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Forest View students help Ugandan students in personal way

Local students collect supplies, send pictures and get to “see” who they have helped

On the day before Thanksgiving, Forest View Elementary School students watched school supplies they collected and packed being loaded onto trucks – starting the first leg of a trip to students in Uganda. Forest View students worked with [Sister Schools](#), to not only help but to *connect* with students on the other side of the world.

As they waved goodbye to the supplies, Forest View students posed for photos with donated items, and those pictures will be shared with students in Uganda. When the *Sister Schools* team returns in June they will bring back pictures of the Ugandan students who received the supplies.

“Students were amazed to find out how every single donation was useful to a child or family in Uganda. Every child left the assembly with a specific way they could help,” said Principal Holly Martinez.

During the kick-off assembly students learned what school is like in Uganda. They learned that some Ugandan students stay home because they can’t afford pencils. Families pay fees to attend school; if they can’t pay the fees, the children are not able to attend school. This community outreach project aligns with Forest View’s school vision that students will be active, global citizens.

Sister Schools, based in Seattle, has been gathering school supplies for children in Uganda and sowing the seeds of global citizenship and philanthropy in the minds and hearts of school children.



Boxes, boxes and more boxes of supplies waiting to be loaded onto trucks

“Our students were sad to think that children their own age were barred from school just because they didn’t have supplies or clothes. This was a deep lesson for them about helping others and about being thankful for the benefits we enjoy in this country and for free public school,” said Martinez.

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