



Service Learning News

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Dear Parents,

Thanks to the amazing efforts of our entire school community, the flamingos have been auctioned off and are now residing in many homes and workplaces. Although the tally is not complete, we raised more than \$1500 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Other less tangible results were clear – Old Trail’s name was quite visible in the greater community in a special way; and our “family” worked together and had fun for a very important cause.

There were several people who worked hard behind the scenes and need to be acknowledged: Bob Vogel and his sixth grade technology classes who researched and typed up the messages of hope and encouragement on the back of every flamingo’s tag; Sharon Silver and her daughter, Rachel, who worked for two hours yesterday to collect the money as people picked up their flamingos after the auction; Kyla Elderton, who labored to let news services know about our project; and Julie Miller and Anne Reide who worked together to create a fabulous DVD showing the flamingos being created and their travel to Hudson. I have a copy of the DVD if you would like to borrow it overnight. Just email me and I’ll put it in your child’s book bag.

I must also publicly thank Hattie’s in Hudson. This lovely café is an outreach of the Hattie Larlham Foundation. The organization has been serving children and adults with mental disabilities for decades. Their website is <http://www.hattielarlham.org/>. If you go there, you will see the flamingos’ arrival at the café and learn more about how wonderful they are. It would be nice to support Hattie’s if you visit Hudson sometime, just as they so kindly supported Old Trail.

Tomorrow we will all be “pretty in pink” as we culminate this focus on Old Trail School’s Making a Difference. Students will hear Lee Giller, a former OTS dad, as he speaks about his successful battle with breast cancer. They can also buy special cookies in the dining room at lunchtime. Then our service learning thoughts will turn to many other activities that are in the works around the school. I so enjoy this opportunity to update you!

Judy