



PREVENTION AND WELLNESS

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Principals

SUBJECT: World AIDS Day 2009

All Polk County Schools and district office personnel are encouraged to participate in the observance of World AIDS Day on Tuesday, December 1, 2009. The theme for World AIDS Day 2009 is *'Universal Access and Human Rights'*. Global leaders have pledged to work towards universal access to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care, recognizing these as fundamental human rights. Valuable progress has been made in increasing access to HIV/AIDS services, yet greater commitment is needed around the world if the goal of universal access is to be achieved.

The most effective way to prevent your family members and loved ones from being infected by HIV is to educate them about the virus. Education is crucial in both helping to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS and ensuring compassion for those affected by HIV/AIDS.

Please review the attached World AIDS Day Fact Sheet and share with your school nurses, health contacts and teachers as appropriate. A list of suggested school activities and age appropriate ideas to commemorate World AIDS Day with your staff and students can be obtained by contacting the Mark Wilcox Center Health Services Nurses at 291-5355. By working together, we can make a difference in this global AIDS epidemic.











HIV/AIDS 2009 FACT SHEET

Estimated HIV/AIDS Worldwide:	30-36 million
AIDS Related Deaths (estimated globally last year):	2.0 million
Estimated New HIV Infections Globally:	2.7 million
<u>Cumulative AIDS Cases</u>	<u>Adult AIDS Rankings – USA</u>
USA 1,018,428	#1 New York 181,461
Florida 109,524	#2 California 148,949
Polk County 2,706	#3 Florida 109,524

Has Anyone Ever Told You?

Every 9 ½ minutes (on average), someone in the United States is infected with HIV.

-  An estimated 1.1 million people in the United States are living with HIV/AIDS, with 1 out of 5 undiagnosed and unaware of their infection.
-  In 2008, CDC estimated that approximately 56,300 people in the United States were newly infected with HIV in 2006 (the most recent year that data are available).
-  More than 14,000 people with AIDS still die each year in the United States.
-  An estimated 125,000 persons are currently thought to be HIV-infected in Florida.
-  Florida ranks second in the nation in the number of pediatric AIDS cases.
-  Florida's rate of contacting HIV is more than 60% higher than the national rate.
-  In Polk County, 1,583 people are reported to be living with AIDS.
-  Polk County ranks 9th in both HIV and AIDS case reports out of all counties in Florida.

Statistics obtained from CDC-INFO, Florida Department of Health/Bureau of HIV, UNAIDS

USEFUL NUMBERS

*CDC-INFO	1-800-342-2437
*FLORIDA AIDS HOTLINE	1-800-FLA-AIDS (352-2437)
*HIV/AIDS Unit/Polk County	863-519-8233

WEBSITE LINKS

<http://www.cdc.gov>
<http://www.doh.state.fl.us>

Center for Disease Control
FL Department of Health/Bureau
of HIV/AIDS