



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

LIZ PERLMAN
DIRECTOR

KEITH OSWALD
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

DEPARTMENT OF K-12 CURRICULUM
3300 FOREST HILL BLVD., C-223
WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33406-5813

Ph: 561-434-8255 Fax: 561-434-8091
www.palmbeachschools.org

October 17, 2012
Bulletin # HSP-1960-CLS/K12C

Contact:

William Stewart, Jr./PX 48974

Information Only

TO: High School Principals

FROM: Janis Andrews, Ed.D., Chief Academic Officer *JA*

SUBJECT: WORLD AIDS DAY VOLUNTARY REMEMBRANCE ACTIVITY

The first week of December is nationally recognized as World AIDS Awareness Week, and December 1st is known as World AIDS Day. The Palm Beach County HIV/AIDS Community Planning Partnership (CPP) has requested that The School District of Palm Beach County voluntarily participate in marking this event through the reading of a passage to students and staff. You are invited to read the attached statement on the morning or afternoon announcements between Friday, November 30, and Friday, December 7, 2012, as World AIDS Day falls on Saturday, December 1, 2012.

The CPP also has AIDS Awareness Ribbon stickers for eleventh and twelfth grade students. If you would like to distribute these stickers, please contact William Stewart at PX 48974 or William.Stewart@palmbeachschools.org with the number of eleventh and twelfth grade students and the contact person to whom they shall be delivered at your school.

For more information, please contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at (800) CDC-INFO [(800) 232-4636] or at www.cdc.gov.

EWG/JA/KO/LP/WSK/DF/WPS:gb

Attachment

Approved by: _____
E. Wayne Gent, Superintendent

The School District of Palm Beach County – Rated “A” by the Florida Department of Education 2005 - 2012
“Home of Florida's first LEED Gold Certified School”
www.palmbeachschools.org

The School District of Palm Beach County is an Equal Education Opportunity Provider and Employer



World AIDS Day December 1, 2012



The following information may be read on the morning or afternoon announcements to recognize World AIDS Day (December 1st) 2012.

The 25th commemoration of World AIDS Day on December 1st draws people together from around the world in solidarity to pay tribute to the millions of people who have lost their lives to AIDS, show compassion for those living with HIV/AIDS, raise awareness of the global impact of HIV/AIDS, and celebrate victories that are allowing more people to live longer and healthier lives.

This year's theme, "Getting to Zero," is about reducing new HIV infections, discrimination and AIDS related deaths to zero through increased advances and equal access to HIV prevention, testing, treatment, and care.

According to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

- There are 56,300 new infections annually in the United States.
- The Miami, FL Region (which includes Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties) ranks **#1 in the country** in the rate of new HIV cases *and* the rate of new AIDS cases.
- Half of all new US infections *occur in youth* under the age of 25.

While these statistics are grim, HIV is 100% preventable and you can take precautions to protect yourself from becoming infected. You have the power to prevent it. Show compassion for those who have been infected. Get the facts about HIV, Get tested, and Get to Zero.

For more information, please refer to the following websites:

www.pbchd.com

www.cdc.gov

www.who.int

Palm Beach County Health Department
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
World Health Organization

The School District of Palm Beach County – Rated “A” by the Florida Department of Education 2005 - 2012

“Home of Florida's first LEED Gold Certified School”

www.palmbeachschools.org

The School District of Palm Beach County is an Equal Education Opportunity Provider and Employer