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**Fred Sarkis to Speak to Local Students**

Fred Sarkis is a 77-year-old successful retired entrepreneur who founded a village resort and ski area near Rochester, NY. He has given over 150 volunteer motivational talks to over 35,000 school children and teachers in the past four years. His mission is best described on his professional web site YesPa.org

His total Yes Pa program is described on this web site. Character education teachers, both regionally and nationally, have recommended Fred's free program as an important segment in Character Education. The three-step program starts with Fred's one hour live auditorium presentation to a large group, followed by the free Yes Pa book and free Teachers Resource Guide.

He was his community's Citizen of the Year in 2003. He has also been named a Buffalo Bills Outstanding Volunteer Quarterback for year 2004. Fred, who winters in Bradenton, FL has volunteered his time for eight Ft. Myers school presentations from March 23 to March 26.

When Fred spoke in July 2003, at the National Conference of Character Education Teachers, he received a standing ovation.

Below is a schedule of his presentations. This is an invitation to you to attend any session you would like and bring other adults with you who you feel would appreciate it. Please call the contact below if you plan to attend one of these sessions.

**If you would like to schedule a time to interview Mr. Sarkis, or for more information please contact, Jan Klein - Prevention Specialist, Safe & Drug Free Schools at 239-337-8606.**

**Fred Sarkis Presentations to 3,200 Students & Teachers**

Tuesday, March 23

10 am	Caloosa Middle	400 - 5,6,7th graders
1:30 pm	Alva Middle	200 - 6th graders

Wednesday, March 24

12:30 pm	NFMAA	500 - 5th, 6th, 7th graders
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3 pm            Dunbar Middle            350 - 8th graders

Thursday, March 25

9:50 am        Gulf Middle            400 - 8th graders  
1 pm            Mariner High            600 - 9th graders

Friday, March 26

9:15 am        Cypress High            600 - 9th graders  
1:00 pm        The Sanibel School      140 - 4,5,6th graders

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**Mission: To provide a quality education in a safe and well-managed environment.**