

**THANK YOU FOR THAT INTRODUCTION, KEVIN, AND
THANK YOU FOR THE GREAT WORK THAT YOU AND
YOUR TEAM AT THE OFFICE DEPOT FOUNDATION DO
FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY.**

**GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE! HOW'S EVERYBODY
DOING TODAY?**

**IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR
THE START OF A NEW SCHOOL YEAR.**

**TEACHERS AND PARENTS OF SCHOOL-AGE
CHILDREN MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE
ON THIS.**

**MOST TEACHERS PROBABLY FEEL LIKE THE
SUMMER HAS FLOWN BY.**

**AND MOST PARENTS ARE PROBABLY MORE THAN
READY TO GET THEIR KIDS OUT OF THE HOUSE AND
BACK INTO THE CLASSROOM.**

I REMEMBER THOSE DAYS ...

**BUT, AS A GRANDPARENT, I REALLY ENJOY THE
SUMMERS BECAUSE I GET TO SPEND EVEN MORE
TIME WITH MY SIX GRANDCHILDREN.**

MY OLDEST IS STARTING FIRST GRADE THIS YEAR. IF YOU CAN'T TELL, I'M PRETTY EXCITED ABOUT THAT.

AND AS A FATHER AND GRANDFATHER, I KNOW JUST HOW IMPORTANT THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL CAN BE TO OUR CHILDREN.

THAT'S WHY I'M GRATEFUL TO THE OFFICE DEPOT FOUNDATION FOR HOSTING EVENTS LIKE THIS BACK-TO-SCHOOL CELEBRATION ...

BECAUSE WE NEED TO ENCOURAGE ALL CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY TO SUCCEED.

AND WHAT BETTER WAY CAN WE DO THAT THAN BY GIVING THEM THE TOOLS THEY NEED FOR SUCCESS?

THAT'S WHAT THE OFFICE DEPOT FOUNDATION HAS BEEN DOING FOR MORE THAN 16 YEARS.

AND DURING THE LAST NINE YEARS, NEARLY 70,000 CHILDREN IN THE MIAMI-DADE AREA HAVE RECEIVED TOOLS TO SUCCEED IN SCHOOL THROUGH THIS PROGRAM.

I THINK THAT DESERVES A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

AND TODAY, THE OFFICE DEPOT FOUNDATION WILL DONATE MORE THAN 10,000 NEW SACKPACKS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, SCHOOLS AND AGENCIES THROUGHOUT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

THESE COLORFUL SACKPACKS CONTAIN THE ESSENTIALS OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL NEED TO START THE NEW YEAR ...

NEW SUPPLIES THAT WILL GET OUR CHILDREN EXCITED TO LEARN.

SO, ONCE AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK THE OFFICE DEPOT FOUNDATION FOR ITS CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO HELPING UNDERSERVED CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY.

I'D ALSO LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS IN SPANISH...

BUENAS TARDES A TODOS!

COMO PADRE Y ABUELO, SÉ LO IMPORTANTE QUE ES PARA NUESTROS NIÑOS EL PRIMER DÍA DE ESCUELA.

POR ESO QUIERO AGRADECER A LA FUNDACIÓN DE OFFICE DEPOT POR EVENTOS COMO ESTE EN LOS QUE CELEBRAMOS EL REGRESO A CLASE...

DEBEMOS SIEMPRE MOTIVAR A TODOS LOS NIÑOS DE NUESTRA COMUNIDAD A PREPARARSE PARA QUE TENGAN UN FUTURO BRILLANTE.

Y ESO ES JUSTAMENTE LO QUE LA FUNDACIÓN DE OFFICE DEPOT HA HECHO POR MÁS DE 16 AÑOS.

HOY, LA FUNDACIÓN OFFICE DEPOT DONARÁ MÁS DE 10 MIL MOCHILAS NUEVAS A DIFERENTES AGENCIAS A TRAVÉS DEL CONDADO.

ESTAS MOCHILAS CONTIENEN LOS MATERIALES NECESARIOS PARA QUE LOS ESTUDIANTES EMPIECEN EL AÑO ESCOLAR.

QUIERO DARLE LAS GRACIAS UNA VEZ MÁS A LA FUNDACIÓN OFFICE DEPOT POR SU COMPROMISO DE SEGUIR INVIRTIENDO EN EL FUTURO DE LOS NIÑOS DE NUESTRA COMUNIDAD.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE OUTSTANDING WORK YOU DO AT THE OFFICE DEPOT FOUNDATION, I'D LIKE TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY'S CHILDREN.

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL, AND MAY GOD CONTINUE
TO BLESS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY!**

