

Notebook

Starkey students, Kiwanis partner for project

SEMINOLE – Starkey Elementary School is committed to making a difference not only in the local community, but in the global community.

Recently the Principal's Multicultural Advisory Committee learned about the Kiwanis campaign for children called The Eliminate Project at their school. The Eliminate Project seeks to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. This disease is harming women and about 60,000 innocent babies each year in developing countries such as India, South Sudan and Nigeria. The students voted unanimously to partner with the Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Seminole to take a stand for the health of mothers and newborns in developing countries through the Eliminate Project.

Starkey's committee is comprised of 40 students from second through fifth grades, two faculty advisors – Jaclyn Infanzon, school counselor, and Rachel Martin, gifted teacher – and Starkey's principal Audrey Chaffin. Once the students learned about the Eliminate Project they began to brainstorm ways they could partner with the Kiwanis Club to raise awareness and funding for this project.

The students learned with three vaccine doses costing \$1.80, MNT could be eliminated from one mother and child. The students came up with a school goal to raise \$1,300, which would protect more than 720 families from this disease. In order to do that, students will make and sell crafts for Mother's Day, as well as sponsor a photo booth during lunch times where the students can donate to a worthy cause and take fun pictures with their friends. The fundraising efforts will go from April 27 to May 8.

To join with Starkey and donate funds to this cause and help make a worldwide impact, call 547-7841, ext. 2015, or email infanzonj@pcsb.org.

SPC students pitch business ideas

SEMINOLE – St. Petersburg College's fifth annual Business Plan and Elevator Pitch Competition will take place Thursday, April 30, 6 p.m., in the Digitarium, on the Seminole Campus, 9200 113th St. N.

The event provides SPC students with a chance to compete to win cash prizes totaling more than

Murrah Federal Building. OCU theatre students will perform the original play that is based on interviews with more than 45 family members of victims, survivors, local officials and first responders.

OCU commissioned an award-winning playwright from England who specializes in verbatim, which is a documentary for the stage usually based on personal interviews and transcripts. The cast members conducted some of the interviews.

For information or to reserve tickets, visit okcu.edu/okcbombingproject.

Local residents inducted into Phi Kappa Phi

The following local residents recently were initiated into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

- Monnie Vickers of Indian Rocks Beach was initiated at Arkansas State University
- Brittany Ziarko of Clearwater was initiated at the University of Tampa

These residents are among approximately 32,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors, having at least 72 semester hours, are eligible for membership.

SPC music showcase set at Palladium

ST. PETERSBURG – St. Petersburg College's Music Industry/Recording Arts Showcase will be Monday, April 27, 7 p.m., at the Palladium, 253 Fifth Ave. N.

The Music Industry/Recording Arts ensembles at St. Petersburg College will perform original music as well as covers for an end of semester celebration. Featured performers will include the Rock Ensemble, R&B Ensemble and La Lucha with special guests and faculty members Pat Hernly and Austin Vickrey.

General admission is \$5 for adults. The event is free for SPC students, faculty and staff with SPC ID.

For information, call 341-7984 or visit www.spcollege.edu/artscalendar.



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Members of Starkey Elementary School's Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee who helped to raise funds for the Kiwanis campaign for children called The Eliminate Project are, front row from left, Juan Antonio Padilla, Destini Beamenderfer, Skylar Rocco, Alexander Szilagyi III, Canyon Perez, Emma Kelly, Davon Baptiste and Sonya Chaffin; back row, Jaclyn Infanzon, school counselor; and Audrey Chaffin, principal.

The high school hosted a DUI reenactment April 13 on Sponger Field. The exercise involved crashed vehicles that were staged on the field and featured multi-agency response from first responders and local businesses. The Tarpon Springs High School Drama Club and all partnering agencies acted out what happened prior to the crash, the DUI investigation and medical transport, which includes a Bayflight helicopter that landed on and took off from the field. After the reenactment, the crash vehicles remained on display near the school to remind students to make safe decisions during the week of prom.

County offers STEM camps

Pinellas County Schools STEM Academies have more than tripled within nearly a year.

Due to the high demand for STEM, an offshoot of

sent Saturday, April 18, 9 a.m., at the Carillon Park Hilton, 950 Lake Carillon Drive.

Tampa Bay Times' columnist Ernest Hooper will be the event's master of ceremony. Named after the late Joseph L. Carwise, the awards program honors PCS elementary, middle and high school students for academic excellence. Carwise was a former Pinellas County Schools teacher, assistant principal and associate superintendent.

For information, call Demorris Lee, PCSB communications coordinator, at 588-6575.

ESOL fair connects families with important resources

CLEARWATER – Pinellas County Schools English for Speakers of Other Languages department is partnering with dozens of community organizations to provide families with information about a variety