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**ACTION BY:**  
For Information Only

**TO:** All Principals

**FROM:** Judith Klinek, Chief Academic Officer 

**SUBJECT: NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK, NOVEMBER 12-20, 2011**

The week prior to Thanksgiving, November 12-20, 2011, is National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. The School District has designated the month of November as Homelessness Youth Awareness Month. Student Intervention Services, which coordinates services for homeless children as required by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, supports efforts to increase awareness and sensitivity to homelessness in our school community. The Homeless Education Assistance Resource Team (HEART) is available to assist homeless students and families across the district. A contact list is attached. During 2010-2011, over 1440 students were identified as homeless. More than half of our student body lives in poverty.

There are several meaningful strategies to help acknowledge this week and focus attention on homelessness as it impacts children and youth in our community. High school *Students for the Poor Clubs* are conducting a toiletries drive for We Care kits for homeless students. The Faces of Homelessness Speakers Bureau from the Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County has speakers to talk to students and provide activities. Books related to homelessness may be read or shared with students. Details and more information, including an Activities Report, are attached.

Please ensure that the *Information for Parents* poster is posted at your school. The poster delineates the definition of homelessness and children's rights to attend school. Florida Homeless Education flyers should be available in the front office of the school.

Thank you for making the National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week a success at your school.

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Attachments: HEART Contact List, *Students for the Poor* We Care Kits flyer, Faces of Homelessness Speakers Bureau, Hunger and Homelessness Bookshelf, Activities Report

Approved:   
William F. Malone, Superintendent

## Faces of Homelessness Speakers Bureau

The Faces of Homelessness Speakers Bureau of the Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County is an ongoing project established to create awareness and educate the community about the true nature of homelessness in Palm Beach County. The speakers consist of a diverse group of people who have volunteered to speak out and share their personal experience with homelessness. Presentations are tailored to the age group.

- Presentations for children ages 3-7 include the reading aloud of a children's book about homelessness, a brief activity session where children share their thoughts and feelings about homelessness, ending with a positive message about people who experience homelessness.
- Presentations for children aged 8-12 consist of a short video about homelessness and a verbal presentation from one of our speakers (content will be appropriate for audience age). After the story, students will have a question and answer session for the speaker and the moderator.
- Children ages 12 and up will listen to the stories of two speakers, with a question and answer session afterwards.

The speakers help dispel common myths and untruths about homelessness. The speakers and presentations will touch our students' hearts and generate compassion toward others in this unfortunate situation.

The group hopes to give at least two presentations per day at local Palm Beach County Schools during the week of November 12-20, 2011 in honor of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

Contact Yolanda Kennedy at The Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County at 561-355-HOME (4663) or Beth Lefler at [beth.lefler@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:beth.lefler@palmbeachschools.org) 738-2954/PX 22954 to schedule a presentation.

**National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week**  
**November 12-20, 2011**  
**Hunger and Homelessness Bookshelf**  
**Recommended Books, Movies, and Websites**

BOOKS		
Non-Fiction	Grades	Author
<i>Black Potatoes: The Story of the Great Irish Famine</i>	6-10	Susan Campbell Bartoletti
<i>Changing Places: A Kid's View of Shelter Living</i>	4-8	Margie Chalofsky
<i>Feed the Children First: Irish Memories of the Great Hunger</i>	4-12	Mary E. Lyons
<i>Home is Where We Live: Life at a Shelter through a Young Girl's Eyes</i>	4-8	Bonnie Lee Groth
<i>Homeless Children</i>	4-8	Eleanor H. Ayer
<i>Homelessness</i>	7-12	Sara Dixon Criswell
<i>Homelessness: Can We Solve the Problem?</i>	4-6	Laurie Rozakis
<i>Homelessness: Whose Problem Is It?</i>	Young Adult	Ted Gottfried
<i>The Lost Boys of Natinga: A School for Sudan's Young Refugees</i>	5-8	Judy Walgren
<i>Orphan Train Rider: One Boy's True Story</i>	4-8	Andrea Warren
<i>The Other America: Homeless Teens</i>	Young Adult	Gail B. Stewart
Fiction	Grades	Author
<i>Asphalt Angels</i> (mature themes)	10-12	Ineke Holtwijk
<i>Darnell Rock Reporting</i>	4-7	Walter Dean Myers
<i>Dew Drop Dead</i>	4-7	James Howe
<i>The Hundred Dresses</i>	3-7	Eleanor Estes
<i>The King of Dragons</i>	4-8	Carol Fenner
<i>Money Hungry</i>	5-8	Sharon G. Flake
<i>Rodzina</i>	4-7	Karen Cushman
<i>Soul Moon Soup</i>	7-10	Lindsay Lee Johnson
<i>Where I'd Like to Be</i>	4-7	Frances O'Roark Dowell
Picture Books (can be used successfully by all grades)		Author
<i>The Adventurous Chef: Alexis Soyer</i>		Ann Arnold
<i>The Can-Do Thanksgiving</i>		Marion Hess Pomeranc
<i>A Castle on Viola Street</i>		Dyanne DiSalvo-Ryan
<i>Fly Away Home</i>		Eve Bunting
<i>The Long March: The Choctaw's Gift to Irish Famine Relief</i>		Marie Louise Fitzpatrick

