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## FBHonors Awarded iPad Minis

~New technology will be used for education purposes during summer break~



DAYTONA BEACH, April 3, 2015 – Food Brings Hope Founder and Chair, Forough B. Hosseini, and Israel Gonzalez, controller at ICI Homes, presented 27 deserving FBHonors students with new iPad Mini's to further their educational experience during the summer and beyond.

"The Westside children and those who attend FBHonors from our middle schools were thrilled to receive their own personal iPad from Food Brings Hope!" expressed Judi Winch, principal of Westside. "With this meaningful gift, our children will be inspired to be creative in their research and in extending their knowledge in both math and science. Thank you FBH!"

The honor students also received protective cases for their new technology that comes with an attached keyboard so that they can practice their keyboard skill. as all testing is moving toward a computer based format.

"I am again overwhelmed by the generosity of Mrs. Hosseini and Food Brings Hope. For the past three years Mrs. Hosseini has provided students in the Farshad Babazadeh Honors Program with technology. This year 27 students received brand new iPads which will afford them the opportunity to learn vital skills necessary to be ready for college in the 21st century. Students will be able to expand upon the STEM lessons they receive in the program. This was certainly a memorable day for students.

"Students need to be able to practice keyboarding skills as all testing is moving toward a computer based format," says Aimee Shank, teacher at Westside and FBHonors sponsor.

When asked what she does in her FBHonors class, Aangel Gould, 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Westside, replied that they do "cool science experiments" and play math games, such as 24 where students are challenged to find four numbers where the sum is equal to 24.

Before being able to take the iPads home, students were required to sign a contract agreeing that the iPad will be used for educational purposes only. The contract also stated that students are allowed to take the technology home to use with their families. Students will be using these iPads in their FBHonors activities and after 2 years in the program they are gifted the iPad if they have met all what was required of them.

"Our FBHonors students have gone above and beyond our expectations this year," said Forough B. Hosseini. "They have made the commitment to utilize all opportunities for advancement and we applaud them for that."

FBHonors program was instituted in 2012 to help the highest achieving FBH students reach their fullest potential. Heavily centered on STEM programming, the FBHonors Program meets everyday at Westside for 3 hours.