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### **PBCC IS RAISING A VILLAGE FOR LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YOUTH**

With school starting in just a few weeks, Palm Beach Community College at Palm Beach Gardens is asking local businesses to donate school supplies and backpacks for the students at Lincoln Elementary School in Riviera Beach. PBCC at Palm Beach Gardens has adopted the elementary school and plans to raise funds for needed items and provide mentors and tutors for the children.

“We’re asking businesses around Lincoln Elementary to partner with the school, to be part of an ‘extended family’ that supports the children,” said Brenda Wilkinson, director of PBCC’s Early Learning Center.

Adopting Lincoln Elementary is one way the college can be a “true educational partner with our surrounding community,” said Patricia Anderson, Ed.D., provost of PBCC at Palm Beach Gardens. Area businesses also will benefit from supporting the young students, she said.

“We know the tremendous challenge the students and employees at Lincoln Elementary School face, and we want to do everything we can to help them be successful. Educational success at an early age will lead those students to a more productive life, and hopefully, to post-secondary education. Their success will ultimately be the success of the area businesses and the entire community. We see this as just the first of several ways our campus can reach out to neighboring elementary schools in the future.”

The children at PBCC’s Early Learning Center are creating donation drop boxes for the public, which will be placed at the center, the PBCC library and the Eissey Campus Theatre. The college is located at 3160 PGA Blvd. The Early Learning Center address is 3205 RCA Blvd.; the theatre is directly north of the center. Monetary donations can be mailed to Palm Beach Community College, c/o Provost’s office, 3160 PGA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410. Checks should be addressed to Lincoln Elementary School.

Lincoln Elementary teachers say they need all kinds of school supplies; the most needed are:  
8 1/2” x 11” copy paper, both white and colored  
pencils  
notebook paper/lined and wide-ruled  
crayons

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pencil sharpeners/regular and electric  
scissors  
glue bottles and sticks  
cellophane tape  
tissues  
construction paper  
letter & legal sized folders  
magic markers  
dry erasers  
classroom/library books  
composition books  
rulers  
staplers and staples  
antibacterial soap  
dry erase markers  
writing tablets  
chart paper  
transparencies (copiers, inkjet printers, overhead)  
math and reading books  
baby wipes

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