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Dear Mountview Road School Families and Friends,

It's the most, wonderful time of the year!!! We're headed into the holiday season (I can't wait!!!) so I write today, once again, to share information about our annual holiday gift drive, which provides us with the opportunity to help those less fortunate. For the last 21 years, Mountview has partnered with Team Walker in Jersey City to provide holiday gifts for underprivileged students. For those of you who are unfamiliar, Team Walker, Inc. is a non-profit agency focused on creating positive alternatives for the youth of Jersey City through programs designed to promote learning and teamwork. In addition, as we've done the past six years, we've identified some members within our school community who could use some holiday support as well. With this in mind, we will, once again, be supporting both causes.

You will notice paper mittens hung on the windows at our main entrance. The blue mittens will be labeled "Gift certificates." We are hoping to collect various gift cards to a variety of different vendors (Walmart, Target, CVS, Kohl's, Dunkin Donuts, local eateries, gas cards, etc.). These will be distributed to friends within Hanover. The other colored mittens will serve the Team Walker groups, labeled by gender and age. Each year Jerry Walker hosts a holiday party for hundreds of disadvantaged youths, grades K-8, in Jersey City. Jerry's goal is to provide each attendant with a holiday meal and toy. Donations will be collected for students in Kindergarten through eighth grade.

If you are so inclined and able, please take as many mittens as you wish as a donation. Gift donations (and certificates) should range from \$15-\$20, or whatever you can give. Kindly send your donations into school gift wrapped, with the paper mitten taped to the top of the package. All donations are due no later than *Tuesday, December 21, 2021*. Mr. Walker comes personally to pick up the donations for his event. Mountview "elves" will discreetly distribute the gift cards locally.

Our character education program and Student Council focuses on building strong character and active citizenship. Showing that we care by being giving citizens and helping others in need is one way to build these skills. The fact that we have been able to continue this tradition of giving for so long speaks to the generosity and kindness of our very special school community. Thank you in advance for whatever support you can provide.

Should you have any questions, kindly give me a call: 973-637-1550. Your thoughtfulness, as always, is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Carmen Camean, Principal

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