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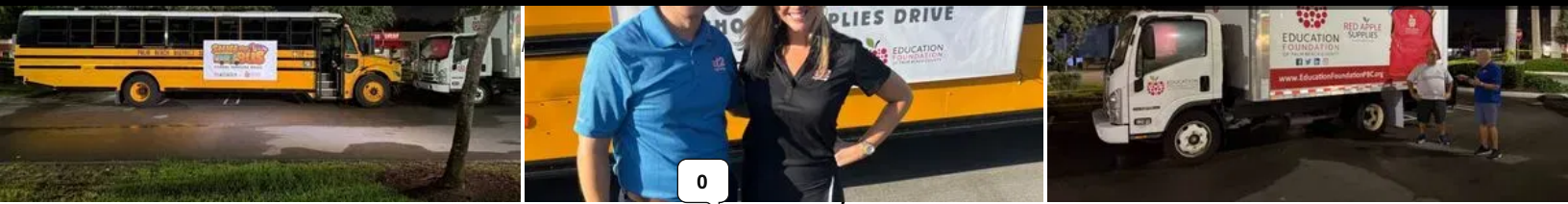
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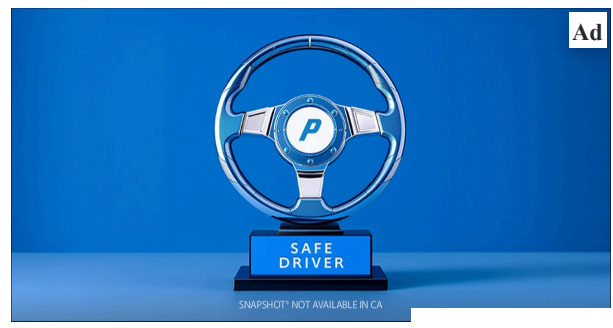
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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (CBS12) — CBS12 News is once again asking the community to help pack a bus with possibilities.

The annual **Stuff the Bus** campaign kicks off Monday, July 6, with a mission to collect school supplies for Palm Beach County students and teachers before the first bell rings on a new school year.

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CBS12 is teaming up with the **Education Foundation of Palm Beach County** and Office Depot for the back-to-school drive, which helps provide essential classroom supplies so students can start the year prepared, confident and ready to learn.

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Over the next several weeks, volunteers will pack, load and deliver 36,000 backpacks to students at Title I schools across Palm Beach County.

"We're giving kids dignity. We're giving kids identity, and we're giving kids hope," said James Gavrilos, president and CEO of the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County. "There's no activity any community can do that's more important."

DONATE

New this year: Papa John's is helping raise dough by offering a FREE MEDIUM 1-TOPPING PIZZA through the month of July to the first 10 people who donate supplies each day at three area locations! The stores at 640 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach, 1192 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard in Royal Palm Beach, and 8855 West Boynton Beach Boulevard in Boynton Beach will have drop-off boxes on site.





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Just look for the brown Education Foundation of Palm Beach County drop-off boxes. Here are the items we're most in need of:... [See more](#)

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The need is real across Palm Beach County. Last year, Education Foundation leaders said nearly 40,000 children in the county lived below the poverty level and could return to class without basic supplies such as pencils, backpacks, glue sticks and notebooks.

Stuff the Bus also helps teachers, many of whom spend their own money to make sure students have what they need. The campaign helps stock the Education Foundation's classroom supply bus so teachers can shop for classroom essentials at no cost.

The foundation's work goes far beyond the start of the school year. In addition to providing school supplies, it also supports literacy, STEM education and more throughout the year.



By helping Stuff the Bus, you help provide the keys to unlocking children's minds. Those pencils, backpacks, notebooks, folders, crayons, and other school supplies will shape the next generation – and are the tools every child deserves to have. [CLICK HERE](#) for the Education Foundation of PBC wish list on Office Depot's website.

The supplies collected through Stuff the Bus can help fill backpacks, classroom shelves and desk drawers with the tools students need every day, including notebooks, pencils, folders, crayons, paper, art supplies and other school basics. Last year's Stuff the Bus campaign raised more than \$400,000 to help local schools. This year, our goal is to raise \$500,000.

