

# "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. Tags 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 16<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. You will also see special "heart" tags on the tree. This year we are also supporting two charities -- the Bucks County Homeless Children's Initiative facilitated by the Bucks County Intermediate Unit and the Wounded Warrior Project. If you choose to take a heart 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 tag attached. If you would prefer to support the Wounded Warrior Project, simply make a monetary donation (check made out to Wounded Warrior Project), place it in an envelope and attach the heart to the outside of the envelope. We will collect all of the checks and mail them out together.

**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 16th.**

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