

November 17, 2011

Dear Norwood School Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and excited for the “most wonderful time of the year”. The arrival and welcome of Mr. Gatens, Ms. Orefice, and Mrs. McCormack has brought many wonderful events and changes to our community, volunteer work and service projects being one of the many. To celebrate the holiday season, it is my honor to lead our school community in Tomorrow’s Children Fund’s “Adopt a Family” project.

The students and families of Norwood School have adopted two families from the Tomorrow’s Children Fund at Hackensack University Medical Center. A child in each of these families is a Tomorrow’s Children Child: an individual who is undergoing treatment for cancer or serious blood disorders. Their families are, unfortunately, faced with medical expenses, family stress, and emotional hardships, which has resulted in a more difficult holiday season.

I encourage you to help spread the holiday cheer for these families. Grades K-4 have adopted a family composed of two parents and four children (two boys and two girls). This family recently moved to New Jersey from a warmer climate (to provide medical relief at Hackensack University Medical Center for their child) so they are in need of warm clothing. Grades 5-8 have also adopted a family with four children (two boys and two girls) and two parents. This family has been spending a lot of time at the hospital with their child/sibling, so they are asking for entertainment that could be brought to the patient.

After obtaining their wish lists from the Tomorrow’s Children Fund, I have assigned each homeroom a family member. This family member has requested certain items as well as suggested different items of need for their family. Please review the attached list of items and find your child’s homeroom to donate the appropriate items. It is important that we first donate the “required items” and once your child’s homeroom has completed that item, please contribute the “additional items”.

This is a wonderful cause and a very personal charity that the Norwood School has volunteered to take part in during the Holiday Season. Times are tough for all of us, by all means; consider splitting the cost of one of the items with another family in your child’s homeroom. Please return all items by **MONDAY DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**, as I have to deliver these items to the hospital by the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you very much for your continuous support and generosity that you have instilled in the children of Norwood School. I am confident the Norwood community will give these families a Holiday to remember. If you should have any questions and/or concerns regarding this project, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Chelsea Kritzer