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NEWS RELEASE – “LELY HIGH SCHOOL WELCOMES SPECIAL VISITOR”

We witness simple acts of kindness every day, and hopefully we are even on the giving end sometimes. Lely High School (LHS) is focusing its efforts on acts of kindness, by inviting motivational speaker Bob Votruba to speak with students about his 10-year mission to travel across the country and encourage people to be kind every day. On Monday, March 22, his travels will bring him to the school, located at 1 Lely High School Boulevard. He will speak with 9th graders during 4th period (beginning at 9:57 a.m.) and 10th graders during 5th period (beginning at 10:51 a.m.). He will also park his painted bus near the school's courtyard during lunchtime to speak with any student who is interested.

Last August, with his dog Bogart in tow, Votruba started visiting college campuses to reach students, and he plans to visit 100 campuses each year. The inspiration for his cross-country mission came from the September 11 attacks and the Virginia Tech shootings. Votruba's hope is to have young people commit one million acts of kindness in their lifetime. This translates to 50 acts of kindness every day for 55 years.

The idea for Votruba to come to LHS came from a group of local community members who are mentors to eight LHS students. This group of students and mentors is planning the entire event, and will also be coordinating some activities that are designed to encourage LHS students to perform their own acts of kindness. The school is focused on getting many of its students to sign a pledge that they will work to achieve that one million mark.

To learn more, please contact Guidance Counselor Peg Reale at 377-2000.