

January 3, 2009

Dear Lower and Middle School Parents,

Looking for service projects for your family to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. Day? We have our usual great deal for you!

In an effort to encourage community service on the ML holiday, Moorestown Friends School is again offering opportunities for our students and families on **Monday, January 19, 2009 from 10 a.m. to noon on campus**. Teams of Upper & Middle School students and volunteer parents will be coordinating the following **activities for you to do with your children** that morning. We begin with Meeting for Worship in the Meetinghouse planned by the Upper School MLK Club.

Activity 1: Birthday Party Bags: Create Birthday Party bags for people who would not otherwise have a birthday celebration at the Devereux Foundation Group Homes for mentally challenged residents. Bags (to be decorated that day) contain cake mix, frosting, candles, decorations, paper plates, napkins, hats and a small gift. In the Dining Hall.

Activity 2: Holiday boxes: We fill storage boxes with easy crafts for a variety of holidays for the folks at Devereux. Each Dining Hall station will have one theme: Halloween, Winter and Valentine's Day. One job is to make boxes with our student-made decorations. Job 2 is making simple decoration kits with supplies and directions for the Devereux residents to make for themselves (good occupational therapy). One task will be sorting colors of paper strips for **them** to make their own chains for different holidays. (It is **not** helpful if we make the chains for them.)

Activity 3: Health Kits: In the Dining Hall, students organize and fill 2 ½ gallon plastic zip bags with toiletries for homeless people who come to New Visions as well as Jamaica and Dominican Republic service projects. Bags are sorted for children to fill with toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shampoo, hand cream, washcloth, comb, and socks. Disposable razor, deodorant and shaving cream are added for adult kits. **We also need some 2 ½ gal. ziplock bags!**

Activity 4: Computer Generated Coloring Books: This activity takes place in the computer lab and Library. 4th Grade Service Club members with 2 Upper School student leaders are organizing the activity to copy, collate and bind pages into coloring books & attach crayons for the Birthday Bags for Devereux and New Visions.

Activity 5: Knitting/crocheting scarves: this has become a popular quieter activity and is held in Stokes Hall. Experienced needle-workers are needed. We will provide some instruction. Participants create scarves for a woman's shelter. Bring your own size #13 needles and chunky yarn or size #8 needles and worsted. Large crochet hooks are advised.

Activity 6: Project Linus Blankets: Meet in the Moriuchi Room to decorate a muslin square with fabric markers and then arrange and sew into simple quilts for children who are hospitalized.

See more on back!

Activity 7: Sewing soft stuffed toys: We have a pattern for very simple soft toys to sew and a couple of machines available for experienced sewers. We welcome more people to embroider eyes, “turn” the bodies, stuff and hand sew shut. Meet in the MacColl Room. If you can bring a sewing machine, please do so. These are loved at Samaritan Hospice!

Activity 8: Fleece Scarves: Lauren Beetle, an MFS alumna and members of her firm will organize the making and decorating of fleece scarves in the Staff Room. This new activity is an example of life-long service in action.

Activity 9: Wooden Toy Kits: Meet Middle School Kids for Peace and teachers in the woodshop to cut pieces for simple wooden toys. Parts are sanded and bagged into kits with instructions provided Devereux homes, Samaritan Hospice and New Visions.

Lower School kids must have a parent present! Because of safety and space limitations, 25 students and parents will be able to work at a time in 30 minute shifts. You will need to come get a “ticket” for a specific time!

This day is a FAMILY service event, so....If you would like your child to participate in any part of the day, you must attend with them!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE!!!

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CLASS ASSIGNED COLLECTION ITEMS NEEDED:

We have assigned items LISTED BELOW to classes to make it more even, BUT feel free to donate any item. Please bring to MFS by Wednesday, January 14 by 1:00 p.m.

Thanks so much!

LISTED ALSO ON MFS WEBSITE! (www.mfriends.org/news/mlkletter.html)

MATERIALS NEEDED

Lower School, 5th & 6th grade (toiletry kits) 7th through 12th (BD Party bags)

Pre-S: Children’s socks

Pre-K & Kindergarten: Toothpaste

1st & 2nd: Shampoo (8oz. or smaller)

3rd: Adult socks

4th: Washcloths

5th & 6th: Deodorant

Faculty & any grade: Shaving cream or 2½ **gallon zip lock bags** (for toiletry kits)

7th: Cake mix

8th: Canned Frosting

9th: Birthday candles & hats

10th: B’day napkins

11th: B’day plates

12th: B’day cups