

Letter from the President  
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Dear FSUS Families,

It was great to see so many of you at this week's General Assembly. I'd like to thank our guest speakers, Principal Trafford and Dr. Wicker, for providing us with a lot of information about issues that are on everyone's mind right now.

Principal Trafford previewed this year's FCAT testing. He stressed that the best way to prepare our children for these tests is with a good night's sleep, a good breakfast and prompt arrival at school. He also encouraged everyone to read the FCAT Guides that came home in the backpack mail. Principal Trafford's also updated everyone on the campus construction projects. Our students and teachers can look forward to much-needed classroom space in the fall.

Dr. Wicker outlined the technological, educational and budgetary challenges that face our school. These are uncertain times, and FSUS and all of our K-12 schools are in serious budgetary crisis. Dr. Wicker encouraged everyone to visit her link on the school website, [www.fsus.fsu.edu](http://www.fsus.fsu.edu) to keep up with the latest news. Look out for notices from our Legislative Chair, Precious Boatwright, for upcoming opportunities through Florida PTA to make our voices heard to our legislators.

Our meeting was also a time of celebration as we congratulated the winners of our PTA Reflections student art competition. This year's theme was "Wow," and we are so proud of the middle and high school students who submitted entries. A huge thank you also goes to the teachers who supported this program and encouraged their students to participate. Read more about our Reflections winners further down in this newsletter.

FSUS PTSA has a full Spring calendar. We will be working on school-wide recycling, planting a Spring garden, raising funds with a motivating "Fun Run" Spring Fundraiser, providing FCAT snacks and senior scholarships, hosting more family fun nights, The Elementary Reading Challenge, The Bike Rodeo, The Health and Safety Fair, our Teacher Staff Appreciation Week and more. We will offer plenty of volunteer opportunities so please jump in and give your time wherever you can.

We will get through these tough times together. I have been proud to witness our FSUS community support each other in good times and in bad, and I have faith that our school will emerge stronger than ever.

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FSUS PTSA President