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Groups need aid for their back-to-school efforts

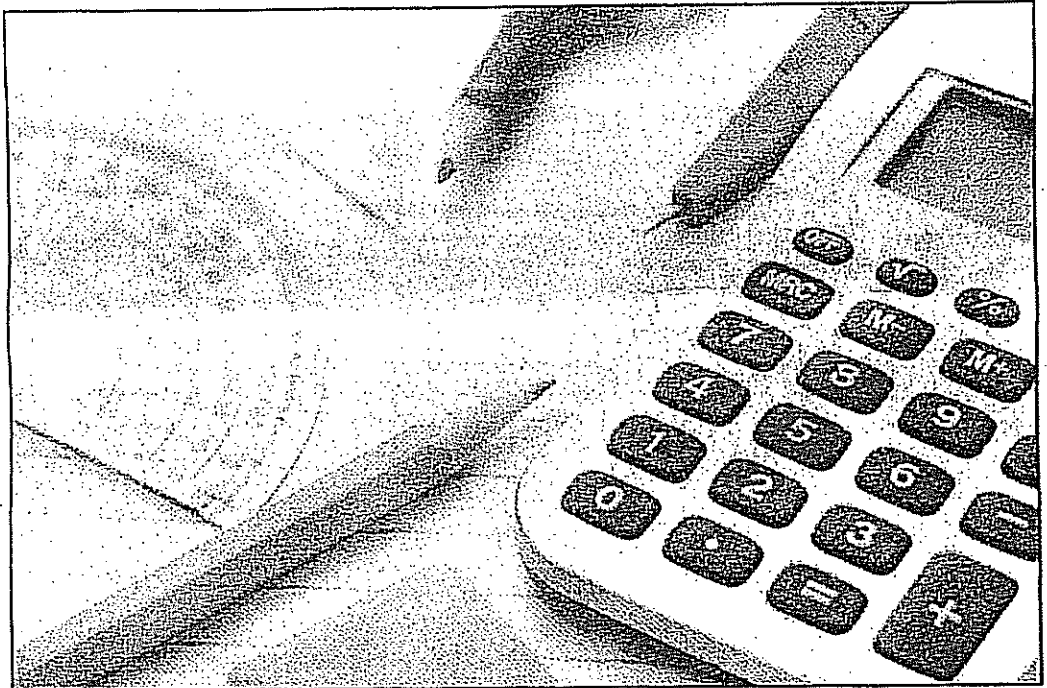
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Several local organizations hope to make a difference in the everyday lives of Apopka students and teachers by collecting needed school supplies.

The John Bridges Community Center will hold a back-to-school fair on Saturday, August 13, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at 445 W. 13th Street, Apopka. Registration for the event is currently closed, but organizers still need volunteers to help pass out supplies for the event.

Apopka Family Learning Center, an organization that helps the children of Apopka's working poor, will have a back-to-school event for its students and are asking for glue sticks, spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, colored pencils, rulers, tissues, highlighters, crayons, and hand sanitizer. Items need to be at the center's offices by Tuesday, August 16, at 800 S. Hawthorne Ave., Apopka.

The Leadership Apopka committee of the Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce is collecting the following school



Several area groups are collecting school supplies to give to area students who cannot afford to purchase the items.

supplies for teachers: copy paper, thumb drives, pens, pencils, dry erasers, highlighters, erasers, and other classroom items. Items may be dropped off at the following Apopka locations: BankFirst, 345 E. Main St., Apopka; Fifth Third Bank, all Apopka locations; and the Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce, 180 E. Main St., Apopka. Monetary donations may be made out to the Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce with Leadership Apopka identified in the memo field then sent to the Apopka Area Cham-

ber of Commerce, 180 E. Main St., Apopka, 32703.

New Destiny Church will host a back-to-school fair on Sunday, August 7, at 6:30 p.m., at 555 E. McCormick Rd., Apopka. The church will provide school supplies and backpacks, food and free haircuts for students. No registration is required. For more information, call 407-298-5770.

Faithworld Church will host a health fair and business expo on Saturday, August 20, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at 7601 Forest City Rd., Orlando. No

registration is required, but supplies will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. Free physicals will also be offered at the event. For more information, call 407-953-6499.

Individuals and local businesses that want to support the school in an ongoing high-tech way, can visit the Orange County Public Schools-endorsed fundraising Web site, www.fuelmyschool.com.

Lisa Hilgenfeldt, an Orange County mother of four,

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was inspired to begin the Web site last year after she heard about eight boys who were denied a place on a football team because the school was short eight helmets. "I figured if local business people would have just known the school needed eight helmets, they would have

been glad to donate them," Hilgenfeldt said. "So, each school has their own micro-Web site with a wish list and people in the community can see what the school needs."

A quick look at a couple of the school sites showed a request for gift cards from Lovell Elementary, and T-shirts and lanyards for incoming fresh-

man students at Apopka High School, among others.

Another feature of the Web site is a "mall" area that features popular stores such as Target, Bass Pro Shops, Walmart, and Petsmart. When shoppers enter the mall through a school on the Web site, a certain percentage of all purchases is sent back to that school.