

# ***The Reading Edge***

*The Newsletter of the Duval County Reading Council*

*August 2007*

[duvalreadingcouncil.org](http://duvalreadingcouncil.org)

## **Duval County Reading Council 2007-2008 Meeting Calendar**

### **General Membership Meetings**

**Thurs., Aug. 30**

**Dr. Jack Pikulski**  
Sponsor: Houghton Mifflin  
Location: Schultz Center  
Time: 6:00 P.M.

**Thurs., Oct. 4**

**Candy Dawson-Boyd**  
Sponsor: Pearson-Scott Foresman  
Location: Schultz Center  
Time: 6:00 P.M.

**Thurs., Nov. 8**

**Debra Frasier**  
Sponsor: Harcourt-Brace  
Location: Rhonda Baggett  
Time: 6:00 P.M.

**Thurs., Jan. 17**

**TBA**  
Sponsor: Options Publishing  
Location: Schultz Center  
Time: 6:00 P.M.

**Thurs., April 10**

**TBA**  
Sponsor: TBA  
Location: Schultz Center  
Time: 6:00 P.M.

**Thurs., May 8**

**Installation**  
Location: Schultz Center  
Time: 6:00 P.M.

### **Special Events**

**September 6-9**

**Florida Reading Association's 45th Annual Conference**  
Shingle Creek Resort Orlando, FL

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## Dr. Jack Pikulski

Jack Pikulski is Professor of Education at the University of Delaware, where he has been Director of the Reading Center, Department Chairperson, and President of the University Faculty Senate. He has served as a reading and psychological consultant to numerous school districts and reading and governmental agencies throughout North America. His current research interests focus on strategies for preventing reading problems and the teaching and developing of vocabu-

lary. An active member in the International Reading Association, Dr. Pikulski has served on its Board of Directors, chaired various committees, contributed a monthly column to its journal, and was president of the association in 1997-98. He is the co-author of *The Diagnosis, Correction, and Prevention of Reading Disabilities* and *Informal Reading Inventories*, and has been inducted into the prestigious Reading Hall of Fame.

Please see the DCRC Building Rep at your school to renew your membership! You can also renew at the first meeting on August 30th. Last year we had 43 schools with 100% membership-keep sharing the benefits of DCRC with your colleagues and we will top that!

Alice Smith, Membership Development  
Henry F. Kite Elem. #37



The Building Heart into Reading program with Habijax will continue this year. More information to come at our second meeting and on our website at [duvalreadingcouncil.org](http://duvalreadingcouncil.org). So don't hesitate to join in as an individual, class, or group.

Deb Dresbach,  
Building Heart into Reading

### FRA's 45th Annual Conference

**September 6-9, 2007**

**Shingle Creek Resort  
Orlando, FL**

**[www.flreads.org](http://www.flreads.org) for conference  
details**

# What's in Your Book Bag?



## FRA Children's Book Award

*Qualities of Effective Teachers* 2<sup>nd</sup> edition  
by James H. Stronge  
ISBN 978-1-4166-0461-7 ASCD

*Qualities of Effective Teachers* 2<sup>nd</sup> edition validates what it means to be an effective teacher. This book is truly one that all educators can benefit from reading. James Stronge focuses specifically on what teachers **can** control: their own preparation, personality, and practices.

Chapter titles include:

- Prerequisites for Effective Teaching
- The Teacher As A Person
- Classroom Management and Organization
- Planning and Organizing for Instruction
- Implementing Instruction
- Monitoring Student Progress and Potential
- Effective Teaching: What Does It All Mean?

Because continual professional growth directly improves the quality of learning for all students, this book is a must read.

Michelle Stinson  
2007 Duval County Teacher of The Year  
Henry F. Kite Elementary

Florida Reading Association's Book Award encourages young children to become enthusiastic about books by soliciting their votes for the Children's Book Award. Once students have heard/read at least five of the eight Children's Book Award titles, they are eligible to vote for their favorite. Participating schools should register between Sept. 1st and Dec. 17th. Registration is online at [www.flreads.org](http://www.flreads.org). (See children's book award section).

Presenting this year's collection.....

*Carmine: A Little More Red*  
by Melissa Sweet

*Fancy Nancy*  
by Jane O' Connor

*The Gingerbread Girl*  
by Lisa Campbell Ernst

*This Jazz Man*  
by Karen Ehrhardt

*Mammoths on the Move*  
by Lisa Wheeler

*Moose Tracks*  
by Karma Wilson

*One More Sheep*  
by Mij Kelly and Russell Ayto

*What a Day it Was at School*  
by Jack Prelutsky

The 2006-2007 Winner was *The Three Silly Billies* by Margie Palatini. Each school with 100% membership will receive a copy of this book for their school library at our first meeting.

Anne Draper,  
FRA Children's Book Award



**Duval County Reading Council**

**2007-2008**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please check here if you have **changed schools** this year.

Former school name \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

Please check here if you are a **New Member** (not on last year's membership list).

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Nancy Laszlo, Beauclerc Elem. #230  
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## President's Message.....

What an exciting time of year this is! All the ads in the newspaper and on TV indicate that we should be stocking up on school supplies. Even the grocery stores have specials on portion-size, ready-to-eat lunches. Educators across Duval County (and the nation) have a certain twinge of anxiety that comes with starting up with a new group of students and figuring out how best to meet each one's individual needs. The beginning of a new school year is an opportunity to reflect on what has worked well in the past and apply all the new ideas you've received from various sources throughout the summer and over the years. As a member of Duval County Reading Council, an extremely valuable on-going resource is available to you through our nationally-renowned speakers and peer interaction at our five General Membership meetings held at the Schultz Center throughout the year. Not only that, the Florida Reading Association is holding its state conference in Orlando on September 6-9, 2007. To learn more about these wonderful professional development opportunities, visit the Florida Reading Association's website at [freads.org](http://freads.org) and our website at: [duvalreadingcouncil.org](http://duvalreadingcouncil.org).

Our theme this year is "Reading is a Treasure". Just about every activity we have been involved in this summer has involved reading to some degree. Imagine not being able to read a map, or a street sign, or a pamphlet, or the newspaper, or a novel, or Harry Potter! It is up to each one of us to share with students the love of reading. We serve as role-models each time we talk about what we did over the summer. May you continue to treasure the special moments you enjoyed as you launch into the exciting journey of discovering the treasures yet to be uncovered in our classrooms.

Lynette Weber  
President

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Did you know you can access Reading Council newsletters and other council information on our website at [duvalreadingcouncil.org](http://duvalreadingcouncil.org)? It's worth checking out.