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## IGNITING FLAMES OF HOPE

*'And I myself will be a wall of fire around it,' declares the Lord, "and I will be its glory within.' -Zechariah 2:5*

### Registration Exceeds Expectation!

The Firewall school year is officially back in session! We are really looking forward to impacting over 100 students every day spread throughout our four locations. It has been great to see the enthusiasm of all the parents as they have attended the various registration and orientation sessions at our centers over the past couple of weeks. We have already started a waiting list at our West Davie center, since we've reached our capacity of 45 students on this first week of school. At the Boca and Southwest Ranches centers, attendance has grown significantly and we expect them to reach capacity quickly.



### Firewall Family Reunion

Our High School class has grown from 14 to 22 students as last year's 8th graders have now graduated to Western High. The first thing we noticed as the high school students interacted on our first day was the great relationships they had built with each other. It was obvious that they felt at home. Even Barney, one of our graduates, came back and helped out in the game room. This is all a part of what Firewall does. We build a family atmosphere that encourages students to grow academically and spiritually. This first day was a reunion. The students caught up on what happened in the summer and where they are at now. They were happy to be back home and just picked up where they left off.



Although it's amazing to see how well the Firewall system works, it is also disheartening that the program has barely started for the year, and we've already had to turn away a half a dozen students. Our goal at Firewall is to walk through life with students





and so our turnover is very low as students continue with us until graduation and sometimes beyond. Thus, our open slots for new students are very limited. We're only adding 6th graders this year, and next year, we may only be able to add a couple of students since only two will be graduating. This is why it is so important for us to be continually seeking out new partners that can team up with us to open new centers and enable us to mentor more young lives. The

need for our faith-based approach to after-school programming grows daily and we need every one that is willing to invest in this generation to step up and make more Firewall centers a reality.

### **Firewall Boca Focuses on Servant Leadership**

We are thrilled to see the growth in numbers as well as the student's renewed commitment to excel academically this year.



The Palm Beach County school year began on August 17th and Connie, the center director, was excited to introduce our new and improved point system to the students. This system puts the emphasis more on earning points as opposed to subtracting points.

We focus on reinforcing student behavior that displays servant leadership. Although this has been challenging for the students, it has also been rewarding as they learn and begin to practice the positive behaviors that earn them more points.

In her second week, Connie also introduced our new curriculum to the students. She was excited to see them engaged and participating. We are all looking forward to seeing how the Lord will transform these students into SERVANT LEADERS.

### **Firewall Experience Tours Have Begun!**



We held our first two Firewall Experience tours of the school year in West Davie and the response has been great! We were pleased to see the enthusiasm of all as we shared what Firewall Ministries is all about. We want to invite all of you to come see, hear, and feel what we are doing to transform students into servant leaders on a daily basis.

Here are our new tour dates. Please call us to schedule your visit.

*Monday, September 13, 2010 at 6:30 PM (Boca)*

*Tuesday, September 14 at 6:30 PM (West Davie)*

*Wednesday, September 15 at Noon (West Davie)*

*Tuesday, September 28 at 6:30 PM (West Davie)*

*Wednesday, September 29 at Noon (West Davie)*

Remember, these are 50-minute tours. If you have a small group, but none of these dates work for you, please call us to make special arrangements.