

# Governor Mifflin School District

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## **STUDENT PROJECTS SUPPORT JAPAN RELIEF**

SHILLINGTON, PA, MAY 2011 - This spring elementary students at Cumru, Mifflin Park and Governor Mifflin Intermediate School have raised awareness and over \$2,200 in donations to the Red Cross for relief efforts in Japan.

On May 16, Cumru Elementary second grade classes donated \$546 to the American Red Cross for disaster relief. The students raised the money through sales of chocolate-covered pretzels and lemonade during the school's Open House event in March. This project was directly connected to a Social Studies curriculum unit called "A Working World." Students simulated a factory setting in their classrooms to prepare the food. Teachers instructed students to learn factory-themed vocabulary and understand why factories produce goods.

At GMIS, the Student Council hosted a benefit pasta dinner on April 15. Over 200 people attended, and the group raised \$1,000. On May 12 Student Council adviser Mrs. Linda Christ and members of the Student Council presented the check donation to Red Cross representative, Mr. John Moulton. Mr. Moulton answered questions about how the earthquake and tsunami have affected Japan, why monetary donations are needed and how the Red Cross responds to natural disasters throughout the United States and the world.

Mifflin Park Elementary fourth grader, Jaydn Smith, coordinated a student and staff coin drive during the week of May 2. In conjunction with a faculty "Jeans for Japan" Day, Smith and other students raised \$695.07 during the fund drive. The money was given to the Red Cross for disbursement.

The media is welcome to report on the relief effort projects. To schedule a visit or interview, please contact Keri Morton at 610-775-1312 or [kmorton@gmsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:kmorton@gmsd.k12.pa.us).

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