

Dear Parents,

Thank you all for your generosity and support of our fundraisers this month. The Thanksgiving boxes are full and ready for delivery to the Helping Hands Mission. The children are very proud of their donations!

We have received many donations already to our Backpacks for Buddies project. Click on the link below for a student video explaining the project. Thank you to the students in Mrs. Gonzalez-Condell's class for their leadership in making this a successful fundraising effort!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZI5vqEPqjuiXfaYe4Y1U9hqH8FbHqA2h/view?usp=sharing>

We hope you are enjoying the Family Focus on Kindness Homework. We look forward to reading about your conversations and activities and will give the children opportunities to share their acts of kindness with their peers. Please send in your family's choice board on Monday.

In addition to our focus on kindness, we are engaging our students in lessons about gratitude. They are reflecting on ways they are thankful for things in their lives, such as family, friends, school, and fun. The students' reflections are being collected on a large bulletin board in our hallway for all to see. First graders also showed their gratitude to local veterans by sending cards and notes expressing appreciation for their service to our country.

The children have been learning many lessons in Social Studies the past few weeks, including lessons about the election process and Veterans' Day. Our focus has been on being a good citizen and showing gratitude for those who serve our country. Please take some time this weekend to talk with your child about some of these concepts. They are at the age when they are becoming interested in the "bigger world" around them and how it works.

The results of our election are in: We will have **Pajama Day** next Friday, November 17th. (It also happens to be a half day of school!)

On Friday, November 17th, we will also have our second "Chat with the Principal" at 9:30. The focus will be on the many **academic support services** we provide our students. The AIS team will be there to answer all of your questions.

Thank you to all of our parents for supporting Parents' Night Out. Our GPFA works tirelessly to support our school and we are very grateful.

Enjoy the three-day weekend!

Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein