

BOARD UPDATE- June- Community Development

- On May 4th, Jim Adams presented a recognition award to the Green Cove City Police department for their planning and implementation of the Teen Summit. The presentation was made at the Green Cove City Council meeting at 7pm. A mention of the presentation was made in the Times Union on May 8th.
- On May 13th, Florida's Chief Child Advocate Jim Kallinger made a visit to Jacksonville to promote adoption, specifically adoption of sibling groups, children over the age of 8, and those with special needs. A press conference was held in the conference room at FSS. Mr. Kallinger visited with the Morgan family who will be adopting a sibling group of 5 boys. Coverage of the event was captured by Channel 4, Action News, First Coast News, Times union, as well as several independent websites.
- On May 15th, 16 FSS youth participated in a fishing trip/junior angler tournament at the Conch House in St. Augustine. The tournament was part of the David Garrard Foundation's annual Fishing tournament. Each youth received a fishing rod, tackle box, beach towel, breakfast, lunch, and a prize upon arrival back to shore. The children were treated to not one, but 4 NFL players joining them on the boat! Josh Scobee, Sean Considine, and Zach Miller of the Jaguars and Joe Zelenka of the Falcons went along to share in the fun. Others joining on the fishing trip were Melanie Lawson and Tarik Minor of Channel 4 and the staff of Coastal Angler magazine. Jaxon Deville was waiting for everyone when the boat arrived back at the dock. Everyone was treated to lunch and prizes before departing.
- FSS held its annual Academic Award & Ounce of Prevention luncheon on Saturday, May 22nd from 11am-1pm. This year the event was hosted at the West Touchdown Club of the Jacksonville Municipal Stadium. 36 FSS youths received awards for academic achievement as well as the Ounce of Prevention essays. All of the children were treated to a tour of the Jaguar locker room and weight room by the Jaguars themselves! Attiyah Ellison #99 attended the luncheon with 4 other players new to the team.
- FSS participated as an exhibitor and sponsor at the statewide FADAA (Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association) and also exhibited at the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce Business Expo.
- FSS was again highlighted at the annual Junior League of Jacksonville's Installation of new officers by presenting FSS with a Legacy Donation.
- FSS received a large In-Kind donation from Girls on the Run at their 5K race. Girls on the Run is a mentoring project for women and young girls in Duval County schools.
- Annual Surf Camp is being planned for June 19th.