SUMMER VOLUNTARY PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM (VPK)

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2008-2009?

 Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) will be implementing the third year of the required 300-hour VPK summer program for all Kindergarten eligible children (age 5 by September 1st) who have not participated in a school year VPK Program. Eligible candidates include presently enrolled Head Start and Preschool ESE students transitioning to Kindergarten.

Summer VPK Program information:
Dates: June 10, 2008 – August 7, 2008
Locations: North Area: Atlantic West, Country Hills, Sanders Park
               North Central: Floranada, Horizon, Lauderhill Paul Turner
               South Central Area: Broward Estates, Eagle Point, Rock Island
               South Area: Bethune, Hollywood Park, Palm Cove
Times: 7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. = 7.5 hour student day / 7 hrs. instruction & 30 minutes nap
               7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. = 8.5 hour teacher day
Class Size: 20 children in a class with a DOE mandated 10 to 1 student: teacher ratio
Teachers: Two BCPS teachers certified in preschool or exceptional student education
Meals: Breakfast, lunch and snack at no cost to parents
Curriculum: Let's Begin With The Letter People with emphasis on the mastery of the
               Florida VPK Education Standards

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?

 All schools should publicize the VPK Program by distributing Summer 2008 VPK information, putting VPK information in the school's newsletter and making the school staff aware of this FREE high quality program. The VPK program may be appropriate for the children and grandchildren of the staff at your school.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T?

 Families of the students at your school will miss a valuable start on kindergarten if you do not assist in publicizing this upcoming summer program.

WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?

 Administration, teachers, and registrars

HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?

 Through e-mails

 VPK Conference calls

 Through Elementary Principals meetings, and

 Other meetings upon request

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