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MMH is Caring & Sharing!

Dear families,

As is tradition, our school will be participating in a school wide service project throughout the holiday season. We are encouraging any families of MMH who are able to consider donating to those who are less fortunate in our school and around our community. We will be collecting both unwrapped Christmas gifts and gift cards for families in need <u>until Friday</u>, <u>December 11th</u>. Gifts will be donated to the Angel Tree project, local shelters for women & children and to new immigrants to our city, depending on the need and response. Donations can be sent to school with your child at any time and submitted to his/her classroom teacher or to Mrs. Baker.

In order to personalize this project, you may consider having your child choose

something appropriate for a child of his/her own age and gender. So many children would not receive any gifts for Christmas if it were not for a personal choice to share and provide for those less fortunate. Gifts for both genders, from birth to age 18, are most welcome.

Younger children are chosen more often from the trees around the city, which leaves a <u>particular need</u> <u>for gift cards for older children</u> – suggested locations are Park Place Mall, Walmart, Chapters, Mastermind Toys, Best Buy, EB Games, iTunes, Steam, Ardene & Claire's, Bert & Macs/Sport Chek. We gratefully accept grocery store & department store gift cards to help provide families with delicious and nutritious holiday food and warm clothing. Of course, gifts for the parents of these families would also be helpful – often requested are gifts cards for Canadian Tire, Home Depot, Lowe's, Walmart, Starbucks/Tim Hortons etc. Special requests received from many children include Lego (6-14 years), Art & Craft sets (3-18 years), video games (non-violent, please), action figures/super heroes, makeup kits/nail polish, Disney or other popular movie themed toys and (new) warm pajamas & new winter clothing up to age 18.

**You do <u>not</u> need to pick an angel from a tree for this project. Simply send your unwrapped gift and/or any gift cards to your child's teacher by December 11th.

Thank you for any support you can provide for this valuable project. Happy Holidays!

