

November 12th, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

With the holiday season fast approaching, our leadership students and staff at Penhold Elementary School are always thinking about ways we can make a positive impact within our own community. We are moving forward with our second annual Community Christmas Shoebox Campaign!!!! Last year, we collected over 70 shoeboxes that were delivered within our own school community, as well as to families at Jessie Duncan and Penhold Crossing Secondary. This act of Global Citizenship fits well in the Social Studies Curriculum across our classrooms, Grades 4-6.

The aim of this initiative is to bring some holiday cheer to families who may be experiencing financial hardships or struggles this winter season. We believe that every child deserves to experience the joy of receiving a gift during the festive season, and with that we are hopeful that through this small gesture, we can make a meaningful difference within their lives.

These initiatives typically include filling a shoebox with gifts, toys, and essential items for children and families in need during the holiday season. We would love for each shoebox to be filled with items such as hygiene products, small toys, clothes and other age appropriate gifts.

Once the shoeboxes are filled, we will have our leadership students and staff wrap and deliver these small gestures of kindness and cheer to each impacted family throughout our community.

If you and your family are interested in participating in this PES initiative, by filling a shoebox, please reach out to Mrs. Baird or Mrs. Meyer in the school office. They will be sharing the information of age, gender and small needs for each child/adult in need. They can be reached at the school office at 403-886-4390.

***If you are a family who would <u>benefit</u> from this small gesture of kindness, please reach out to Mrs. Baird or Mrs. Meyer in the school office. They will collect private information that will be held anonymous. They can be reached at the school office at 403-886-4390.

All shoeboxes are due to Penhold Elementary School by December 12th by noon. This will allow our leadership students to get them organized, wrapped and delivered before Christmas!

Thank you for your continued support in assisting those who need it the most within our community. We are grateful for the continued support given to assist those in need!

~PES Staff and Leadership Team