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LWHS Young Leaders visit Polk Avenue students

LAKE WALES – A group of Young Leaders from Lake Wales High School visited Polk Avenue Elementary on Thursday (Feb. 25) to talk to elementary students about setting goals and choosing friends wisely.

“We were so pleased to have these young women speak to our Cardinal girls about making good choices,” said Polk Avenue Principal **Gail Quam**. “They are outstanding Young Leaders, and our students really enjoyed meeting them.”

Six young women from the LWHS Young Leaders took turns speaking to about 20 fourth- and fifth-grade girls. The Young Leaders talked about being in high school, their own college and career aspirations, and the importance of working hard and surrounding yourself with good friends.

The Young Leaders talked to the elementary students about how they balance the demands of school, extracurricular activities, sports and part-time jobs. The six young women, who are all high school seniors, reminded their audience that they have to maintain good grades if they want to play on sports teams or participate in clubs at the high school.

Lake Wales High has both male and female Young Leaders groups, whose members often visit younger students in the community to offer encouragement and motivation. The Young Leaders groups also need opportunities to participate in service projects, meetings and activities with adult civic clubs, so Young Leaders can be encouraged and motivated by successful leaders in our community.

To offer support for Young Leaders, please contact Eugene Kendrick at Lake Wales High at 863/678-4222 or Frances McMichael at the Lake Wales Charter Schools central office at 863/679-6560.

For questions about Lake Wales High School, contact Principal Clark Berry at 863/678-4222.

The mission of the Lake Wales Charter Schools: to bring the best of public education to our community by providing innovation and choice within a continuous pre-school through postsecondary curriculum so that each child recognizes the benefits of life-long learning, constructive citizenship and personal happiness.

Our schools include: Lake Wales High, Dale R. Fair Babson Park Elementary, Hillcrest Elementary, Janie Howard Wilson Elementary, Polk Avenue Elementary, and Edward W. Bok Academy.