



*Saratoga Elementary School
Student Council/CARE Committee Meeting
Service Project*

Southern California Fire Relief Effort Proposal: Adopt a School: “Fill Their Buckets and Cool California”

In attendance:

Students: Analisa Ruff, Matthew Kermin, Lauren Belotti, MacKenzie Rosenthal, Will Fraisl, Graham Schmelzer, Samana Shah, Aidan Peck, Natalie Lemire, Alana Hess

Parents: Kelly Kinder and Donna Kermin

Teachers: Scott Lyon, Lisa Green, Robbin Cohn, and Sandy McConnell

Principal: Diane Smalley

Using the Interactive Meeting Method, this group decided on the following:

- We are interested in “Adopting a School” in Southern California affected by the Southern California fire.
- We brainstormed a number of projects, discussed, clarified, and decided on two complementary projects: A week-long Reverse Coin Drive at school and a Family Restaurant Night at local restaurant to kick off the drive.
- Adults and students will work together on this project. To encourage student participate and leadership opportunities and experiences, it is suggested that this project be as student-based as possible.

Description of the Project:

- Week-long project to raise money for a school affected by the Southern California fires/Red Cross
- Two parts of the project: Kick Off Family Night at a local restaurant and a week-long Reverse Coin Drive
- Reverse Coin Drive: 3 large Alhambra water bottles will be placed on the outside stage and MP room all week long. One bottle is titled “K and Grade 5”, “Grade 1 and Grade 4”, and “Grade 2 and Grade 3”. This fundraiser is also a spirit event that creates excitement through friendly competition. Pennies are positive points, all other coins and bills are negative points. The goal of the grades is to place positive points (pennies) in their jar and give the other grades’ bottles the “negative” points--silver and bills. The students get very excited when they see their grade-level students placing bills in the other jars and can see the effects and contributions.
- The jars are in plain view during recesses and before school so students can see their progress through the week.

Project Plan for “Adopt a School: Fill Their Buckets and Cool California”

What? Needs to be done?	When? Does it need to be completed?	Who? Going to do it?	Comments?
Get water bottles from Alhambra	11/14/07	Kelly Kinder and Donna Kermin	We will start with three jugs but we may need more if our drive is very successful.
Locate and select a school in need	11/7/07	Donna Kermin	
Notify district office, SEF and PTA about Family Night	10/31/07	Diane Smalley	
Contact local restaurant for Family Night	11/7/07	Kelly Kinder and Donna Kermin	
Set Family Night date to kick-off Reverse Coin Drive			If we run this project during the week of Nov. 26 - 30
Publicity: Make flyers and posters Assembly Announcements Announcements over the intercom	11/13/07	Student Council and Advisors	
Publicity: Newsletter List Serve Contact the Saratoga News and San Jose Mercury School Marque	11/14/07	Diane Smalley, Teresa Conway, and Monica Rhee	
Educate our school community-- possibly have Red Cross come and speak to students/ learn about our school that we're raising money for	11/28/07	Diane Smalley	
Decorate water bottles		Student Council	
Supervision or bottles during recess and before school		Student Council and a parent helper	
Education		Student Council and Advisors	
Manage money and send check		Parents	
Acknowledgement of school community's efforts			
Meeting to discuss and evaluation	12/4/07	Student Council and CARE	

project		Committee	
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