

Superintendent Update: February 8, 2010

Quote for the week: “True Charity is the desire to be useful to others without the thought of recompense.”—Emanuel Swedenborg

So much charity this week: I was in attendance at the Jacket basketball game on Tuesday. This was the evening of an annual pie supper. There was over \$1400.00 raised for Project Graduation and another \$1100.00 was raised for Shilo Williams and her husband (recent accident). One of the coaches from St. Paul even bought a pie! It was an amazing evening with our community showing such charity. I honestly believe not one person there was concerned about any notoriety or pay back.

I was reading some things about charity and came upon these concepts. I think too often we think that we can't be charitable because we don't have extra funds. I am hopeful the ideas below give all of us the desire to use whatever means we have to help others out in times of need.

### **Four Aspects of Charity**

**Time:** Giving of one's time, however long or short that may be. Giving time is not so much about quantity, as it is about quality—about being present with another to support them in a “hands on” way. This might mean serving meals in that shelter, helping out during disaster relief, volunteering to drive seniors to appointments, baking dinner for a sick neighbor, or any number of activities that help you get to know those you are serving.

**Essence:** Giving of one's personal energy and vitality. You may have some personal qualities in abundance and want to share them with others – enthusiasm, hope, grace, gratitude, patience, love – or you may want to increase these qualities in your own life. Each of these qualities brings energy to the space you share with someone when you are truly present with them. Examples: Hearing an exhausted young mother laugh; listening patiently while a man struggles to share his story of being out of work; offering encouragement to someone who feels disheartened. Your own energy and vitality shifts to being more positive and optimistic when you share your authentic self with another.

**Talent:** Giving of one's skills and knowledge, such as doing crafts, teaching, gardening, cooking, knitting, singing; or sharing wisdom from life experience. Everyone has gifts and talents that they are passionate about. These talents come easily and give you joy when you have a chance to express and share them.

**Money:** Giving of one's financial resources to provide aid, food, shelter, or clothing; or making a donation to a local or global cause. The sum of money given is not as

important as the spirit of the gift. You could start off by giving what you can afford, knowing that even spare change is helpful, and then increase the amount when you are ready, willing, and able to do so.

You may want to take time to think about these four aspects of being charitable and evaluate which ones have most meaning for you and where to begin.

### **News for the week:**

Mrs. Sebastian and Mrs. Morrison have organized a clothes closet and a personal hygiene pantry area in room 17 at high school. This is in addition to a food pantry provided. This is just one more example of charitable work going on in MPV School District. We have so many examples from every campus that could be cited. I just happened to catch some photos the other day when we had a walk-through of the efforts to this point. It is hoped that this is only the beginning of a much bigger effort to come.







The work at Pleasant View continues. In today's photos, the music building is featured. This building will receive a new roof as well as a facelift around the eaves.







Work at Old Main continues

The Stringed Quartet from Fort Smith Symphony made a visit to Pleasant View. They are wonderfully blessed with talent and so enjoyable. They all encouraged our kids to get involved in music.





**Mulberry/Pleasant View School District**

February 5 at 8:31 PM ·

This week is National school counselor week and we honored our awesome 5-12 grade counselor, Mrs. Morrison. She was gifted a bag full of goodies from principal, Dennis Fisher. We are so happy to have someone that goes above and beyond for each and every one of our students.





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February 5 at 8:29 PM ·

Congratulations to our positive office referrals and students of the week! Your excellence is showing. Way to go Pleasant View Students!





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Yesterday at 12:35 PM ·

Support the student advisory council at Pleasant View by getting raffle tickets for this amazing Valentine's Day basket! ♥ \$1 a ticket or \$5 for six. See Mrs. Morrison or Mrs. Richison for details or ask any council member.



Mrs. Hopkins is a valuable asset as a Principal but many people don't realize she also serves as Counselor at Marvin Primary School. Thank you Mrs. Hopkins!



