

# Eagles Soar to Support Others

## Erickson Service Projects

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Erickson Elementary believes that helping others and showing gratitude is just as important as academic success. Each grade level at Erickson participates in a yearly service project to help others.

5th grade: Mayfield School District  
(January-February)

4th grade: Phil's Friends (October)

3rd grade: Gratitude Week (November)

2nd grade: Senior Care Center (May)

1st grade: Alex's Lemonade Stand (June)



# Mayfield School District in Kentucky

5th Grade Service Project  
Presented By: Arjav Shah and Nithya Murkonda

## 5th Grade Service Project

5th grade students are working together to raise money for the Mayfield School District in Kentucky.

Mayfield was severely impacted by the December tornadoes that swept across several states.

Erickson 5th Graders are making keychains and bracelets to sell during the week of 2/28/2022.

5th Grade Classrooms will turn in to shops and all students will have an opportunity to visit the shop during the week of February 28th.

**All items will be \$1**

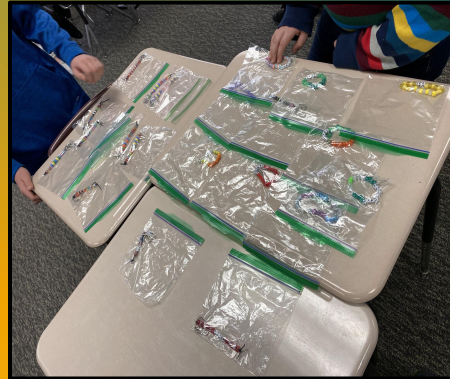
Additional donations will be accepted!  
All the money collected will be donated to the Mayfield School District in Kentucky.





# Mayfield School District in Kentucky

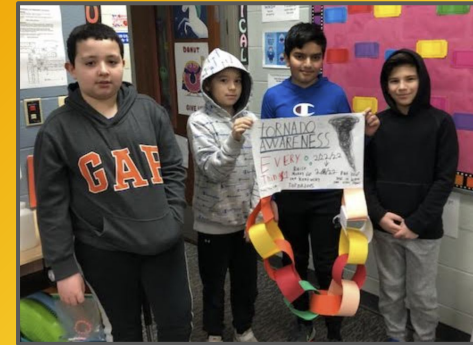
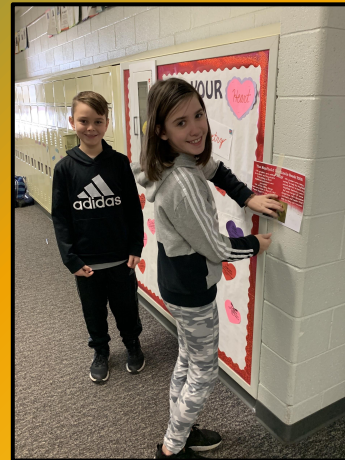
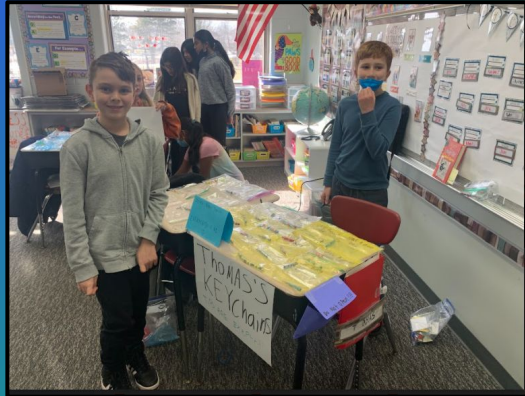
5th grade raised money for the Mayfield School District in Kentucky because on December 22nd, 2021 a quad tornado whipped through Kentucky and destroyed schools, homes, shelters and more. 5th grade helped the Mayfield School district by making and selling bracelets and keychains to help raise money for the School District in Kentucky.





# 5th Grade Service Project

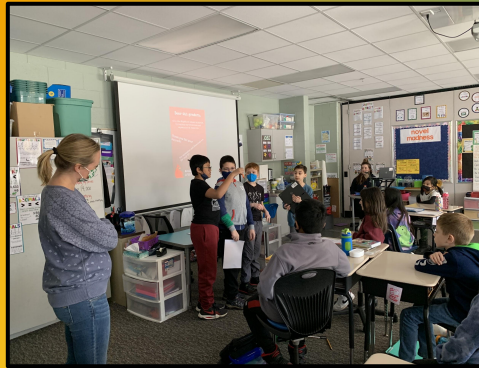
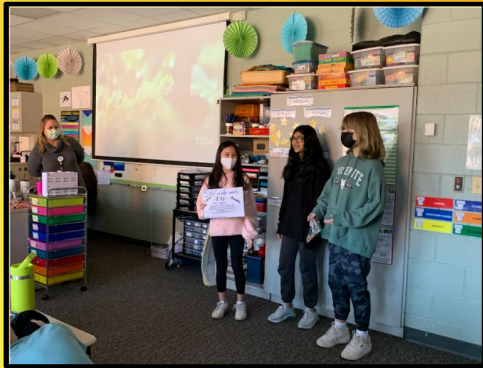
- Ordered supplies
- Created flyers and posted them around the school
- Designed bracelets and keychains
- Presented to all the classroom and encourage them to donate and help
- Set up shops
- Sold bracelets and keychains
- Donated all of the money that we earned to Mayfield School District



1,200 dollars to  
donate to ~~the~~ ~~earn~~ ~~may~~ ~~field~~  
School District in KY!

# We Learned...

5th grade learned to help other communities in need and have fun with it!  
We also learned the importance of helping communities and the process of raising money and awareness for schools in need.





# Phil's Friends

4th Grade Service Project



Presented By: Drew Keown and Maggie  
Montiel

# What is Phil's Friends?

Phil's Friends is in Roselle. Phil's Friends is an organization that helps those with cancer. Phil's Friends donates care packages to hospitals including: Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Rush Medical Center, University of Chicago Medical Center and others.

The entire 4th grade had this awesome idea to start a Phil's Friends fundraiser and make fleece blankets, cards and care packages to send to hospitals and cheer up those with cancer.

# Raising money...

We started this project by raising money to purchase the supplies needed to make the care packages. We collected money from doing chores around the house and earning an allowance.

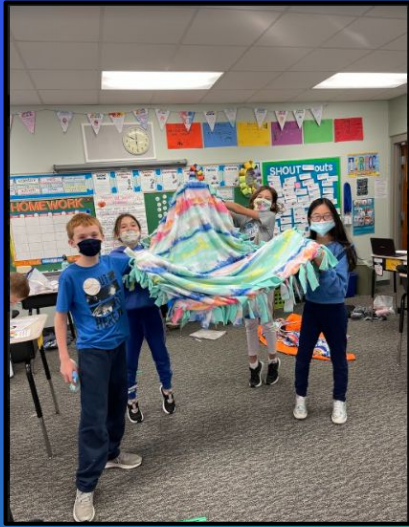


900 Dollars for Phil's  
We Collected...  
Friends Supplies

# Fleece Blankets

With some of the money we raised, teachers went shopping for a variety of fleece patterns and colors. In class, we worked on creating the blankets in groups. We enjoyed working together to make these blankets to help keep cancer patients warm and cozy in their beds.

The entire 4th grade made 31 BLANKETS!



# Cards of Hope

The fourth grade students created Cards of Hope. The cards had funny jokes and when you opened them they had the silliest answers! The cards were then placed in the care packages.





# Care Packages

Classrooms then designed the boxes that would be used to hold the cards and fleece blankets. The boxes had drawings of hearts and other pictures to make the patients happy. These care packages were made with lots love.

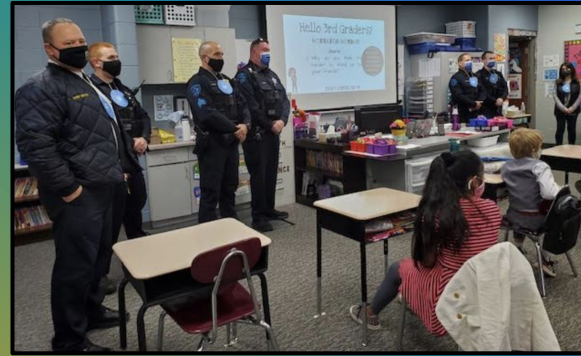


# We Learned...

We learned simple ways to help that can make others feel special and cared for. We helped to put a smile on patients faces when they are going through a challenging time! Helping is the best reward of all!



