

## **From the Desk of the School Social Worker...**

Good communication between schools and families can help students do their best. Direct contact with teachers can be one of the best ways to help your child. The Volusia County Schools website contains a wealth of information about a wide range of topics. The website address is <http://blackboard.volusia.k12.fl.us>. Under the *Parents and Students* heading, *Parent Links* section, there is a *Back to School Guide* that contains answers to many questions that parents may have regarding the new upcoming school year.

**Parent Portal** is another tool that allows parents to monitor their child's progress in school by providing Internet access to grades, attendance, discipline, academic history, graduation verification, and standardized test results in a secure password protected environment. The Parent Portal link (with directions for use) can be found in the *VCS Quick Links* section of the website. Parents/guardians need to register to use Parent Portal, and authorization codes are available through the schools.

Throughout the year, frequent communications are telephoned to parents via **Connect-Ed** messages. This system is a great way to remind families about school events, opportunities, and emergencies. Please remember to update your telephone number on next year's emergency card.

*Your school social worker is a resource for students and families. Please feel free to contact your school social worker, Jamie Majors, at 424-2573, ext. 35263 for help with accessing social service assistance, counseling services, medical insurance, referrals to community resources, or if you need help with your child's academic, behavioral, or emotional concerns. You may also e-mail any concerns to your school social worker at [jnmajors@volusia.k12.fl.us](mailto:jnmajors@volusia.k12.fl.us).*