

TELEVISION QUARTERLY ISSUES-PROGRAMS REPORT

Station: WFGX-TV
Location: Fort Walton Beach, FL
Quarter ending: December 31, 2015

ISSUE/description: 3. EDUCATION: Local availability of higher education; teacher salaries and benefits; crime and violence in schools; curriculum matters; method of handling poorly performing schools and teachers; school vouchers; costs; minority concerns.

How Issue was treated (Program, PSA, etc.):

<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time/Duration</u>	<u>Program type</u>	<u>Description</u>
1. The Right Side with Armstrong Williams	10/11/15	12:00PM/30 minutes	Public Affairs	*

* Principals Kandi Fleming-Jones and April Scott discussed their vision and programs for the new school year.

2. The Right Side with Armstrong Williams	10/18/15	12:00PM/30 minutes	Public Affairs	**
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** Dr. Corinne Edwards, Saginaw Township School District Director of Learning, and Mark Abenth, Principal of Sherwood Elementary discuss how parental involvement creates a successful school.

3. Channel 3 News at 9PM On WFGX	11/09/15	09:00PM/2 minutes	News	***
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*** Local middle and high school students showed off their smarts at the Best Robotics Competition Practice held at the University of West Florida. The theme this year was Mining. Students have been working hard to design and build a robot to extract materials found in mines and Saturday they put their robots to the test. "Today is simply a practice run so they can basically bring in their robots they designed and build to see how they work in our field," said Dr. Brad Regaz, Best Robotics Hub Director. You can see the robots in action at the competition on November 7th at the UWF Field House at 9 a.m. In a second story, we reported on hundreds of students from Okaloosa and Walton counties participating in the one-mile "Walk for Respect" over the weekend, an even focused on bullying prevention and helping teens learn about healthy, non-violent relationships.

4. Channel 3 News at 9PM On WFGX	11/09/15	09:00PM/1:33 minutes	News	****
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**** Getting a kid excited about school on a Saturday sounds like a tall order, but nobody in the room was complaining. Saturday Scholars pairs local elementary students with military mentors, the sailors and Marines from Corry Station. Seaman Recruit Cookson said the activities encourage imagination and build relationships. There's also a Saturday Scholars version of military physical training. Saturday it was a game of kickball. Saturday Scholars runs for five weeks twice a year. It's held at different schools every session. It's motivating 50 kids at Jim Allen Elementary in Cantonment and nobody is quibbling about which service is the best. Organizers say it's the oldest running program of its kind in the nation, now in its 30th year.

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5. Channel 3 News at 9PM On WFGX	11/09/15	09:00PM/2:46 minutes	News	*****
***** Ricki Vann reported that superheroes come in all different shapes and sizes with different powers and capabilities. To some fourth graders at Navarre Intermediate Elementary School, a group of football players from Navarre High School are real life superheroes. The football players are a part of a program called "Raider Role Models." This program was started by fourth grade teacher, Cassie Nolan. The football players come to the elementary school to mentor the kids on Thursdays. Nolan said there are eight teachers participating in the program and about twenty Navarre High School football players who come to the school.				
6. Channel 3 News at 9PM On WFGX	12/15/15	09:00PM/2 minutes	News	*****
***** Christina Leavenworth reported on two new career academies are now coming to Escambia County schools. The county is sponsoring a Firefighter Academy at Pine Forest High School and a Criminal Justice Academy at Escambia High School. The goal is for graduates to have a basic understanding of the job and then it will be much easier to train them straight from high school.				
7. Channel 3 News at 6PM On WFGX	12/15/15	09:00PM/1 minute	News	*****
***** A number of students at Bellview Middle School spent the day on Tuesday teaching. About 125 students went to the elementary school to read to and mentor select students. Administrators say the program is not only enriching for the younger ones but for the mentors as well. The middle school students had to apply to be part of this mentorship program and receive special training in how to talk to younger students.				
8. Channel 3 News at 9PM On WFGX	12/15/15	09:00PM/2 minutes	News	*****
***** Anthony Pura reported that a controversial sign in Santa Rosa County classrooms stating that "students are invited to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country, but are not required to do so", may lead to a new law modernizing the language written 70 years ago. Rep Doug Broxson, Rep. Mike Hill and Sen. Greg Evers held a public hearing Tuesday night at Pace High School to address some of the concerns many have raised over the signs. The signs went up in classrooms back in October, after a student and parent complained to teachers saying the Pledge of Allegiance isn't only optional, but the law requires the school to remind students they don't have to take part in it. Broxson said the original law was written 70 years ago. He believes the language needed to get revamped to fit its intent. Broxson along with Evers and Hill are drafting a bill that would clarify what's expected from students in regards to the Pledge of Allegiance. They're also proposing that a reminder in the student handbook be enough to satisfy the law.				