



## MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Where Learning Has No Boundaries

### UPDATE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



October 16, 2009

On Thursday, October 15th, I attended the DUI Prevention program at South Fork High School. This event provided a powerful message to all of those who had the opportunity to attend. Renee Napier, a Florida mother who lost her daughter in a DUI accident, shared with students and the community her emotional story and her desire to turn this tragedy into an opportunity to raise awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving.

The program also included presentations by local father Tim Stone, whose daughter Sarah died in an alcohol related accident. He was joined by the driver responsible for the crash, Stephen Bromstrup. Both men urged students to make good choices and think about the potential consequences of their actions.

Sitting in the audience listening to all three speakers, it was impossible not to be moved. It is my hope that their combined message will make a difference in the lives of our young people. I would like to thank the Martin County Sheriff's Office for partnering with the district to make this presentation possible, as well as Ms. Napier, Mr. Stone, and Mr. Bromstrup for taking the time to speak to our students at South Fork High School, Indiantown Middle School, and to the community.



Pictured L-R: Paul Bromstrup, Stephen Bromstrup, Suzanne Bromstrup, Tim Stone, Renee Napier, Superintendent Nancy Kline, Lt. Morgan Sprott, Principal Patricia Schmoyer, Asst. Principal Emilio Gonzalez, and Sheriff Robert Crowder.

#### FTE Week

This week has been FTE (Full Time Equivalency) Week for the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE). This enrollment count is extremely important as it is used by the state in determining the amount of funding school districts across Florida will receive. The preliminary results of this count should be available by early next week.

The October FTE count is also used in determining compliance with class size reduction. This year, the calculation remains at school wide averages and the district expects to be in compliance.

#### H1N1 Vaccination Clinics

The Martin County Health Department will be holding a series of vaccination clinics to offer the H1N1 vaccine to students and their siblings. The clinics will take place after school hours at three school sites in the county— Indiantown Middle School, Jensen Beach High School, and Anderson Middle School. The vaccinations will be voluntary and parents or guardians must be present for those under the age of 18.

***Families will be receiving additional information from the Health Department about these clinics, including clinic dates and times.***

#### KEY Committee

And finally, I'm excited to announce that the date for the first KEY Committee meeting is November 10th. KEY stands for Kids, Education, and You. The goal of this Superintendent's Stakeholder Group will be to share ideas and provide feedback on district initiatives. I believe that by working together we can continue to move our school district to even higher levels of success.

Sincerely,

**Nancy Kline  
Superintendent  
Martin County School District**