



ADOPT A CLASS

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You can't live a perfect day without doing something for someone that will never be able to repay you.

FOOD and TOY drive

Christi Winters is a social worker with the Multnomah County Touchstone Program and works at James John and George Middle School. The goal of the Touchstone Program is to assist children to be successful in school. Christi works with children and their families to improve school attendance, help families try to maintain their housing, maintain their utilities, obtain food and clothing, obtain medical/dental care, etc. and has worked at James John for over six years. As you know they are having a holiday food drive because so many of our families don't have ANY food for the holidays in December. Last year during the week of 12/25 they provided toys and generous food baskets to over 225 families in North



Portland! The number of families served depends completely on the amount of donations received, so we need help! The school food drive started at the end of October and ends the second week of December. At the same time, they have a community food AND toy drive that will end in December. If you know of other individuals or business partners wanting to donate food and/or toys for the holidays, please give Christi a call. One of her partners is the Caring Community of North Portland which is a 501(c)(3), so they are able to provide receipts for donations. They also need volunteer to help assemble the food boxes or give the food baskets and toys to the families (which will probably be the week before 12/25). Thank you for your time and for helping our children and their families!

Christi's phone number is 503-916-5867.

All of the AAC Adopters are AWESOME!

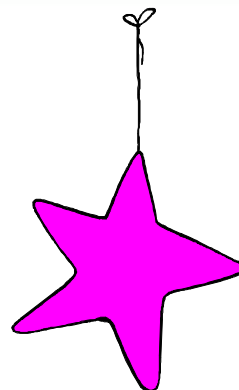
The "Dreadnoughts" (acoustic guitar band) performed a concert at Costello's on NE Broadway in October and raised \$197 for the RHS class of 66 Adopt A Class program.

Their teacher will be using the money to buy books for the classroom plus the bonus points earned will allow the kids to get books to take home.

Fred Meyer went on a shopping trip with their teacher to buy classroom supplies.

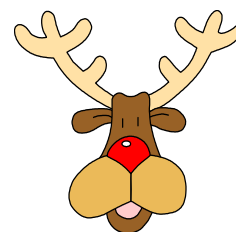
Fred Meyer sponsored buses to take all of the 2nd grade classes to the Peninsula Fred Meyer store. The kids went on mini tours of the store to see where they can find the healthy foods from the food pyramid and received samples.

The baskets that Advantage Sales & Marketing donated in October raised \$165 towards transportation needs for an upcoming event.



Special points of interest:

- Winter Break - December 18 through January 1st.
- Kids will be writing Thank You letters to their "Buddies" in January.
- SUN program—Jay Breslow (503) 283-9652 <http://www.sunschools.org/>
- Touchstone program—Christi Winters (503) 916-5867



Keep those emails coming!

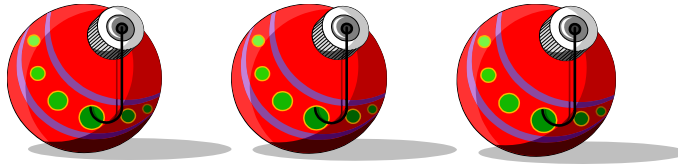
If you have time, please keep us posted of things going on with you & your kids—and/or send any comments or questions.

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Holiday Parties & Book Fair

WOW! Where do we begin. It sounds like everyone that we've heard from had a great time with their kids last week.



The Adopters from the local Rose City Chevrolet went to the book fair with their buddies and brought

a professional story teller that did a 20 minute presentation of winter stories.

I was told that one little girl had cried tears of joy. I think the Adopter may have had a tear or two also.

Wayne and I were sent via email some of the letters that the kids had written—HOW CUTE.

Since the books at the book fair were not appropriate for the 1st grade class, the Adopters from Advantage Sales & Marketing walked with their "buddies" to the local bookstore to purchase the books. They returned to their classroom for a pizza party, ice cream and to open classroom presents.

Regence attended the book fair and had a pizza party with their buddies. They also spent some time reading.

The Adopters from De La Salle North Catholic High School went to the book fair this past week and will be having the party with their buddies next week.

We love hearing about from you about your experiences with Adopt A Class and the kids from James John. You are all making a difference in these kids lives and they are SO lucky to have all of you. It doesn't matter what you do with them, these kids just want your time and attention. Thank you for taking time from your busy schedules to participate in the Adopt A Class program.

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!



The Adopt A Class program is successful because of all of you. We want to thank you not only for your participation but for your flexibility as we are working with Portland Public Schools to fine tune the program.

By now the Adopters have probably attached to their student (buddy) and the kids really look forward to their buddy visiting them in their classroom so they can show off the things that they are doing.

You might want to start thinking about what you would like to do with your kids for the Spring

activity. We have heard that there are some companies/organizations that will be teaming up with the companies/organizations from the same grade level for the Spring activity. If this is something you are interested in doing please let Wayne & me know and we would be happy to make that connection.

We are excited to hear more about what is going on in your classrooms and will be contacting you in January in hopes of meeting with you for coffee.

Have a safe and Happy New

