lives, the plants for the sale are all sourced locally and support local growers.

Plants are reasonably priced between \$5 and \$20, and purchases can be made by cash, check, credit card.

To view our plant catalog or to place an order, go to [www.fcdpinellas.org](http://www.fcdpinellas.org)

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