

**\*\*\*MEDIA ADVISORY\*\*\***  
**Great Visuals and Teacher Interview Opportunities**

**EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF PALM BEACH COUNTY**  
**Red Apple Supplies (RAS) Celebrates 100<sup>th</sup> School**  
**Friday, October 17 - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**WHO:** Education Foundation of Palm Beach County and 50+ teachers from Banyan Creek Elementary School

**WHAT:** Red Apple Supplies Celebrates Serving 100 Schools

The Education Foundation's signature program, Red Apple Supplies, is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> school with Banyan Creek Elementary! The eventual goal is to serve all 183 schools in the District.

Red Apple Supplies is a FREE teacher resource store that equips teachers with essential school supplies for their classrooms. Since opening in 2016, RAS has distributed more than \$9.2 million in school supplies to Title I schools.

During the morning, the principal at Banyan Creek is chartering a bus for his entire faculty (54 teachers) to arrive at RAS at 9:00 A.M. And it's a surprise! The Education Foundation team, board members and School District leadership will greet the teachers with streamers, noise makers and confetti cannons!

The teachers will be treated to breakfast, lots of games and door prizes and most importantly, will get to shop at RAS for their students and classroom needs.

**WHY:**

- Nearly 40,000 children live below the poverty level and will return to school without basic supplies like pencils, backpacks and glue sticks.
- Having necessary school supplies is one of the simplest solutions to the problem of inequity in the classroom. But it's more than that. It provides hope for a child, motivation and offers opportunity.
- Most people don't realize that teachers in the School District of Palm Beach County typically spend anywhere between \$500-\$800 annually out of pocket for supplies students can't afford.

**WHERE:** Education Foundation of Palm Beach County – 1515 Barton Road, Lake Worth Beach

**WHEN:** Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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**ABOUT THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION:**

The Education Foundation of Palm Beach County was founded in 1984 and serves as a nexus between the county's public schools and the community. The Foundation awards grants, supports innovative programs and scholarships, and provides necessary school supplies and resources through Red Apple Supplies (RAS), the Foundation's signature program. The Education Foundation of Palm Beach County operates more than 100 programs that close achievement gaps in learning, prepare students for post-secondary success, and create positive, measurable change for more than 100,000 students.