

## **Minister Boyce visits Five Cays Primary School students**

On Tuesday, May 13, Hon. Dr. Lillian Boyce, Minister of Health and Human Services - took time from her hectic schedule to visit with students of the Enid Capron Primary School. Located in her constituency of Five Cays, Providenciales, the school is Hon. Boyce's alma mater.

The visit was twofold; as the Hon. Minister was there to speak with students before they sit the Grade Six Achievement Test (GSAT), and to remind and reinforce in them, that it was their responsibility to change the stigma that is attached to Five Cays community. As one of the most highly accomplished former residents of that district, Dr. Boyce impressed upon students not to allow others opinion colour or define their future. She said the school and the community have advanced more so today, than it was in her youth. To this end, she wanted students to study hard, be the best and brightest they can be, and remain on top of the Turks and Caicos academic leader board.

“Why is it important for Five Cays to be at the top?” shed asked. “We are still living in a Turks and Caicos Islands, where stigma is attached to some communities. They don't understand that those of us who live in Five Cays or who have come to this institution in Five Cays have risen above those stigmas.”

She wanted students to think about their life in 10, 20, 30 years from now. The kind of parents they will be, the children they would like to have, their homes, cars, and the like. It was her hope that they live by example, thus creating a better-educated progressive community for Five Cays. If this is done, said Dr. Boyce, it will become contagious with neighbours learning from each other, thereby creating a better Turks and Caicos.

The Hon. Minister of Health advised students that the best way to get anything in life is through hard honest work. By learning their lessons; passing their GSAT, moving on to high school, A-levels, university, and then life after academia; and it is this exam she said, will propel them to all that they could possibly achieve.

“I hope that I can be a role model for you. I hope that your parents can be a role model for you, and that is why everyday I try so hard to be a good example for all of the children of the Turks and Caicos Islands,” Hon. Dr. Boyce said.

Students of the Enid Capron Primary School have shown that they are some of the best and brightest in the Turks and Caicos, and to this, Dr. Boyce wants them to keep up the good work, and to be in the top 10 when GSAT results are announced.

She charged them to make a difference in own their lives and to the stigma that is attached to the community, “Because, we are a brand new people with new attitudes,

good habits, better habits than those who pass before us and by educating yourself, you can shape the kind of community you want for yourself, by continuing to learn your lessons everyday, by continuing be good boys and girls, and tell your parents and of course the whole world that this is a brand new Five Cays,” Hon. Dr. Boyce said.