



*Embry-Riddle Athletic Association hosts Food Brings Hope students for talk, dinner and a basketball game January 11th beginning at 4:30 pm.*

Coaches and players from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University will welcome 145 Volusia County Public School students and chaperones from the Food Brings Hope program on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. The students will hear an inspirational talk from ERAU Athletic Director, Coach Steve Ridder before enjoying pizza and watching the Eagles' basketball game.

- ERAU Coach Steve Ridder will speak to the students from 4:45-5:30 pm.
- Pizza will then be served behind the bleachers prior to game at 5:30pm.
- ERAU Eagles vs Southwestern will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Food Brings Hope students from T.T. Small Elementary, Westside Elementary, New Smyrna Beach Middle, Deltona High, and New Smyrna Beach High will attend the event. Each student will be given a basketball to take home as a memento.

*About Food Brings Hope*

Forough B. Hosseini, senior vice president of information systems for ICI Homes, founded Food Brings Hope, a donor-designated fund of the Community Foundation of Volusia and Flagler counties. Food Brings Hope, working with Volusia County Public Schools for the past five years, has made measurable progress in breaking the cycle of poverty for homeless and other economically disadvantaged students. Key components of the program include: providing nutritious meals, tutoring, rewards for improvement, and opportunities to participate in cultural and sporting events. For more information about Food Brings Hope, please visit [www.FoodBringsHope.org](http://www.FoodBringsHope.org) or contact Beth Butera at [beth@FoodBringsHope.org](mailto:beth@FoodBringsHope.org)