



Service Learning News

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Dear Parents,

Mr. Duff was updating me about an eighth grade initiative with far-reaching implications. The eighth grade advisory groups have an ongoing collection of nonperishable food for the Willard Food Pantry at the Willard United Church of Christ. They do this by charging an admission of one food item for each event they attend or participate in. An example was the seventh and eighth grade dance on last Friday. There will be even more opportunities to donate an item of food in the second semester. The advisory groups have set up a temporary pantry in an eighth grade classroom and will take turns delivering the goods to the Willard Food Pantry. Mr. Trahey's group was able to deliver more than 200 items last week. You may hear more about this easy but worthy project as the school year progresses, for the other two divisions may add this "price of admission" to their programs. In fact, the cereal donated in conjunction with the first grade mitten tree goes to the same destination.



This Thursday, preceding the Primary School Winter Program, herbs germinated and transplanted by second graders will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis in Firestone Lobby. An added incentive is that second graders and preschoolers sponge-painted the cute little pots together. The pots will be sold for \$3 each. They are a wonderful opportunity to add a little summer freshness to your kitchen! At the same time, preschoolers have planted herbs in their classroom that we hope will be available for Chef Audra in our School kitchen before too long!



Thanks to all who contributed hats and gloves to the first grade Mitten Tree. As we all dress comfortably and colorfully for the rain, sleet and snow of winter, how good to know that children in Akron will be doing the same, thanks to your contributions!

This is a time of year when many faiths have celebrations, so I decided to see what various religions and inspirational leaders have to say about loving service to others. Here is an incomplete list:

Hatreds never cease through hatred. Through love they cease. This is an eternal law.
- Dhammapada 3-5 (Buddhist Scripture)

You must be the change you wish to see in the world. - Mahatma Gandhi

Do good to him who has done you injury. -Tao Te Ching 63

Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor. – I Corinthians 10:24 (The Bible)

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.
-Martin Luther King

Those who act kindly in this world will have kindness. - Qur'an 39.10

Without selfless service are no objectives fulfilled; in service lies the purest action. - Adi Granth, Maru, M.1. p.992 (Sikh Scripture)

A man should share in the distress of the community, for so we find that Moses, our teacher, shared in the distress of the community. - Talmud, Taanit 11a (Judaism)

Giving simply because it is right to give, without the thought of return... is enlightened giving. -Bhagavad Gita 17:20

When you are in the service of your fellow beings you are only in the service of your God. - Book of Mormon, Mosiah 2:17

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!

Serving together,

Judy & Amanda