

Wednesday, May 14, 2014



Manatee County Rural Health Services, INC

"Proudly serving our community for 32 years!"

The Bradenton Times

More than an Online Newspaper - Free Every Day - info@thebradentontimes.com

BASED ON KELLEY BLUE BOOK'S FAIR PURCHASE PRICE, MOST PEOPLE PAID LESS AT AutoNation.

From Nov. 1, 2013 to Dec. 31, 2013, the majority of new vehicles at AutoNation-branded locations were sold below KB3 Fair Purchase Price for the applicable market area. KB3 Fair Purchase Price is a registered trademark of KB3.com.

AutoNation Ford Bradenton

- Homepage
- News
- Community Info
- Events Calendar
- Weather Links
- News Archives
- Digital Ads
- About Us

Home

Change Text Size: [Larger](#) [Smaller](#)

News Section: Schools and Education

Manatee Community Action Agency Reports Significant Improvements in Test Scores to Its Pre-K Program

Published Monday, May 12, 2014 12:05 am by [Staff Report](#)

BRADENTON - The Manatee Community Action Agency recently shared information indicating that test scores for the students in its Pre-K program have improved significantly three years after the program's sites were rated as below-average.

The turnaround comes after the MCAA's voluntary Head Start program adopted a new curriculum following the given dismal ratings.



The organization reports that the InvestiGator Club's curriculum, which its website says focuses on "ten critical domains of learning, including literacy, math, science, social studies, oral language, and creative arts," translated into strong and fast positive results.

The change of curriculums was not completely embraced by all at the Pre-K sites before the implementation was made, as advised by MCAA Head Start Director Kathy Patreka in an IGC-published [article](#). "Many of our educators were apprehensive about making the switch. However, once they saw the potential of The InvestiGator Club, teachers were excited to take the whole program to their classroom," said Patreka.

Olivia Hoff, Account Coordinator for education P.R. firm C. Blohm & Associates, said through email correspondence that teachers involved in the InvestiGator Club's program have "raved about the detailed lesson plans provided, the organization of the curriculum and the additional resources the kit provides. Each one of these things lead to less stress, more engaged students and increased creativity in planning lessons."

In subjects from science to math as well as for oral language development and social-emotional growth categories, the [curriculum](#) leans heavily on investigation and inquiry-based activities. on a daily and weekly basis.

Praise for the curriculum was also given in a 2007 [study](#) by the Educational Research Institution of America, which found that test scores post-curriculum change "improved statistically significantly" for the total group of studied students.

The same finding was reported for students categorized in ethnic minority groups as well as the majority group; for students receiving special services, as well as those categorized as economically disadvantaged.

Join the conversation post Facebook comments here or on our site at the bottom of article.

Events Calendar May 2014

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Month at a Glance>>

More Events>>

Current Weather



Thunderstorms likely
High 88

[More >>](#)

Sponsored by:



Manatee Road Watch

Order What You Need

No waste - No mess

CONCRETE-ON-CALL

TAMPA BAY

YACHT

management



Bills Discount Center
New - Used

Furniture Appliances and more!

Serving Manatee since 1964

The Bradenton Times Polls

Poll Question:

Do you think Florida's efforts in developing the use of solar energy have been ...

Sorely Lacking

Impressive

In Addition to Facebook Comments You Can Also Post Comments Below

Fairly Adequate

Submit

[More polls »](#)

Non-Facebook Comments:

