

## Service Project: Samaritan's Purse

- Students fill shoeboxes with gifts to be sent to underprivileged children in other countries
- Students develop an awareness of needs for others
- Students learn about varied cultures



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**Neptune Middle School  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Seadogs  
Service Learning Project  
Operation Christmas Child**



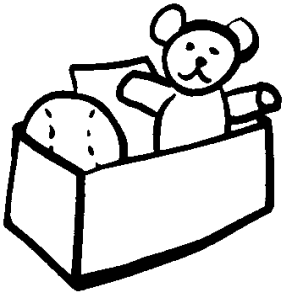
Dear families,

With less than eight weeks before Christmas, the holiday season is just around the corner! Here at Neptune Middle School, we value many learning opportunities, the greatest of these being service learning. As a team project, we have decided to partner with *Samaritan's Purse*, an international relief organization, for our service learning project this year.

One of the largest projects through *Samaritan's Purse* is Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope into the lives of desperate children around the world through a simple, gift-filled shoe box or container. Last year, the Florida region alone collected over 250,000 boxes that were sent to children in India.

Each shoe box will cost \$7 to ship. We will be able to provide the boxes and containers for the gifts, but we need everyone to help! We will fill the boxes with a variety of gifts for boys and girls ages 10-14, including school supplies, toys, hygiene items, or other small items.

Our goal as a team is to collect the necessary items to fill 25 boxes. We have divided the supplies among our homerooms. Please donate new items only.



**Mrs. Hamilton's Homeroom:** Toys—small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch-a-Sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky, etc.

**Mrs. Stacy's Homeroom:** Hygiene items—toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap, comb, washcloth, etc.

**Mrs. Vazquez's Homeroom:** Hygiene items—toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap, comb, washcloth, etc.

**Mrs. McKinnon's Homeroom:** School Supplies—pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, stickers, etc.

**Mrs. Williams' Homeroom:** Other—hard candy and lollipops (things that WILL NOT melt), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

\*For students who go to an elective teacher for homeroom, they may choose whichever list they would like. They can then bring their items to any teacher on our team.

Please do not feel obligated to donate every item on this list. Remember, any donation is welcome! We will be collecting items from **October 27 – November 14**. Thank you for your support. We are really looking forward to making an impact in the lives of children around our world who are in need.

~The Seadogs Team

**For more information, check out the website!**

**[www.samaritanaspurse.org](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org)**

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November 5, 2008

St. Cloud Wal-Mart  
Attn: Manager  
4400 13<sup>th</sup> St.  
St. Cloud, FL 34769

Dear business partner,

My name is Erin Williams and I am a 6<sup>th</sup> grade Reading and Language Arts teacher at Neptune Middle School. With less than eight weeks before Christmas, the holiday season is just around the corner! Here at Neptune Middle School, we value many learning opportunities, the greatest of these being service learning. As a team project, we have decided to partner with *Samaritan's Purse*, an international relief organization, for our service learning project this year.

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We are asking local business partners to help support us in our effort. We are in need of 25 plastic shoeboxes with lids. Your store currently has a selection of Sterilite brand storage containers, priced at \$1.17. Would you be willing to make a donation to our project?

Thank you for your support. We are really looking forward to making an impact in the lives of children around our world who are in need.

Sincerely,

Erin Williams  
Neptune Middle School  
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