



Education and Exhibits Update: October 23rd, 2019

1. This fall, Director of Education Dr. Zack Jud has written and submitted **5 grant proposals totaling \$70,000, plus \$1,000 in fishing equipment** (for our annual youth fishing clinic). An additional \$20,000 in grant funding awarded in FY2019 will be utilized for educational programming during FY2020.
2. Our annual **Ais on the Lagoon Community Paddle and Breakfast** was held on Sunday, September 22nd. Participants enjoyed a leisurely paddle along the shoreline of the Indian River Lagoon, with a stop for breakfast at the Coastal Center. After breakfast, guests enjoyed a historical presentation by noted author and historian Sandy Thurlow, and a brief Coastal Center update by FOS Executive Director Mark Perry.
3. During our annual **September closed week**, Education Department staff worked to clean, repaint, and repair exhibits and signage throughout the Coastal Center and nature trails.
4. Education Specialist **Shannon Dack celebrated her 9th anniversary with FOS** in September.
5. Shannon led a guided tour of the Coastal Center and a private sea turtle presentation for a visiting group from the **Florida Marine Science Educators Association (FMSEA)**.
6. Education Specialists Yasmeeen Fadlallah and Dakotah Tanczuk designed and facilitated a **special activity for Coastal Center guests in honor of "Estuaries Month."** Guests had the opportunity to participate in an interactive experiment focused on the effects of ocean acidification on marine invertebrates.



7. Yasmeen and Dakotah attended a workshop at the Oxbow EcoCenter where they learned about an **Indian River Lagoon-themed board game called "Lagoonology."** We are exploring the possibility of including the Lagoonology game as an interactive exhibit in the Ocean EcoCenter's science classroom.
8. Yasmeen led a sea turtle-themed **outreach presentation for guests at the Hutchinson Island Marriott Beach Resort.**
9. Yasmeen also led a special **"Truth about Sharks" field trip for a local homeschool cooperative group.**
10. The Education Department modified **nature trail signage and maps** to assist guests with wayfinding along the nature trail during construction of the Ocean EcoCenter.
11. Zack gave **two outreach lectures this month**, one for the P.E.O Sisterhood Women's Club, and another for the Kingswood Condominium Women's Club. Both organizations provided FOS with an honorarium.
12. Zack was featured in a WPTV **news story about cyanobacteria** in an Indian River Lagoon tributary, as well as a **TCPalm article about seagrass recovery** in the Indian River Lagoon.