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## From Your Prinicipal

Dear McLoughlin Families,

What an amazing couple of months we've had since the start of school! I want to thank our community for its wonderful support in helping our classrooms and school be a great place for children. It was wonderful seeing everyone at conferences and Harvest Festival.

Our Ashley K. Drew Youth Leadership project is building momentum. 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders are brainstorming ways they can help another person, a classroom, their school or community and even the world. It is heartwarming to hear their ideas and see how big their hearts are. We are encouraging students to think about our Annual Canned Food Drive as a perfect way to help people in our own community. Our food drive begins on November 18, 2010. Let's make it the best one yet!



A group of students are working on a garage sale idea where the proceeds will support a chosen charity. The journey to organizing an event like this is such an amazing learning experience! We've discussed with students how helping at home is also a viable and natural way to build leadership. No action is too small to make a difference.

Students are relating to Ashley's desire to help others and are finding joy in thinking how their actions will make a difference. Several students have shared their stories of losing a loved one to cancer or to other reasons. Smiles appear on their faces, as they know their actions will honor their loved ones, too.

Feel free to share with your children your own ideas for how they can make a difference and support them in making their ideas happen... the journey of helping others is truly a "bucket filling" experience.

Sincerely,  
Carol Sanders