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COMMUNITY SERVICE - WINTER 2005

DISTRICT

If you want, you could mention that our staff is participating in the United Way campaign this year, and that this directly impacts on our own community. Just a thought.
(from Diana Conlin)

INTERBORO HIGH SCHOOL

Members of Concert Band under Dave Burkhart and Select Choir under Ralph Andrews perform each year for the Annual Norwood Tree Lighting. The event takes place each year the Friday after Thanksgiving.
(from Mark Peltz)

Our secondary life skill students do a terrific job at community service. Our B.U.C.S. (which stands for, Bringing Useful Community Service) to Elders program offers computer, household, yard or snow shoveling assistance to our senior citizens. They can call here at extension 201 if help is needed.

Every Thursday afternoon students spend 2 hours unloading, stocking and packaging food boxes for families at the Loaves and Fishes food pantry (Baptist Church in Prospect Park).

Every other Thursday afternoon, students plan and take an intergenerational communication kit from Horizons Unlimited to the Connor Williams nursing home to cheer up clients.

Also, in partnership with Dr. Goldberg, two freshman students volunteer on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons as computer mentors for Norwood elementary students.

Other 17 to 20 yr old students volunteer daily to weekly at Taylor Hospital, Springfield Hospital, Friendly Acre Daycare in Secane, Rocky Run YMCA and right here in the high school custodial department, office and classrooms.
(from Nancy Miller)

The select choir students will also be performing for the Glenolden Christmas tree lighting again this year on Saturday, Dec. 10th beginning 7pm. The choir will begin to sing at 6:45 and have the community join them in singing at 7pm.
(from Ralph Andrews)

The last holiday season, administrators, guidance and support staff agreed to donate a monetary gift to "Loaves & Fishes," which supports needy families along the Chester Pike corridor (in place of exchanging gifts). We are doing the same this year.

In the same vein, in lieu of receiving holiday gifts from the staff, we have asked for a small donation in our name, "Interboro High School," to "Loaves & Fishes."

Although we appreciate everyone's thoughtfulness and generosity, we are sincerely thankful for their everyday friendship.
(from Fran Freeberry)

Connor Williams Nursing Home in Ridley – IHS students regularly visit to talk with residents and take them small gifts
(from Phyllis Rigglin)

FBLA sent cards to Veterans for Veteran's Day. Our club raised \$185 in donations for the American Heart Association.
FBLA donated \$200 for Hurricane Katrina from our breakfast sales. (from Janet Barcaro)

Guitar Club raised \$60 for a Delaware County based homeless shelter at its first coffeehouse in November. Additionally, it is donating items to Toys for Tots. (from Sue Hunt)

Here is a list of the different Sr. Projects the kids have signed up for this year. They all have to be community service related.

We thought you could take a few from this list:

Middle School French tutoring
Prospect Park Town Council activity workers
Making New Championship Banners for the High School
Special Olympics Bowling tournament
Canned Food Drive
Toys for Tots
Prospect Park Home and School Event workers
Senior Citizens Luncheon
CHIP ID Program helpers
Prospect Park Breakfast with Santa
Ridley Creek State Park Event Security
Senior Citizen Music Recital
Powderpuff Football event for the Sunshine Foundation
Middle School Girls Basketball Coaches
Cancer Walk
Prospect Park Senior Citizens New Year's Ball
Mini Bucs Football Camp
Middle School Soccer Coaches
St. Gabriele's Spaghetti Dinner for Senior Citizens
Norwood School Outdoor garden
Our Lady of Fatima park cleanup
Interboro Freshman mentor Group
MS Walk
Little Pirates Wrestling Coaches
School beautification through murals
At-Risk children Basketball coaches
Alex Lemonade Stand
Locks for Love
Middle School CPR training

And the list will be growing.

(from Jeff Allison and Steve Lennox, Sr. Project Coordinators)

This year in recognition of World Food Day the Young Bucs collected 75.00 in loose change from the HS kids for UNICEF when they went trick-or treating in the different classrooms, the Foods and Nutrition classes prepared about 50 meals for the elderly shut in's supported by the organization Aid For Friends, the Advanced clothing class designed a show case to raise awareness for FCS, "Families Changing Society" and how our global outreach is UNICEF and local outreach is

through Aid For Friends. The culinary arts class created a script for a video showcasing our efforts. Keith Nunnelee and students created the video and is going to send that to you shortly. Thank you for your support!!!! (from Caryl Atmajian/FCS)

The National Honor Society is once again throwing a Christmas party for the Summit School in Wallingford. Our students have been working hard collecting toys and money in homerooms for the past 2 weeks. The student body has again been most generous in giving. Please feel free to join us again this year on Thursday, Dec. 15 for the party. (from Debbie Gruhler/Anne Marie Orloff)

As I told you we asked individual clubs/groups to respond to you directly. One school wide effort coordinated by student council is that through the Mississippi School Boards Assoc. we have adopted Purvis HS (victim of Katrina) and thus far have sent them \$1000 in Office Depot gift cards for their teachers, and this week will send them an additional \$1300 in Wal-mart gift cards. This money was raised by fundraising efforts of a number of groups through our Interclub Council - coordinated by senior Cliff Engel.

