

**PINGRY – SHORT HILLS**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**  
**2007**

The students and faculty at Pingry Short Hills have participated in many community service projects throughout the year.

Dress Down Days are designated for specific charities. They are as follows:

- In September, Kids' Cancer Research Fund to honor the memory of Lisa Malchow v was a 2003 Pingry graduate
- In October, The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
- In November, ECLC of New Jersey which provides special education for children ages 5 through 21 with severe learning disabilities
- In November, The Minnesota Vikings Children's Fund for the University of Minnesota Department of Pediatrics
- In December, The Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community
- In January, Autism Speaks
- In January, The Foundation for the Arts and Trauma which helps children in a South African orphanage whose parents have died from AIDS
- In February, The Global Literacy Project which will provide a new library for a village in South Africa
- In March, The Morrison Family Fund to help a family who lost a parent and two children
- In April, The Somerset Hills Handicapped Riding Center
- In May, The Alliance for Lupus Research

**Kindergartners**

- Baked dog biscuits in the autumn for the animals at St. Hubert's Animal Welfare and Education Center in Madison. Teachers delivered the biscuits.

- Made valentines and sang for the residents of King James Care Center in Chatham.
- Gathered together toiletry items for the Honduran-American Medical Brigade to be delivered to remote villages.
- Visited St. Hubert's Animal Welfare and Education Center in the spring. Each child brought food and other supplies for a dog or cat to show care for the animals. They also participated in a discussion about the care of animals.

#### Kindergartners along with Grades 1, 2, and 3

- Learned to count by tens while wrapping over 1,000 baggies of candy for our annual school-wide "Sharing Halloween with Others" program. The children then distributed the candy to local hospitals and family centers.
- Counted and bagged over 2,000 Tootsie Rolls from Field Day for the Bridges program in Summit.

#### Grade 2 through Grade 5 students

- Wrote and decorated letters to our troops in Iraq.

#### First Graders

- Collected backpacks for the Global Literacy Project library in South Africa launched by the Carver family.
- Delivered snacks daily to every homeroom as part of their curriculum on communities.
- Gathered school supplies for Family Intervention Services in South Orange.

#### Second Graders

- Collected, sorted, and cut over 1,000 holiday cards to be used for arts and crafts classes at the St. Jude Ranch in Arizona. They also wrote letters to the children there.
- Made holiday wreaths decorated with toys and candy for Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.

- Sponsored a grade level collection of pantry items for the Jersey Battered Women's Service homeless shelter.

### Third Graders

- Sponsored a holiday mitten tree which provided mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for Lift for Learning in Elizabethport, Family and Children's Services of Elizabeth and The Pine Ridge Reservation School in South Dakota.
- Collected markers and crayons for Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.

### Fourth Graders

- Organized a school-wide Box Top drive to purchase science materials for The Soaring Heights Charter School in Jersey City.
- Collected, sorted, and personally delivered children's winter wear and coats to Harmony House in Newark. They baked cookies and spent time chatting, singing, and playing games with the Harmony House children.

### Fifth Graders

- Made sandwiches, wrote notes, packed and decorated 183 bag suppers for the Bridges program which distributes meals to homeless adults and children in Newark, Irvington, and Manhattan.

### Sixth Graders

- Created "Operation Shoebox", a collection of toiletry kits for the Lyons Veterans' Hospital in Bernards Township and the Battered Women's Shelter in Basking Ridge.
- Generated bake sale money to purchase 20 acres of tropical rainforest in the Rift Valley in Africa through The Nature Conservancy.
- Adopted 1 tiger and 1 panda through the World Wildlife Fund.
- Initiated a Dunk Teachers for Darfur Day to raise awareness and funds for the American Red Cross International Relief Fund for Darfur.

### Sixth Graders along with Seventh Graders from Martinsville

- Sorted food at The Community Food Bank of New Jersey in Hillside.

### Children in art classes in Grades K-6:

- Created holiday paintings, Valentine cards and drawings for the residents of:  
The Ingelmoor Nursing Home in Livingston  
Advanced Community Health Service of Verona  
Runnells Specialized Hospital of in Berkeley Heights  
King James Care Center in Chatham  
Glenside Nursing Home in New Providence  
Brookhaven in East Orange  
Plaza Nursing and Convalescent Center in Elizabeth  
Elizabeth Nursing and Rehabilitation Center  
Cranford Hall Nursing Home  
Winchester Gardens in Maplewood  
Cornell Hall Convalescent Center in Union  
John L. Montgomery Care Center in Freehold  
Marriott's Brighton Gardens in Edison  
Genesis Elder Care in Plainfield  
The Veterans Administration Hospital in East Orange

- Made bookplates for the library.
- Designed covers for concert programs.
- Created a banner and art work for the opening of the new Middle School.

### Kindergarten through Fifth Grade library students:

- Wrote pen pal letters to the children at the Carroll Shaw School in South Africa which will be delivered by the Carver and Shekhar families and Mrs. D'Innocenzo

### Kindergarten through Sixth Grade students:

- Participated in "Sharing Halloween" and gave their candy to The Community Soup Kitchen of Morristown and The Market Street Mission.
- Raised \$25,613.00 for The American Heart Association by gathering sponsors for Jump Rope for the Heart.
- Collected and sorted over 58,000 books for the Global Literacy Project library in South Africa. This was done in conjunction with the Martinsville Campus and several other schools.

### School-wide

- The Books for Kids Drive collected 355 books for disadvantaged children. The books were distributed through the Morris County Library Children's Services to: ARC of Morris County, Collinsville Day Care Center, Calvary Baptist Church,

**Family Services of Morris County, Manahan Village, Interfaith Council for the Homeless, Little Lights Learning Academy, Neighborhood House of Morristown, Morris County Youth Shelter, and NORWESCAPP-Early Head Start in Dover.**

- **“Think Pink Day” was a celebration with the entire pink-clad school purchasing “Together” wristbands for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.**
- **Gently used athletic equipment, art supplies and computer games were collected and given to Camp Happy Times in Blairstown, N.J., a camp for children with cancer.**
- **The year-round front hall eyeglass collection was given to New Eyes for the Needy in Short Hills.**
- **Gently used clothing was collected throughout the year in the front and rear hall Community Service bins and was distributed to various shelters in New Jersey.**
- **Empty ink cartridges and cell phones were collected for FOP.**

**And lastly, school-wide Holiday Giving to:**

- **UNICEF**
- **Thanksgiving food collection for the Market Street Mission.**
- **The One Pingry Holiday Tag-In for St. Rocco’s Family Center in Newark, Harmony House in Newark, Deirdre’s House in Morristown, Children’s Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, Lift for Learning in Elizabeth, Jersey Battered Women’s Service in Morris Plains, Neighborhood House in Morristown, Lyons Hospital in Bernards Township, The Valerie Fund in Maplewood, and The Catholic Charities Connection Program of Metuchen.**