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**WALTON ELECTIONS OFFICE CONDUCTS  
LOCAL SCHOOL BOOK ELECTIONS**

**DeFuniak Springs, FL** (April 9, 2009) – *Sloppy Copy Slipup*, *Gooey Jellyfish*, and *The Stupendous Dodgeball Fiasco* were just a few of the books that local elementary and middle school students were able to vote for during this year's Sunshine State Young Reader Book Award and Florida Reading Association's Book Award Elections. During the first week of April, the Walton County Supervisor of Elections Office conducted book elections in Bay Elementary School, Freeport Elementary School, and Freeport Middle School. West DeFuniak Elementary School's book election will be on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Florida Association for Media in Education (FAME) and the Florida Reading Association (FRA) provides the book lists. The FRA creates a list of books for grades K-2<sup>nd</sup>, while FAME creates two lists, one for grades 3-5, and one for grades 6-8. The results are accumulated throughout the state, and the results are posted on their websites. The statewide results should be posted by the end of the month and can be found at the links below.

- FRA - <http://www.flreads.org/>
- FAME SSYRA - <http://myssyra.org/>

Mr. Beasley and his staff look forward to returning every year to the schools to participate in their book elections. "We have the opportunity to make an early impression about what it means to vote and how important that right is to all Americans. I enjoy being able to meet with these enthusiastic young students and demonstrate the voting process," said Beasley.

The Walton County Elections Office makes the effort every year to visit as many schools as possible to conduct book elections. Approximately 1700 Walton County students in grades K-8<sup>th</sup> participated in book elections conducted by the Walton County Supervisor of Elections Office this year.

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