

BOOKS AGAINST BULLIES



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Treasurer of the CABINS Group Debbie Michalenka with President of the Pastore Foundation Paul Balsano, Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School Assistant Principal Janet Antonelli and Chairwoman for the Pastore Center Louise Pastore.

Anti-bullying organization donates to Coventry schools

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CRANSTON — Members of the Pastore Foundation along with the Community Against Bullying in Schools (CABINS) Group presented books to the Coventry school administration about spreading the message of kindness, the importance of acceptance, toler-

ance and all other positive character traits teachers and administrators want students to develop and strengthen.

Board Members from CABINS assembled all the kindness books for the Cranston and Coventry Elementary Schools and CABINS has received funding through the Pastore Foundation for this initiative.

Debbie Michalenka started CABINS after

losing her son, who suffered from being bullied.

“This is the tenth year anniversary of his death and going to elementary schools to share the message about how important it is to stop the bullying is still very important to me,” she said.

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Social studies teacher and Falcon Pride Committee member Charles Blanchette was unable to attend the donation presentation but Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School Assistant Principal Janet Antonelli said school is not just about academics.

“The People’s Behavior Internet Strategies (PBIS) that Mr. Blanchette is involved in in-

volves students, parents and administrators and all have taken an upstander pledge, which is just about stepping up and speaking out if you see or hear something that isn’t right,” she said.

Along with the books, a \$1,000 check was also presented to Coventry to continue the work that’s being done to promote the end of bullying. One package of books will go to each grade.