

From the Desk of the School Social Worker...

**Attendance Awareness Week**

**9/24/12 to 9/28/12**

School attendance is a necessary part of your child's education and attending school in a regular and timely fashion enhances the educational process. To highlight the importance of school attendance, the School Social Services department is announcing an **Everybody, Everyday Poem, Poster, and Video Rap/Song Contest** during Attendance Awareness Week. Deadline for student submission for the contest is October 31. Winning students will be awarded with a certificate and recognition from the Prize Patrol. Contact your school and/or your school social worker for full details.

**Red Ribbon Week**

**10/22/12 to 10/26/12**

Every year, Volusia County Schools participates in the **National Red Ribbon Week** awareness campaign. During this week, there are opportunities for students, parents, teachers, and others to join together to address the alcohol, tobacco, drug, and violence-related concerns in our community. The Red Ribbon Pledge is "no use of illegal drugs, no illegal use of legal drugs." In coordination with our emphasis on prevention, you may want to use this opportunity to talk to your children about alcohol, illegal drug use, and prescription drug abuse. If you suspect your child has a substance abuse problem or may be experimenting with any substances, seek professional help as soon as possible.