The campaign leads up to Stuff the Bus Day on Thursday, Aug. 6, when donors can drop off school supplies at the big yellow school buses from 5 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Office Depot, located at 2627 Okeechobee Boulevard in West Palm Beach.

Organizers say every donation can make a difference, whether it is a backpack, a box of pencils or a financial contribution that helps purchase high-demand supplies in bulk.

Gavrilos says every donation matters, no matter the size. "We all can't do everything, but we can all do something," he said.

By helping Stuff the Bus, donors are doing more than filling a shelf. They are helping send Palm Beach County students back to school with the tools, confidence and dignity they need to succeed.

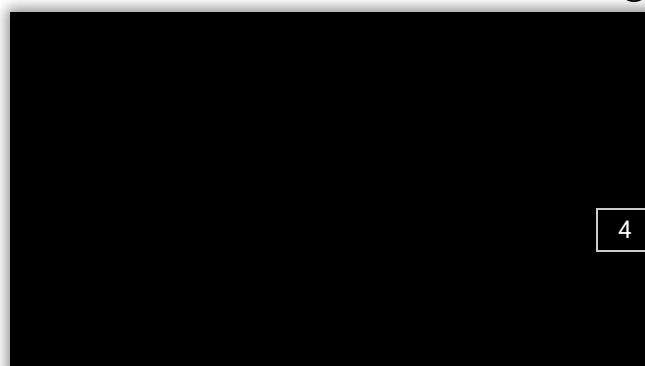
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- Notebooks and pencils that spark creativity
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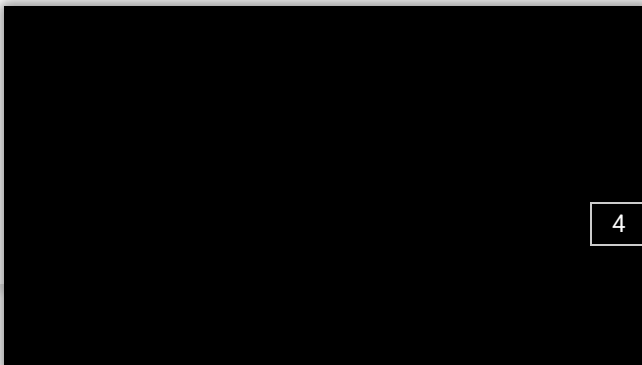


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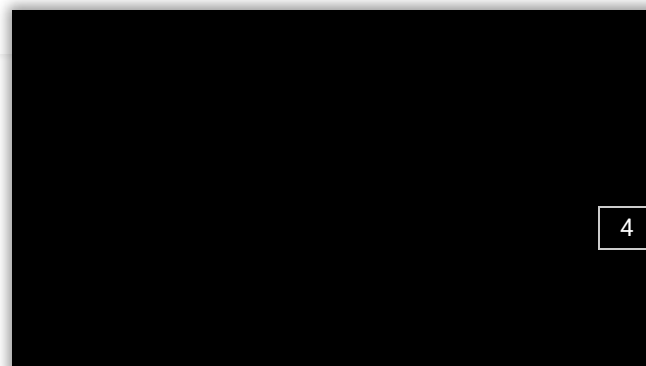
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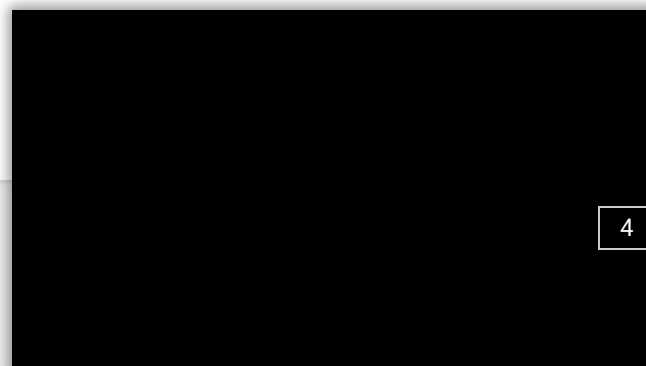


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