Last night's "Bucs Bachelor Bid" raised about \$1200 which will be donated to Del. County Children and Youth Service's holiday program for kids receiving their services. Finally, a number of student efforts have been combined to collect cans and raise money for the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry - we will deliver these to them next week. (from Andy Costanzo)

GLENOLDEN

Class sending messages wrapped as bon-bons to service men and women in Iraq (from Debbie Rhodes/G2)

The fifth graders at Glenolden School, organized by Ms. McCullion, are raising money, by doing chores, to send phone cards to the soldiers in Iraq. The children have chore charts and are doing service for family and neighbors during the holiday season. They have elected to do this rather than have a Pollyanna and give one another gifts. (from Heather Mangold/G5)

My class is currently collecting items to send to three soldiers stationed in Iraq.... 1 is a former student of Glenolden, 1 is a father of Glenolden (and high school) students, and 1 is the son of retired Glenolden teacher Marie Messick...I must tell you that the generosity of the families of the students in my class is overwhelming--especially at this time of the year! (Kristin Cugino/G3)

Each year the third graders at Glenolden School earn money for doing chores around their homes. The money is then donated to a worthy cause. In years past we have donated to homeless shelters, the NY firefighters, and the Norwood School library to help replace the damaged books. This year we will continue the tradition.

The students and staff of Glenolden School donate items for the "Toys for Tots" program. The staff also collects money for those less fortunate children in the Glenolden community.

Some of the classes have collected items for the servicemen and women over seas. My class and other classes have sent cards to Mark Messick, son of former teacher Marie Messick, who is stationed in Iraq. (from Michelle Convery/G3)

Glenolden School held a community service day for students in 7th and 8th grades. The students made cookie dough and cards for the infirmed and elderly of our community. They also baked pies and prepared a complete Thanksgiving dinner for a local women's shelter.

Our students are currently collecting Toys for Tots. Some of our elementary students have been communicating with our men and women overseas. (from Patricia Hawrylak/GMS-SS)

For the past five years, the students in Glenolden School's Second Grade and Mr. Duffy's Fourth Grade class have donated money from doing chores at home to the Women's Crisis Center in Media, PA. The money has been used to replenish the playroom with games, add books to the library, buy school supplies, and help purchase computers. We will make another donation this year. (Kathy Bakey/G2)

KINDERGARTEN ACADEMY

On Tuesday, December 6, the students in Transitional First grade helped Michele Bernauer, a Prospect Park resident, with Operation Care Package. With the help of some class parents, the children made holiday decoration to send to U.S. troops serving overseas. The children also brought in some "treats" to send along. Operation Care Package is an ongoing project, so the children will continue to prepare items to send over throughout the rest of the year. (from Kim King/KA)

Our Community Service Day projects consists of the following activities:

- 1) Preparing Thanksgiving Dinner for the residences of the Women's Crisis Center of Delaware County. Several teachers cooked turkeys, our 7th and 8th grade students the students make the mashed potatoes, stuffing and 12 pies.
- 2) Preparing casseroles for distribution at Saint John's Hospice, a men's rescue center in Philadelphia
- 3) Preparing Christmas cookies for the convalescent members of the Glenolden community

Nine classrooms have sent care packages and letters to three soldiers serving in Iraq, Mark Messick, the son of our former sped teacher Marie Messick, Gerry Golden, a parent of two of our students and Andrew Brown, a former Glenolden student and 2001 graduate of IHS.

Feel free to discuss the works of our students. Our faculty has done something marvelous, but I have some difficulty wanting to share it. Our Operation Santa project has taken off. In years past, Peggy Cellucci has organized the effort to seek faculty contributions to provide presents for moms and dads of limited means. Since I have asked for donations to help students who lost a parent during the school year (we have had three students lose a father, one lost his mother, a 6th grader whose father is in hospice, and a set of twins in 8th grade whose mother was diagnosed with cancer), I made a mercy call to help those kids dealing with their first Christmas without a loved one. The faculty response has been tremendous. Rachel Lambert and Heather Mangold have found companies that will match our contributions. Judy Rex and Trish Hawrylak found friends to adopt families for the holidays. Michelle Convery drops off bags and bags of new toys each day. Dottie Fertig contacted Toys for Tots and learned how we can keep our donations to Toys for Tots in Glenolden. Individuals have contributed as much as \$100 to provide for others. The donations of toys, food and clothes have always been anonymous. Peggy has arranged with Mayor Ted Bathurst to disburse the contributions. The families have never known it comes from us. To protect the integrity of Peggy's program, she would prefer it remain anonymous. As much I would like to publicize the good works of our staff, I understand and support her position. Allowing these good works to remain anonymous allows it to become its own Christmas miracle for our neediest families. (from Joe Flynn)

We have been writing to CPL Andrew Brown, a Glenolden School and Interboro graduate, (and a former first grade student of mine!) who are stationed in Iraq. Our class collected personal care items, goodies and candy filling 3 boxes, to send to Cpl Brown and his friends. Glenolden Home and School Association was kind enough to pay for the shipping costs.

