Rhinos Community Gathering
December 16, 2010 Period 9

“Showing Compassion Towards Others in the ...Gates Chili Middle School ...Gates Chili Community ...World”

As a community, the Rhinos will participate in a Rhinos Gathering on 12/16 during period 9 to further enhance the theme of “Showing Compassion Towards Others.”

Activities include:

- Picture Frame Creation for Golisano Children’s Hospital
- Creating holiday placemats and table cloths for the Open Door Mission
- Chain of Commitment for showing Compassion assembly for GCMS classrooms
- Making stuffed animal collars for Golisano Children’s Hospital
- Holiday Ornament Creation for the Open Door Mission
- Making Origami Swans for the Golisano Children’s Hospital
- Writing of inscriptions on books donated for the Golisano Children’s Hospital.
- Mitten and scarf collection on trees found in the school entryways.

Dear Sixth Grade Families,

I have so appreciated the time spent meeting with many parents over the past few weeks. In my experience, parent/teacher conferences offer me such valuable information as an educator. The resounding truth is that universally parents want what is best for their child. As a parent myself, I truly understand that need. Parents are always the best advocate for their child and I so appreciate all that you have openly shared with me. Whether our conferences have been in person, by phone, or through other means, I am thankful to have the opportunity to converse about your child—my student.

This month our classroom reporters Erich and Anthony have offered insightful and enjoyable articles. I am grateful for their hard work!

There are great things in the months ahead. Regardless of the traditions and celebrations in the coming months, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all families a very happy holiday season!

Respectfully,

Mrs. Sarah Beh
December
Andy: 11th
Justina: 27th
Kobby: 29th

January
Jess: 7th

"On your birthday
I wish you much
pleasure & joy;
I hope all of
your wishes
come true.
May each hour
& minute
be filled with
delight.
And may your
birthday be
perfect for you!"

PROJECT COMPASSION: DECEMBER
RECIPES FOR PLUTA CANCER CENTER

Our Project Compassion Project continues in December. The students in our class and in Mrs. Meyer’s class collaborated to create a collection of favorite cookie recipes. These recipe books will be put for donation in the chemotherapy room at Pluta Cancer Center. This is a special place—there is so much hope and joy in the chemotherapy room at Pluta—it is amazing! Many people and/or organizations will offer donations for those receiving treatments and we are proud to be part of that group of donors! Way to go, class! I am proud of your efforts to make the day of someone brighter!

Spartan Way Coupon
Have a parent sign on the “X” and make a comment about our newsletter and earn 3 Spartan Way Tickets!

X __________________________
Parent comment:

Keep In Touch!

Thank you for being my partner in education.
Please feel free to contact me at anytime.
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Very Important Pupil
Our VIP for the Month of December is
Justina Mendes!

Congratulations, Justina on your nomination of VIP and for being a great example of The Spartan Way!

*check out our class website to see what the class had to say about JUSTINA!
THE HOLIDAYS

Students in our class celebrate the holidays of this month. There are four holidays in this holiday season.

Students celebrate with family and friends. They have presents, food, and decorations — people bond by doing that. It is a time to get together and have fun!

When you spend time with friends and family, you can either go over to their house or they can come to your house to celebrate. When you do that you feel comfortable.

Starting on December 1st, some people celebrate Hanukkah. On December 25th, other people celebrate Christmas. Next, New Year’s Eve is celebrated by most Americans. This holiday is celebrated on December 31st.

Basically, the whole point of the holidays is to spend time with family and friends and to also have fun!

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Bullying

Hello, I am Erich Mayer filling you in on the latest news. In today’s issue I will be talking about bullying.

Not long ago, Mr. Traver came into our class and spoke to us about bullying. He wasn't making up a list of things that have been happening here at GCMS. These examples of bullying were all coming from kids at our cool school.

I'm here to talk about how people are treating each other poorly and how bullies can change their behavior. Also, I will tell you how bullying prevents us from learning. Well, back to the first problem, on how people are treating each other poorly. This occurs when the bully has been bullied before and wants revenge or maybe just wants to be cool. Some people think being tough on others makes you look cool by other peers. The bully could also just want power!

When does bullying happen? Well, there is no certain time when someone could be bullied. It can happen anywhere at anytime! This absurd bullying usually is taking place in our school or outside of school at places like the playground or something.

I think bullying is wrong and I sure hope you agree. How can I help others, you ask? You can help by giving the bullied confidence or telling a teacher if you think you or another kid is at risk of being bullied. Lastly, one great person to talk to is Mr. Traver—he will be sure to help you fix the problem. So, help out if you can! Like I said, this is reporter Erich Mayer and I hope you like this article!

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Children are like wet cement. Whatever falls on them makes an impression.

—Haim Ginott