

Because Brecknock Cares

3rd Annual Day of Service

In Honor of Mrs. Horning

In September 2009, Brecknock teacher, Mrs. Lisa Horning, passed away after a long battle with cancer. On Friday, March 30th, Brecknock will honor Mrs. Horning's memory by doing something that was dear to her heart....serving others. For years Mrs. Horning encouraged her students to show compassion for others by supporting organizations that help people in need. For one day, the students and staff at Brecknock will support several charities to honor her.

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades, Mrs. Shrawder's class, Mrs. Gehman's class, and Mrs. Miller's preschool class: Who Cares PA

This organization provides birthday parties for local homeless children. Who Cares' volunteers provide decorations, games, presents, and a birthday cake for the special birthday child. Our students will be collecting party items and making birthday cards.

3rd and 4th grades: Alyssa's Bedtime Stories

Alyssa Deraco is a 12 year old from Lancaster who created her own organization called "Alyssa's Bedtime Stories". She puts together care packages with new or gently used books and pajamas to give to children at Milagro House, Clare House, Mom's House, other Lancaster organizations, and a girls' orphanage in Guatemala. Our students will be collecting new and gently used pajamas in sizes newborn through teenage and making bookmarks for Alyssa to include in her care packages.

5th and 6th grades: Kids Care Chemo Bears

Wendy Weiss, a cancer survivor, received a handmade card and pin made by one of our students during our first Day of Service. Because of our students and our BBC program, she spearheaded a program in her son's sixth grade classroom to "pay it forward"! The children assemble small bears with handwritten inspirational messages of hope and chocolate "hugs & kisses." They then distribute the bears to patients receiving chemotherapy. Mrs. Weiss shared with the students her story of how a card from an unknown child gave her hope and strength and suggested that their bear messages might do the same for someone else. Our students will be collecting bears and writing inspirational messages to support Mrs. Weiss's program.

Please see the back of this letter to find out how your child can help with donations for the Day of Service!

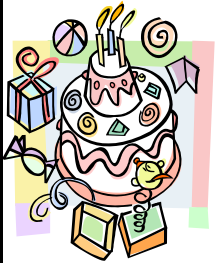
We will begin collecting donations in each classroom on March 12th.

We hope your family chooses to support the charity for your child's grade level or whichever charity inspires you to make a difference.

Who Cares PA

We are collecting birthday party supplies for homeless children.

The following items must be new (unopened packages):



- Balloons
- Batteries
- Cake Mix
- Frosting
- Cake decorations
- Snacks
- Juice Boxes/Juice/Soda
- Cups
- Party Favor Gift Bags

Items for party favor gifts bags for children (small toys, bracelets, pencils, Play-Doh, bubbles, stickers, candy, etc.)

- Napkins
- Party Decorations
- Party Hats
- Piñatas
- Party Plates
- Plastic ware (forks, spoons)
- Streamers
- Ribbon
- Tablecloths
- Tissue Paper
- Gift wrap
- Scissors
- Scotch Tape

Alyssa's Bedtime Stories

We are collecting **new** and "**gently used**" pajamas for children in newborn sizes through teenage.



Kids Care Chemo Bears

We are collecting small stuffed bears that are about 7 inches or smaller. (beanie baby size).



Mrs. Horning's Legacy

When you shop for the above items, we encourage you to take your child along and to explain to him/her how appreciated these items will be by the children and adults who receive them. Those conversations with your child will truly honor the memory of Mrs. Lisa Horning and bring meaning to the motto she created...Because Brecknock Cares.