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Japhet School's Kids for Peace chapter hosts annual night of service

Students make Peace Packs for Granada children, inspirational quotes for seniors at Chester Street Residence, and cheerful letters for soldiers

Clawson, Michigan: Japhet School's chapter of Kids for Peace sponsored the school's annual Family Service Night on December 9, when students and their families gathered to share joy with others.

With the help of parents and teachers, preschool through eighth-grade students filled more than 40 backpacks -- "Peace Packs" -- for 4-year-old children who attend the Limes Preschool in Grenada. Each backpack was stuffed with a personal letter, three books, a pair of new swimming goggles, and school supplies.

Japhet students also created inspirational quote decorations for their neighbors who reside in the Chester Street Residence assisted living facility in Royal Oak. Students who are members of the school's Kids for Peace chapter will personally deliver these decorations after the holidays.

And lastly, students wrote dozens of letters to soldiers in active duty. They thanked the soldiers for their service and wished them happiness while enduring the holiday season overseas.

Family Service Night is a holiday tradition at Japhet School. The annual event, which is currently in its ninth year, is paired with a Spaghetti Supper served by 7th- and 8th-grade students. The students cook and serve the meal to families before they move to service stations in classrooms. This year, more than 100 meals were served.

"We are truly grateful," says Deb Eastwood, a Limes School volunteer who is here on a short visit from Grenada. "These children live in poverty and don't have even the most basic of supplies. Their teachers will read the letters to them and we'll show them a map of where Michigan is." She added that goggles are especially important because the children receive swimming lessons -- crucial when living on an island.

About Japhet School: Founded in 1973, Japhet School is an independent school, serving children in the metropolitan Detroit area in preschool through eighth grade. Its mission is to nurture and prepare each child for life by integrating character education with a strong academic program. The school provides small classes of fewer than 18 students in each, which enables teachers to challenge students with academic

material that is appropriate for their intellectual readiness, regardless of age or grade. Integrated with strong academics is Japhet School's national award-winning character education curriculum, which builds a peaceful community within the school and creates leaders with integrity. Japhet is a National School of Character: it was the first school in Michigan -- and the first independent school in the country -- to receive this award. Japhet School is located in Clawson, Michigan, at the corner of Crooks and Normandy roads. To learn more about Japhet, visit www.japhetschool.org.



Japhet School's Kids for Peace chapter organized an all-school service activity that produced 40 filled backpacks for preschoolers in Grenada who live in poverty.



"Peace Packs" ready to go!