



What is Grit?

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Over the past two years, we have talked extensively about mindset, and I often get questions from you about the relationship between a growth mindset and grit.

Angela Lee Duckworth addresses this concept in her TEDx Talk, [Angela Lee Duckworth: Grit: The power of passion and perseverance](#), during which she shares the following message:

“Grit is passion and perseverance for very long-term goals. Grit is having stamina. Grit is sticking with your future, day in, day out, not just for the week, not just for the month, but for years, and working really hard to make that future a reality. Grit is living life like it's a marathon, not a sprint.”



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All the best,

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Florida's First Lady and Teacher of the Year Have a Special Message for Our Students

Florida's First Lady Ann Scott and the Florida Department of Education have partnered with the Florida Lottery and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to help students maintain and improve upon the skills *you* taught them this school year.

Mrs. Scott and 2017 Teacher of the Year Jessica Solano recorded a special message that we hope you will share with your students to encourage them to take the Summer Literacy Pledge and make reading a part of their daily routines.

[TO WATCH THE VIDEO, CLICK HERE.](#)

Five District Employees Earned \$4,750 as 2017 School-Related Employee of the Year Finalists

Congratulations are in order! Earlier this month, Education Commissioner Pam Stewart announced the five finalists for the 2017 School-Related Employee of the Year. This program recognizes outstanding education support personnel for the significant contributions they make to the students and families in their schools and districts.

The following individuals will be recognized on April 21 in Orlando, and one will be named the statewide School-Related Employee of the Year:

- Alachua County – Eunice Johnson, Irby Elementary School
- Pinellas County – David Melnick, Lake St. George Elementary School
- Highlands County – Donna Peavy, Avon Park High School
- Brevard County – Jamie Skinner, Ralph Williams Elementary School
- Palm Beach County – Jane Winters, Beacon Cove Intermediate School

This is a great opportunity to thank your school's support staff for all of their hard work!

Learn more about the five finalists for the 2017 School-Related Employee of the Year [here](#).