

# Center Academy raises money for mammograms

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ORANGE PARK-On Friday, Nov. 21 First Coast News co-anchor Jeanie Blaylock visited Center Academy Orange Park Campus to congratulate the students for raising \$955 for the Buddy Bucks program.

First Coast News is partnering with local non-profit organization, Susan G. Komen For The Cure North Florida in raising money for disadvantaged women to have mammograms.

10th grader Caitlin Nevitt saw the program on First Coast News. "I saw it on TV and thought it was a good idea," she said. "My mom's aunt died of breast cancer so this program hit home for me."

Students and parents became involved and before she knew it, Nevitt's idea had prompted this school of 66 students to raise nearly \$1,000. Mock dollars were taped together, rolled up and the huge roll was passed among the students in the parking lot while Blaylock videoed for the news.

For every \$100 raised, a woman can have a mammogram. "The hotline has been open just six weeks," Blaylock said. "We've had over 740 women call in already." There is a screening process for acceptance into the program. After a woman receives the mammogram, if cancer is found, the organization will follow her through to surgery and treatment programs.

To request a free mammogram call 1-877-9-MY-MAMO.



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Students at Center Academy Orange Park Campus collectively raised \$955 for the Buddy Bucks program.