



Service Learning News

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Dear Parents,

The **Light-the-Night** t-shirts have arrived, and THEY DO **GLOW**! We will be selling them as well as Leukemia/Lymphoma Society wristbands and glow-in-the-dark accessories all this week before school with proceeds benefiting those who are researching ways to rid our world of this disease. Even if you are unable to join us Thursday evening for our walk and tour of the classroom illuminations, these are great things to have at football games this fall and for Halloween!

And now for the details of Thursday evening:

Those who are looking forward to walking together should meet at the Hale Farm parking lot at 6 p.m.,. We will go down their driveway and over the hill to Indigo Lake and back. The path is wide and paved, accommodating strollers if needed. The distance is about 1.5 miles and except for an initial gradual hill, is not strenuous at all. This is designed as a low-key time of chatting and enjoying "our" Valley in the twilight. Use your judgment in case of rain. If it is nasty, it isn't fun!

From 7-8 p.m., as it begins to get dark, the school will be open for families to walk through. Many of the classrooms, offices and halls will be illuminated. We will also have doughnut holes and cider in the dining room. We'll close right at 8 p.m. so that little ones can get to bed and older ones can begin enjoying this mid-fall break.

During the week, teachers will be having fun, as they find ways to introduce a lesson on "light" or "night" to their students. Below are some examples of what they will be doing, as well as how they and their students are planning to decorate their rooms.

From Ms. Riede (technology) - I'm planning on having Twinkle lights in my room and probably will bring my Team in Training Shirt with all the names on it.

From Mrs. Wrobel (kindergarten) - My lesson will focus on family. Family members love and take care of one another. The children will make and decorate paper lanterns to hang in the classroom.

From Mrs. DiTirro (second grade) - My class will be "going back in time!" We are studying past and present in Social Studies, so I thought it would be a great tie in. I will be hanging a disco ball as our light and we will look at trends of the 70's and probably make flowers, peace signs, etc. to hang around the room. On Thursday night, the lit ball will be spinning, the room decorated by the kids, and I will have disco music playing!!!

From Mr. Adams (science) – The third, fourth and fifth grade science students will make Polarized Light Mosaics one day next week.

From Mrs. Smith (fifth grade) - The fifth graders are memorizing, *Night Creature*, as their poem this cycle.



From Miss Kane (kindergarten) - We are planning to decorate some glass vases with pretty colored tissue paper and watered down glue so they will look like stained glass. Then we are going to put a string of lights inside them to light them up even more. We will be reading a story or two about night time. I think we will read the Napping House and Franklin in the Dark..

Mrs. Kuhlen (eighth grade) - is asking everyone for the loan of lava lights.

Mrs. Spindel (sixth grade) - invited us up to take pictures of her classes assembling constellations in the night sky with lights which will be hanging in the sixth grade hallway.

Serving together,

Judy & Amanda