

Christmas Breakfast

Dear Parents,

On Friday, December 20 the entire 5th grade team will begin the day with a Christmas Breakfast! This will take place in the library during the first hour of their day.

Over the last few years we have shifted our focus away from a student to student gift exchange, and moved to gift giving for children in need. Last year we showered the DeVos Children's Hospital with small gifts, and this year, due to an extreme need, we have selected Mary FreeBed.

Due to the injuries sustained, many of the children at Mary FreeBed, are unable to celebrate Christmas with their families. In fact, some of these children will be spending Christmas alone...without any family. What a great opportunity for us to be a blessing to these children and their families this Christmas Season!

Below is a list of items that Mary FreeBed is in need of. Cash donations and gift cards to stores, such as Target or Meijer, are also accepted and appreciated! With them, Mary FreeBed will be able to fulfill any gifts that were not received.

Donations will be accepted until December 20. A representative from the hospital will come to gather all items on that day.

Items will need to remain unwrapped.

Small things that can be used in therapy with kids currently at the hospital are:

- nail polish and nail files
- any kind of craft kits for teen girls
- white pillow cases
- duct tape (especially for boys)
- decks of cards
- Thomas the Trains for wooden tracks
- cardboard books for babies and toddlers
- G and PG rated movies
- infant and toddler music CD's
- books on CD for young children and older kids
- large white paper
- door decorations - things to brighten and spruce up doors
- air hockey table pucks

Specific Christmas Gifts for Children at the Hospital

13 year old girl who has cancer and has lost her hair:

- Hats - soft ones, large enough to fit an adult head
- wide/large head bands, head scarves
- nail polish
- lip gloss
- cool slippers in ladies large (size 10)
- books about animals, like chapter books or books on CD

14 year old girl

- craft kits - especially loves making bracelets
- cool stuff for her room - wall stickers, pillows, etc.
- nail polish
- hair stuff - cool ponytail holders, small clips, etc.
- jewelry

18 year old boy

- Axe supplies (deodorant, cologne, etc.)
- cool athletic socks
- anything to do with football, hockey, rugby - likes the Redwings, Griffins and the Greenbay Packers
- deck of cards

2 year old girl

- toddler toys
- hair stuff
- bubbles
- pjs
- cardboard books

2 year old boy

- 3T boys clothing
- cars - love the shake and go cars
- toddler toys

Many thanks and blessings from the Fifth Grade Team,
Mr. Karel
Mrs. Bouwens
Miss Burmeister