

# "Holiday Gift of Giving"

It's that time again when we reflect upon the many blessings we have been given, and consider ways to share our bounty with those who may be experiencing a temporary need for assistance. During this holiday season the staff and students of Gayman Elementary School plan to share the spirit of warmth and love with families from our local area. We feel that by sharing this project as an entire school community we will be able to provide gifts for the many children involved, as well as provide means for these families to stock their pantry shelves for quite a few weeks. The staff will be providing a special present for all the children in these families.

You, too, can help by taking a tag from the giving tree in the lobby. There are three types of tags – one for a specific child, one for gift certificates to support one of our Gayman families, and mustang-shaped tags in support of the Bucks County Homeless Children's Initiative. Tags for a specific child are marked with the age and gender of a child. Simply purchase a gift, wrap it, **attach the tag to the gift, and place it under the tree by Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**. Through this cooperative effort of teachers, students, parents and community members, we can realize again that the real joy in life comes from sharing. This is a valuable lesson for children to learn. Tags for our Gayman family are specifically for gift certificates to Giant, Target or Walmart. If you take a tag for one of these, please place the certificate in an envelope, attach the tag and send it to school. If you choose to take a purpose mustang tag for the BC Homeless Children's Initiative, simply purchase a gift certificate to K-Mart, Target or a local grocery store and return the certificate to school with the heart-shaped tag attached.

**In lieu of donating food and household items, we are again asking each homeroom to collect money to be used towards the purchase of grocery store gift cards. Help us help others by sending in your contribution – any amount will help! If you prefer to make a monetary contribution by check, please make the check payable to: Gayman Elementary School. Mark your envelope "Holiday Gift of Giving" and send it in by December 14th.**

The staff would like to thank all of you in advance for your generosity and support. To quote Helen Keller, "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." Let's offer our children the chance to experience this for themselves! Warmest holiday wishes,

The Staff of Gayman Elementary School