January 26, 2007

Dear Parents,

In conjunction with Community Connections and our skillsurfing program, we are planning a community service project for our first grade classes. We will be making birthday boxes for families that do not have enough money to celebrate their children's birthdays. All birthday boxes will be donated to the Northfield Township Food Pantry.

The children will decorate plain cake boxes and will create cards for the birthday children. Then they will fill the boxes with the ingredients for a birthday party. In each box we plan to include a box of cake mix, a can of frosting, birthday candles, plates, napkins, a small gift, and the cards the children have made.

This is where we'd like to enlist your help! We're asking every child to bring in some items for the birthday boxes. The specific items assigned to your child are listed below. If possible, please involve your child in the earning and/or purchasing of the items to be donated. Perhaps your child could do some extra chores at home to earn the money necessary to purchase the items.

If you have any extra birthday items at home that you would like to donate (cake toppers, decorations, party hats, etc.), feel free to send those as well.

Please return all items by **Friday, February 2.** Please let us know if any parents and/or children would like to help deliver the boxes to the food pantry. Thank you for your help, and we look forward to this rewarding community service project!

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_____ cake mix and a can of frosting

_____ birthday candles, plates and napkins

_____ a small gift (ex: coloring book and crayons, card games, sports ball, etc.)