Phil, himself, came to thank us for our work and he reminded us of the importance of giving back to others!



# Gratitude Week

3rd Grade Service Project

Presented by Andrew Donohue and Yuktha Murkonda





# What is Gratitude Week?

The month of November at Erickson was dedicated to being grateful as it correlated to the Thanksgiving holiday. Gratitude week was created so that the whole school could focus on being grateful.

During Gratitude Week, 3rd grade students served donuts, coffee, and words of gratitude to a variety of community members each morning before school. Then the guests were given a school tour by Student Council. The following community members were invited to Gratitude Week so that we could spoil them with gratitude:



# Who we Served...

**Monday:** Police Department, Fire Department and Erickson Paraprofessional Staff

**Tuesday:** School Board Members, Mayor's Office, District Office Staff and Westfield & DuJardin Principals/Assistant Principals

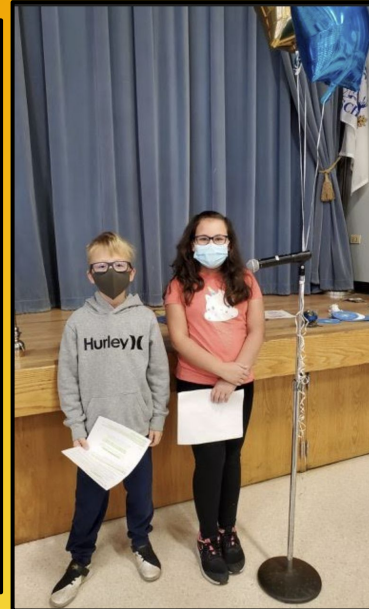
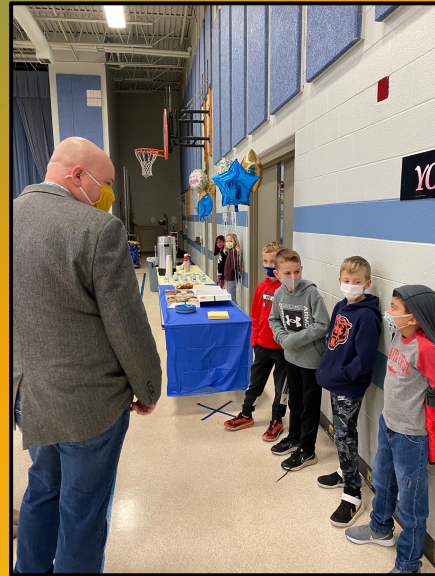
**Wednesday:** Bus Drivers, Library Staff, Park District Staff, PTO Officers, Erickson Custodians, Erickson Nurse and Erickson Administrative Assistants

**Thursday:** Retired Erickson Staff



# Gratitude Week

My classroom served breakfast to school board members, the Mayor's office, Westfield and DuJardin principals and assistant principals. Students in my class had a variety of jobs including: server, greeter, host and manager of events. We worked together to share our gratitude of these important people to our school community. I learned to be respectful, kind, and thankful of everything they do for us and our community.





# Gratitude Week

For gratitude week, my class served donuts to retired Erickson staff members to thank them for their service to the Erickson community. They helped so many students so 3rd grade chose to honor them during Gratitude Week.

I learned that showing gratitude is important because it reminds others how much they are appreciated.



# Erickson Supports Others...

- Cal's Angels walk for Michael Carr
- Veteran's Day: Adopt a Veteran
- Wounded Warrior Run
- Marklund School Supply, Craft and Toy Fundraiser during Gratitude Week
- Kindness Club: Student Led, Lily Puchalski
- Mitten Tree: Collected hats & gloves for surrounding organizations in need
- Pop Tab War: Collected Pop Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Winfield via our Character Club
- Color a Smile: These pictures were sent to senior citizens and troops overseas via our Character Club
- Paws for a Cause March Student Council Fundraiser

