

# **NEWS**

## **Senator Gary Siplin to host Second Annual School Crossing Guard Lunch** School Bus Drivers and Monitors to be included for the first time..

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**ORLANDO** – Sen. Gary Siplin will host the Second Annual School Crossing Guard luncheon at Iglesia el Calvario Church, 2500 W. Oakridge Road on August 14, 2004 from 12 noon – 3:00 p.m. Admission is free to all crossing guards, bus drivers and the bus monitors, who are encouraged to call 407 297-2071 and RSVP by Thursday, August 12, 2004.

State Senator Betty Castor will be the guest speaker and said, "I am happy to join with Sen. Siplin, in recognizing these great men and women."

The First Annual School Crossing Guard Appreciation luncheon was held last year at L. Claudia Allen Community Center and was attended by more than 300 school crossing guards and their families. This year Sen. Siplin has included the school bus drivers and the bus monitors in the luncheon.

"This event is an effort to say thank you to the people who guard our area's most precious resource, our children" said Sen. Siplin. "We had several comments, after last year's luncheon, about the bus drivers, so we are including them this year." "Our school crossing guard, bus drivers and monitors have great responsibility each day and usually are only recognized when something goes wrong, we want to change that and let them know we appreciate a job well done."

There are currently 394 Crossing Guards, 1305 Bus Drivers and 406 monitors in Orange and Osceola County. For additional information call Sen. Siplin's office at 407 297-2071.

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