



Old Bethpage Elementary School

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October 20, 2011

Dear Old Bethpage Families,
Thank you for the many beautiful messages and accompanying contributions to our **WAJ Hurricane Fund**.

Through your support, donations from local businesses and some creative entrepreneurship on the part of some of our students we have raised \$1,903.

The *Book of Messages* has been sent out for publication. Ancestry.com is "honored to donate the cost of publishing these books for such a worthy cause". I am looking forward to seeing the finished product and sharing it with you.

The culminating assembly is on Friday, October 28th. Students will sing songs about caring and giving which will be videotaped and sent to WAJ.

ON OCTOBER 28TH WE ARE ASKING STUDENTS TO CREATE A "RED, WHITE AND BLUE ASSEMBLY". PLEASE REFER TO THE LIST BELOW.

GRADE 1 - WEAR RED SHIRTS

GRADE 2 - WEAR WHITE SHIRTS

GRADE 3 - WEAR BLUE SHIRTS

MRS. TIMMERMAN AND MR. SIDITO'S CLASSES - WEAR RED SHIRTS

MRS. JASKOWIAK'S CLASS - WEAR WHITE SHIRTS

MRS. KAGEN AND MR. MATASSA'S CLASSES WEAR BLUE SHIRTS

**Donations will still be accepted up until October 28th.*

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jeanne Candal
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Dear Old Bethpage Families,

As a summer vacationer in Windham, N.Y. and longtime friend with many residents, this past August I witnessed the devastating effect that Hurricane Irene had on this lovely town in the Catskill Mountains.

The sight of roads, homes and automobiles transported by raging waters is forever imprinted on my memory.

The Windham Ashland Jewett Central School (grades K-12) as of yet has been unable to open and roads swept away make transportation unsafe for residents in many areas surrounding town.

Our school will be creating a *Book of Messages* to be sent to the students of WAJ. We will also include a CD recording with songs our children will be learning in music class about helping and caring.

We are asking for children, families, friends and community members to contribute to this book. Each message, poem or picture should be submitted on the enclosed form with a one dollar (\$1.00 or any amount you wish) contribution. Checks may be made out to "Old Bethpage Sunshine" with a notation "*WAJ Hurricane Fund.*" All proceeds will go to the Windham Ashland Jewett Central School.

Please place your donation in a small envelope or baggie and staple it to the designated box in the upper right corner of your form. Additional forms are available in the Main Office, Music Room or by accessing the school website and following the link for *WAJ Hurricane Fund.* All are welcome to contribute to the book.

We hope to put the words of our songs into action by "*CARING FOR OUR (New York State) COMMUNITY*" the "*LAND THAT WE LOVE*" in "*AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL*" by creating a "*HUMAN RAINBOW*" after the storm and to "*GIVE A LITTLE LOVE AWAY*".

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Write a message, poem and or picture in the box below to the students of the Windham Ashland Jewett Central School. Make your picture colorful (you may add stickers but no glitter please). Add your first name and grade if you wish.

Place your donation in a small envelope or plastic bag and staple it to the box where indicated (don't staple on your message). Return to your teacher by OCTOBER 7TH

Staple your envelope with Name and enclosed Donation Here

