

Rick Bender, “The Man Without A Face”



**Monday May 11, 2009
5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
HPD Cafeteria**

This presentation delivers a powerful message about the dangers and consequences of using tobacco.

Rick Bender is a former baseball player with the California Angles organization. At the age of 26, Mr. Bender was diagnosed with cancer as a result of using chew tobacco. Following several major surgeries he has lost a third of his tongue, half of his jaw and now has limited use of his right arm.

The presentation will also explore the personal details of how he began using tobacco at the age of 12, and the influences of peers and tactics used by tobacco companies to market products to young people. Students will be given the opportunity to ask questions and interact with Mr. Bender following his presentation.

- Pizza and refreshments will be served!
- Seating is limited so please call and RSVP Katia Chavez 954-262-4060

For more information on this and other tobacco prevention education, please contact:



Broward CHD call (954)467-4807



According to the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, smokeless, or spit, tobacco has gone from a product used primarily by older men to one used predominantly by young men and boys. This trend has occurred as smokeless tobacco promotions have increased dramatically and a new generation of smokeless tobacco products has hit the market. Far from being a “safe” alternative to cigarette smoking, smokeless tobacco use increases the risk of developing many health problems. Furthermore, evidence shows that adolescent boys who use smokeless tobacco products have a higher risk of becoming cigarette smokers within four years.

The NSU AHEC Program and the Broward County Health Department are proud to sponsor this presentation.