

A stack of three books is shown on the left side of the image. The top book is white, the middle one is blue with a red spine, and the bottom one is white. A red apple sits on top of the white book, and a yellow pencil with a pink eraser lies horizontally across the top of the stack. The background is a solid teal color.

# Superintendent's Update

School Board Meeting  
October 20, 2009



# FTE Week

- FTE (Full Time Equivalency) Week took place October 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>
- Enrollment count used to determine state funding for each Florida school district
- **October 2009 FTE Count: 17,557**
- Projected Enrollment 17,567 students



# FAIR Testing

- Today, October 20<sup>th</sup>, the first testing window closed for FAIR, which is the Florida Assessment for Instruction in Reading.
- All schools have successfully tested their students.
  - Test is taken by all students in Kindergarten-5, and students in grades 6-10 who scored in levels 1,2, or 3 on the 2009 FCAT in Reading. 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who have not passed the reading portion of the FCAT will also take FAIR as part of their progress monitoring.



# FAIR Testing

- Web-based assessment that provides teachers with diagnostic information which is essential for guiding instruction.
- Administered three times per school year.
- Developed by the Florida Center for Reading Research (FCRR) and in collaboration with *Just Read, Florida!*



# Professional Development Opportunities

- As part of state mandated ESOL classes this year, Martin County teachers have the opportunity to visit schools with high populations of English Language Learners (ELL) to observe “best practices” for ELL students.
- To date, these professional development teacher visits have taken place at Warfield Elementary, Indiantown Middle, and Port Salerno Elementary.
- Feedback from teachers has been overwhelmingly positive.



# H1N1 Vaccination Clinics

The Martin County Health Department will be holding H1N1 Vaccination Clinics at three MCSD Schools:

- Indiantown Middle School  
**October 26 – 27, 4:30 P.M. – 8 P.M.**
- Jensen Beach High School  
**October 28 – 29, 3:00 P.M. – 8 P.M.**
- Anderson Middle School  
**November 2 – 5, 4:30 P.M. – 8 P.M.**



# H1N1 Vaccination Clinics

- The vaccination clinics are voluntary and free of charge.
- The clinics will take place after school hours.
- The vaccination will be provided for children and young adults age 6 months through 24 years old.
- Parents/guardians must be present for children under the age of 18.



# H1N1 Vaccination Clinics

- District will deliver a recorded phone message in English and Spanish to all MCSD students and families on Thursday evening (follow-up call on Friday).
- Health Department is providing letters to be made available at the school sites.
- Information is also posted on the district's website, [www.sbmc.org](http://www.sbmc.org).



# H1N1 Vaccination Clinics

For more information:

**Martin County Health Department**

(772) 221-4000

[www.martincountyhealth.com](http://www.martincountyhealth.com)



# National School Bus Safety Week

- Week of October 19th – 23<sup>rd</sup>
- *Avoid Harm, Obey the Stop Arm*  
Reminds motorists of the need to stop when the red lights flash and the stop arm deploys on school buses.
- Nearly 8,800 students ride a school bus each day in Martin County.



# Congratulations!

- Twenty-two high school seniors in the Martin County School District are being recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Among the 22 students recognized:

- Commended Students – 14
  - Semifinalists – 8
- Semifinalists will continue in the competition to become finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program.
  - Results expected in Spring 2010





DUI Prevention Program held at South Fork High School on October 15<sup>th</sup> and at Indiantown Middle School on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Community presentation also held the night of October 15<sup>th</sup>.



Questions?