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**ACTION BY:**  
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TO: High School Principals

FROM: Judith Klinek, Chief Academic Officer *JK*

**SUBJECT: WORLD AIDS DAY VOLUNTARY REMEMBRANCE ACTIVITY**

The first week of December is nationally recognized as World AIDS Awareness Week and December 1, 2011, is known as World AIDS Day. The Palm Beach County HIV/AIDS Community Planning Partnership (CPP) has requested The School District of Palm Beach County to 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 during the week of November 28 – December 2, 2011, particularly on World AIDS Day, Thursday, December 1, 2011.

The CPP also has AIDS Awareness Ribbon stickers for 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. If you would like to distribute these stickers, please contact William Stewart at PX 48974 or [William.Stewart@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:William.Stewart@palmbeachschools.org) with the number of 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.cdc.gov).

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Attachment

Approved: *W.F. Malone*  
William F. Malone, Superintendent



## World AIDS Day December 1, 2011



*The following information may be read on the morning or afternoon announcements to recognize World AIDS Day (December 1<sup>st</sup>) 2011.*

On the occasion of this 24<sup>th</sup> World AIDS Day, December 1, 2011, Americans are asked to celebrate the enormous progress that has been made in preventing and treating HIV/AIDS and to remember those we have lost to the disease. More than half a million Americans have died from AIDS.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO) about 33 million people are living with HIV and AIDS worldwide. Here in the US, over 1.2 million people are living with HIV and AIDS, and about 25% of them don't know they are infected. The statistics are astounding:

- 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.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there are 56,300 new infections annually in the United States. While this is dispiriting news, 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. It's up to all of us to get the facts about HIV, get tested, and take control to protect ourselves and our loved ones.

For more information, go to [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org), or [www.who.int](http://www.who.int).