



PROVIDING CHILDREN IN NEED WITH HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

IN CONJUNCTION WITH INTERNATIONAL PAY IT FORWARD DAY ON APRIL 29, 2019, ST. GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL'S STUDENTS WOULD LIKE TO PAY IT FORWARD TO CHILDREN WHO MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PROPERLY CELEBRATE THEIR BIRTHDAYS.

PROJECT: THE BIRTHDAY BOX - It is a project that will provide children in need at a local women's shelter with an opportunity to blow out candles and make a birthday wish on his or her special day. An entire birthday celebration is assembled, packaged and delivered. This "party in a box" may include anything from a gift card for a birthday cake, candles, party plates, party decorations and birthday presents. Our mission is to grant children in need the opportunity to enjoy a birthday celebration.

WHEN: MONDAY FEBRUARY 11TH TO FRIDAY MARCH 22ND

HOW: EACH CLASSROOM WILL RECEIVE AN EMPTY BANKERS BOX, WRAPPING PAPER, BOWS, ETC. BETWEEN FEBRUARY AND APRIL THEY WILL BE ASKED TO DECORATE THE BOX WITH WRAPPING PAPER, BOWS ETC (HOW MANY CHILD WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A BIRTHDAY PRESENT). THEY WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO CREATE ONE BIG BIRTHDAY CARD WITH EACH WRITING A BIRTHDAY MESSAGE.

How you can help: We ask for your contribution in filling the birthday box with what you are able to provide. Have unused decorations from a past children's birthday party? Contribute it. How about unused balloons, unused party plates, cutlery, tablecloths? Contribute it. Are you able to supply a gift card from Dairy Queen, Baskin Robbins or a local bakery for the purchase of a birthday cake?

Who will be benefitting: A local Vaughan Women's Shelter that have children in its facility.

Why we are doing this: To teach the student community that Paying It Forward is an act of kindness that can be given at any point of time and doesn't always require financial support. Children helping Children is the Best Act of Kindness to teach.

Week of MARCH 25TH: The boxes will be collected and finalized and will either be delivered an/or picked up by the Women's Shelter. The student community will be given information on how well the project succeeded.