

From the Desk of the School Social Worker...

Everybody, Everyday!

Attendance Contest Results

The Volusia County Schools' Social Work Services department sponsored its annual Everybody Everyday Attendance Contest in October. All students in the district had the opportunity to create poems, posters, and rap videos demonstrating a theme of the importance of school attendance to an education and school achievement.

This year, the School Social Work Services' Prize Patrol awarded 19 winners at their individual schools across the district with certificates. The prize patrol came to the respective schools with balloons and a prize patrol sign. Pictures were taken with the prize patrol members, school staff, and winning students. School staff and students were thanked for their participation and encouraged to continue to lead by example regarding school attendance.

Students awarded certificates for the poem category included Makaylee Herman (1st place), Hailey Haverly (2nd place), Sean McCoy (3rd place) all from Osceola Elementary; Carter Felice (1st place), Kalee Thigpen (2nd place), Leah Pauletti (2nd place), Charlotte Kelly (3rd place), and Robert Milne (3rd place) all from Creekside Middle. Students awarded certificates for the poster category included Emily Shaw, (1st place), Amanda Bashans (2nd place), Faith Bixler (3rd place) all from Ortona Elementary; Madison Camporese (1st place) Creekside Middle, Benjamin Herstein, (2nd place) and Grace Dickinson (3rd place) both from Southwestern Middle; and Christina Chamberlin (2nd place) from University High. Students awarded certificates for the rap video category were Nicole Bravo and Penny Farmer (1st place) both from Creekside Middle. Congratulations to all of our contest winners.

Your school social worker is a resource for students and families. Please feel free to contact your school social worker, Jamie Majors, at 322-6201 extension 34220 or by email at jnmajors@volusia.k12.fl.us for help with accessing social service assistance, counseling services, medical insurance, referrals to community resources, or if you need help with your child's academic, behavioral, or emotional concerns.