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## Calusa students shave heads to 'be brave, go bald'

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Kindergartners through second-graders sat on the floor in the cafeteria at the first of two Calusa Elementary School head-shaving events for children with cancer.

On stage, Jamie Kshonz got the music and the audience going with visiting Atlantic Community High School's drumline at the seventh annual St. Baldrick's Day events she organizes every year. This year's raised upward of \$45,000, she said.

"It's such an incredible experience for our children to reach out to other young children; it's not just raising money," Calu-

sa's principal Jamie Wyatt said before a room full of parents. "The whole school rallies together..."

Seventy Calusa students, 10 Boca Raton police officers and Calusa father and Brooklyn Nets pro basketball player Eric Clark sat in chairs on stage for haircuts and hair shaves by nine volunteer barbers and stylists on May 8.

This wasn't only the fourth year for Luc Coriolan, a Calusa father and a barber with The Final Cut in Deerfield Beach. He ended up giving an impromptu haircut to Clark, and his son Jacky, a third-

grader, was waiting for the next shift for older students.

"I do it so kids don't have to deal with more cancer," Jacky said.

The first set of children climbed into chairs as their parents held up cell phone cameras. "I had the butterflies," Jake Thornberry, 7, admitted afterward, with green paint still in his scalp.

"I wanted to help," said Lily Svirksy, 6 1/2, who had 8 inches of hair lopped off.

Melissa Durniok said her daughter Maggie, Lily's friend, raised more

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## Purple Heart bus, salutes, music to mark Memorial Day

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Veterans and the public are invited to four free events marking Memorial Day on Monday in the city and West Boca.

The Purple Heart bus will be unveiled after the county's Memorial Day observance in Veterans Park in West Boca. The city's traditional salute to vets at the morning ceremony in the Boca Raton Cemetery will be followed by a free, open-air concert that night in the Mizner Park Amphitheater.

Palm Beach County's ceremony, co-sponsored with the Veterans of For-

eign Wars Post 10556, is 9:30 a.m. Monday in front of the memorial bust in Veterans Park, 9400 W. Palmetto Park Road.

"We expect a big

crowd this year because of the unveiling of the bus," said Joan Hutchinson, the county's

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**HEADS UP** Lori Mortensen, a stylist from Salon XO in Boca Raton, shaves Luc Coriolan, Coriolan's son, Malakai Barahona, 9, a four-year participant, this year opted for an "SB" shaved into his head as a St. Baldrick's tribute. More than 50 students at Calusa Elementary School shaved their heads to raise money for St. Baldrick's Foundation for kids with cancer. STAFF PHOTOS/ANNA COLLINS

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