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<i>Potato: A Tale from the Great Depression</i>	Kate Lied
<i>Sally's Journey</i>	Ralph da Costa Nunez
<i>Sam and the Lucky Money</i>	Karen Chinn
<i>The Teddy Bear</i>	David McPhail
<i>A Train to Somewhere</i>	Eve Bunting
<i>Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen</i>	Dyanne DiSalvo-Ryan
<b>MOVIES</b>	
<p>"Easy Street," 2006.</p> <p>"Homeless to Harvard: The Liz Murray Story," 2006.</p> <p>"Pursuit of Happiness," 2006.</p>	
<b>WEBSITES</b>	
<b>General</b>	
<a href="http://www.nationalhomeless.org">www.nationalhomeless.org</a>	<a href="http://www.endhomelessness.org">www.endhomelessness.org</a>
<a href="http://www.naehcy.org">www.naehcy.org</a>	<a href="http://www.secondharvest.org">www.secondharvest.org</a>
<a href="http://www.bread.org">www.bread.org</a>	<a href="http://www.oxfam.org">www.oxfam.org</a>
<b>Curriculum and Lesson Plans</b>	
<b>Elementary, K – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</b>	
<a href="http://learningtogive.org/lessons/unit103/lesson5.html">http://learningtogive.org/lessons/unit103/lesson5.html</a>	Hunger and Homelessness
<a href="http://learningtogive.org/lessons/unit103/lesson6.html">http://learningtogive.org/lessons/unit103/lesson6.html</a>	Homelessness
<b>Elementary, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	
<a href="http://learningtogive.org/lessons/unit449/lesson1.html">http://learningtogive.org/lessons/unit449/lesson1.html</a>	Hunger
<b>Middle School, 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	
<a href="http://www.miamisci.org/tec/mssindex.html">www.miamisci.org/tec/mssindex.html</a>	"Homeless" by Anna Quindlen
A unit on homelessness prepared by Anna Quindlen and appropriate for middle school students.	
<b>High School, 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	
Homeless Education Planning Resource Guide, Chicago Public Schools	
<a href="http://www.oism.cps.k12.il.us/pdf/curriculum/appendix_e_bibliography.pdf">www.oism.cps.k12.il.us/pdf/curriculum/appendix_e_bibliography.pdf</a>	
<b>Additional K-12 Curriculum and Lesson Plans</b>	
<a href="http://learningtogive.org/lessons/search/#subject">http://learningtogive.org/lessons/search/#subject</a>	

**For more information, contact Beth Lefler, HEART Coordinator, Student Intervention Services**  
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Homeless Education Assistance Resource Team

## **NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK Activities Report**

The week prior to Thanksgiving, November 12-20, 2011, is National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week. The School District has designated the month of November as Homelessness Youth Awareness Month. These events promote education, action, and awareness about hunger and homelessness around the country and in our own backyard. Last year, the School District's Homeless Assistance Education Resource Team (HEART) identified and served over 1,440 homeless children.

**Please tell us about your activities during this time.  
Suggested Activities (see Bulletin # P-14064-SCLE/SIS)**

- Food for the Poor Clubs Toiletries Drive for the We Care Kits
- Hunger and Homelessness Bookshelf (Thematic Readings and Discussion)
- Faces of Homelessness Speakers' Bureau Presentation
- Other:

Comments /Outcome:

Name of School:

Contact Person:

Telephone Number:

**Email or fax this form to Judith McInnes: [judith.mcinness@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:judith.mcinness@palmbeachschools.org) of fax- 561-366-6940/PX 76940.**

For more information about homeless children and youth, or if you know students who are homeless, please contact HEART at 366-6940 or go to [http://www.palmbeachschools.org/sis/McKinney\\_Vento.asp](http://www.palmbeachschools.org/sis/McKinney_Vento.asp)

