

# HOMETOWN PINELLAS

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**KIWANIS AND STARKEY ELEMENTARY RAISE MONEY FOR INFANTS:** Starkey Elementary School partnered with the Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Seminole to take a stand for the health of mothers and newborns in developing countries through the Kiwanis Eliminate Project. For the past two weeks students raised money for this project by making and selling crafts for Mother's Day, as well as sponsoring a photo booth during lunch times. Their goal was to raise \$1,500 and the students surpassed that goal, raising \$2,238.31.

On May 8, the Governor of the Florida District of Kiwanis, Chuck Gugliuzza and the First Lady Emilia Gugliuzza visited the school to thank the students for all they had done and present them with a plaque. This project was part of the Principal's Multicultural Advisory Committee. Starkey's committee is comprised of 40 students from second through fifth grades, two faculty advisors, and principal Audrey Chaffin. The students learned with three vaccine doses costing \$1.80, Maternal Neonatal Tetanus could be eliminated from one mother and child. The money they raised will protect more than 1,243 families.