

KIDS 4 KIDS!

formerly the Holiday Project

To all those who have supported the CA's oldest and most enduring service tradition, the Holiday Project -- THANK YOU!! Many central Ohio families have been helped by your generosity, dedication, and support.

Last year for a number of reasons it was decided to rework the Holiday Project (HP) -- like all traditions, it needed some attention and examination. Over the years several messages became clear:

- The HP relied too heavily on adults to make it work.

- For some the HP had become more of a race, and for others it was more of a contest rather than a curricular opportunity to learn and think about the needs of others.

- Due to the economic changes that have occurred in recent years, the competition for CA families' funds/donations has increased and caused inordinate pressure on some.

- By increasing student involvement, we hope more students will have the opportunity to discuss need and provision in our community and the world.

Finally, to emphasize our commitment to including students and teaching them about helping others, the Holiday Project will now be called, the KIDS 4 KIDS.

A word about sponsorship of children and families: this year we ask donors to limit any donation of new items to those suggested by your child's classroom teacher or advisor. **Please do not send gift cards or money for group purchases.** Our emphasis this year will be on using well the donations we collect through the drives and adding a very few "special" or necessary items as directed by your child's teacher or advisor.

*** MARK YOUR CALENDARS ***

TEN CANS DAYS
October 24 - November 2

This year the Grade 7 team with Michelle Platt at the helm will take the lead for the Food Drive. Beginning October 24 look for the BLUE grocery carts placed around the school. In order to support the grade 5 MAKE-A-MEAL activity (see below) we'll need plenty of supplies. If you/your child would like to BEG FOR CANS in your neighborhood, feel free to use the attached flyer. Please bring all "begging" donations to school by Wednesday, November 2. (Beggars' Nights vary by subdivision/area; check with local authorities for times/dates.)

November 4, GRADE 5 MAKE-A MEAL

SAVE THE DATE: We need lots of volunteers!!

The grade five team and Dorothy Dell will handle the MAKE-A-MEAL activity, as a full day of service learning. Students will learn about hunger in the greater Columbus community, nutrition, and meal planning. Each fifth grade advisory will plan out a week's worth of healthy meals for sponsored families and then "shop" the CA "store" of donated foods for these meals. If you are interested in helping for either the full day or just the afternoon, please contact Karen Skilken (kskilken@gmail.com) or Rebecca Shocket (RAShocket@aol.com) or Souba Koushik (meanix66@aol.com).

(Please note that Nov. 4 is a Lower School Parent-Teacher Conference day.)

BIG CHANGE for the Clothing Drive

November 6 - 12

DROP-OFF YOUR DONATIONS

SUNDAY November 6, 11-2

Monday November 7 and Tuesday November 8

at the CA LOWER SCHOOL TURN-AROUND

**Volunteers needed all week,
but especially Friday, Nov. 11, and Saturday, Nov. 12.**

This year under the direction of Julie Hochman P'14, Joan Young, the grade 8 team and with the support of PACA, the clothing drive will change dramatically. On Friday, November 11, Grade 8 students and their advisors (along with many parent helpers - see below) will transfer the sorted, donated items to the multi-purpose room of the Childhood League (CHL) where a store will be set-up. On Saturday, November 12, grade 8 students from CA and CSG will welcome CHL clients and help them shop through your generous donations. *Due to this change, we'll need many volunteers to help with sorting and supervision throughout the week, but especially for the transfer on Friday, November 11, and shopping on Saturday, November 12.* Contact Karen Skilken (KSkilken@gmail.com), Rebecca Shocket (RAShocket@aol.com), or Souba Koushik (Meanix66@aol.com) if you would like to help. Even if you can work for only a portion of a day, we'd love your support.

Delivery of items:

Saturday, November 19

This year delivery will be organized in a very different way -- most of the items will have already been delivered by the grade 8 workers, but the perishable food and some additional items will have to be dropped off at the Childhood League. If you would like to help, please let Christy Bening know -- christy_bening@columbusacademy.org

Thank you in advance for supporting this new format. We hope our students and the children we sponsor will benefit from these changes.