



Indian Creek Continues the Tradition of Helping

Indian Creek School begins its thirty-eighth year of holiday sharing on November 29. This long-held tradition started by the school's founder Anne Chambers focuses the charitable efforts of students in pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade on the needs of Crownsville and Annapolis charities. Over the years Indian Creek has provided countless gifts, new and used clothing, literally tons of food, a computer lab, laundry equipment, televisions and more to charities in Anne Arundel County. It is now a combined effort of teachers, parents, staff, and students.

The goal is to connect students with charities in a way that is meaningful for each developmental stage to help students think of themselves as people who can make a difference. Pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and pre-first students will partner with second and third graders to provide gifts for children in the Anne Arundel County Foster Care Program. They will work with Balanced Life Skills to deliver the gifts to children aged thirteen and under. First graders will be collecting new books for the book mobile that serves the children of Tyler Heights School. Paula Hendry, the media specialist at Tyler Heights runs the book mobile that gives away free books. The children of Tyler Heights will be giving back to the first graders at Indian Creek with gifts of their handmade bookmarks.

Once again, fourth and fifth grade students will provide gifts for the residents of Fairfield Nursing Home in Crownsville. The residents have provided the students with a wish list from which the students will choose a gift. Middle School student will continue their support of Giving Back...A Homeless Mission. Under the direction of the Middle School Student Government Association, students will pack up to sixty backpacks full of thermal underwear, hats, gloves, and scarves that will be distributed to the homeless in shelters throughout the county.

Since its opening in 2004, the Upper School has been a good neighbor to Chrysalis House by collecting items requested by the residents and administrators of Chrysalis House. Students will deliver the items to Chrysalis House prior to the holiday break.

The entire school will work together to donate food to the Anne Arundel County Food Bank. Students are making an extra effort this year as the Food Bank faces an increase of 37% in requests. ICS students will concentrate on providing family-sized rather than institutional sized items and easy open items suitable for children and for the homeless. Parent volunteers will greet students at the beginning of the school day to accept donations and screen items for freshness. The Lower School has set a goal of 200 items per class while the Middle School is aiming for 1800 items. The Upper School Student Government Association will coordinate the food drive on the Upper School campus. Students will try to best past years' performances that put Indian Creek among the top ten donors among county schools and made the school the only independent school on the list. The school-wide program continues until December 17.

