



Service Learning News

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Dear Parents,

Last week we were treated to an inspirational assembly presentation by our Middle School students, Audrey B., Sam H., Izzy H., Annie W., James A., Zoe S. and Nate H., who traveled to the **Heifer Ranch** in Arkansas last summer. These students gave a vivid overview of what **Heifer International's** mission is truly all about.

According to Izzy H., "Through passing on the gifts, people given livestock by Heifer are encouraged to share the gift of livestock to the community through offspring, letting the community to begin to prosper and to lessen hunger. By helping people and persuading them to help others, Heifer tries to create a tradition of doing service to others."



We have challenged the school community to fill our **Heifer Heroes** Barnyard bulletin board in the dining room with animals purchased for Heifer. Here are some service projects that classes/grade levels have planned:

- ***Preschoolers** will be painting **bookmarks** to sell.
- *The **Young Fives** class will sponsor a **Lemonade Stand** in the Primary School.
- *The Kindergartners have made piggy banks from milk cartons. The children are doing "**chores for change**" at home.
- ***First graders** held a **Bake Sale** on Friday, March 13.
- *The **Second Grade** will have their very own **Free Dress Day** one day this week, charging \$5 a student.



*A number of **Fifth Graders** are taking jewelry making classes from Mrs. Zidones during their lunchtime. At each class they are learning a different skill and design (see photos.) **Grades Three and Four** are also working on artistic endeavors for the benefit of Heifer. Mrs. Wilson may even auction off a gnome. The Intermediate School will be holding a **Craft Fair** in a couple weeks to market their efforts.

*In the Middle School, students will complete **acts of service** outside of school and contribute money earned to Heifer. **Sixth and seventh grade** advisories will collectively decide on their animal goal. The **eighth grade** class' objective is to raise enough money to purchase a water buffalo.

We are thrilled with the compassion and enthusiasm that so many of our students and teachers have brought to this service project. Please keep checking the **Heifer Heroes** Barnyard!

Serving together,

Judy & Amanda