A fire damaged the home of one of our classmates just before Thanksgiving. Our class collected \$150.00 to replace some games and books that were lost in the fire. Our Home and School is generously replacing some items as well. (from Mary Lou McCool/G1)

NORWOOD

The first graders at Norwood School donated school supplies for a school in Louisiana that was devastated. We collected two large boxes of items and sent them to other first graders in need. (from Jamie Kovatch/N1)

The Third graders decorated a tree at Longwood Gardens. (from Barbara McNamara/N3)

The second grade at Norwood School is adopting a family for Christmas this year. We are going to do this instead of Pollyanna's to teach the children the true meaning of giving. It is going to be a wonderful lesson! (from Tara Watson, N2)

PROSPECT PARK

Many people, besides myself, collected toys for tots--a program the Marines sponsor. We had a great contribution of many nice toys.

Also--and John won't toot his own horn---but many children, from OUR community, that are in John's club--the Glenolden Young People's Performing Arts Club----have helped collect food items for various churches in our towns. (from Carole Kaelin/PP4)

Prospect Park School has a sister school in Metairie Louisiana, that has many families that lost everything in Hurricane Katrina. We have adopted two families from this school for Christmas and with money collected we are providing Christmas gifts to these families. (from Pam Artese/PP6)

Mrs. Allison, Mrs. Konowal, Mrs. Morley and Mrs. Taylor's second grade classes are writing holiday letters to the servicemen/women during our computer classes with Mr. Kern.

Also, Miss Langendorf, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Allison, Mrs. Konowal, Mrs. Morley, Mrs. Taylor, and Miss Moore's first and second grade classes are contributing money to purchase a tree for our sister school, St. Christopher's School in Louisiana, since one of their large trees was wiped out during Hurricane Katrina. This is in lieu of purchasing gifts for the faculty and staff at Prospect Park.
(Connie Allison/PP2)

We have raised money for different causes since September with the students and staff:
September - Hurricane Katrina \$ 586.00 (sponsoring two families for Christmas)
October - Breast Cancer \$601.00
November - Diabetes foundation \$ 7,197.41
December - Toys for Tots \$430.00 worth of toys donated to the marines
(from Carla Vitale)

Mrs. Phillips's class is researching and writing a non fiction book about Hurricane Katrina for a publication contest to inform children in the future of this devastating event.

We also wrote letters to the students in St. Christopher School in Metairie Louisiana to help them have better spirits after this terrible Hurricane. We heard they received the letters, and now we are waiting for a response so that we can continue our pen pal letters.

We are also going to do something for a Chester Charter School through video to wish them Christmas greetings. (Songs, play, or reading Christmas greetings) The administrator said that it's too much of a risk to go in person. (from Patricia Phillips/PP4)

On November 19th, a team of students, parents, and teachers installed all the teachers' new computers here at Prospect Park School. Mr. Bob Kern led the team.

PPS's STOP Committee under Krista DiRocco and Pam Artese are collecting for Loaves & Fishes Food Bank here in Prospect Park. (from Sabrina Daluisio/PP-IA)

The P.P. staff has been busy in Sept. collecting money for the Katrina Flood victims in Sept.; Oct. we collected over \$500 for Susan Koman Breast Cancer Awareness, over \$7000. In Nov. for Diabetes Walk and over \$420 worth of toys for tots this month. In addition the school has adopted families in Louisiana and a school that is our Pen-Pal school. The children in 1st and 2nd grades are forgoing gifts for the classroom or teachers to contribute to St. Christopher's school beautification since so much was destroyed. I'm sure you are aware of much of this. (from Eleanor Morley/PP2)

TINICUM

Mrs. Criscuolo's class read 100 books then Scholastic donated 100 books to children in need. In coordination with Ms. Peet, my students are writing and sending letters and cards to our troops in Iraq.

Through the NJ Audobon, I guide and assist with walks for the CMBO (Cape May Bird Observatory) as a volunteer. Unfortunately, this is in the community where I live, Cape May, NJ, not Interboro, but all ages are welcome, and I have met and lead hundreds of people from around the world! (from Linda Waldie/T4)

I received close to 200 Veteran's Day cards and holiday cards from all the schools, which were distributed to the members of the Delaware National Guard. In fact, one of our student's cards made it on television when they were featuring a holiday meal we had this past Drill weekend. I distributed the cards at the meal. (from Dawn Peet)