

Teachers Collect \$125

Share Your Wisdom

December 10, 2008

...that is correct, you can put a hundred and twenty-five bucks in your pocket for talking about your class...or your teaching.

Here is how it works...

I am looking for K-12 teachers (any grade or content area to write at least 1,000 words to describe their teaching. Why? I want to print your teacher wisdom in my ezine starting in January when I roll out a brand new ezine format. That is correct, I want to share your wisdom with other teachers so they can apply it with their classes.

The key points...

- Your entry must be sent to me by midnight on December 30th, 2008.
- Every entry will receive a free subscription to my Education Rebel Ezine and 50 of those entries will be selected to receive \$125 in cash.
- The cash award winners will be posted on this blog by January 12, 2009 and payments will be mailed to those winners by January 9, 2009.

These are the two pieces of information your entry, a minimum of 1,000 words, must include:

- A brief introduction about your teaching background and class (one paragraph maximum).
- Discuss one of the following:
 - what works in your teaching style to encourage students to learn?
 - explain professional development work that has improved your teaching
 - describe a project based learning activity in your class and the learning results or impact on campus or community.

Entries must be sent in a Word document or a Google document. Each entry must include your name, email address, school name, and your mailing address (where the check will be sent). Entries must be received at educationrebel@gmail.com no later than midnight December 30th. The cash award winners will be notified by email on or before January 5, 2009 and their payments will be mailed to them by January 9, 2009. All entries will received a free one year subscription to Education Rebel Ezine. When you submit your entry you're giving me the rights to print it in my ezine for unlimited issues along with your name, grade, and state. I will not share any other information you provide with any other organization because I respect your privacy.

If you have any question you can send them to me at educationrebel@gmail.com

I know you'll have time over the holiday break to share your teacher wisdom with me and I'm paying you to do it.

A beautiful sunny day today,

Jack

My name is Jack Harrington, a burned out executive turned high school science teacher who modernized my classroom, astonished other teachers and got a pay raisemy students complained, "He's teaching us something."



Check out Jack's website at

www.educationrebel.com



You will: Access your knowledge & skills in critical areas; Obtain the latest tools & resources; Learn about effective programs & strategies; Get tips for success from experienced practitioners; Set the next steps to implement in your classroom.

TEACHER TRAINING

January 12 & 13, 2009

8:30 - 4:30

Ionia County ISD

Free to Ionia & Montcalm Educators

(Sub costs will be covered)

The workshops provide participants with the needed time to learn new skills, explore possible projects, share insights with colleagues, and develop curriculum and assessments.

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IONIA COUNTY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Voices for Service Learning

Your 2009 Service Learning New Year Resolution can be - Just One... "FEED AMERICA"

Feeding America is a Network: Our organization is made up of individuals, local food banks, national offices, as well as corporate and government partners. Together, we are bigger, better, stronger and more efficient than the sum of our parts. Working as a cohesive system is the only way we can truly solve the hunger crisis.

Looking Ahead to 2009

Clearly, 2009 will unleash a new set of challenges for hungry Americans. We expect that with the downturn in the economy, there will be more people without jobs, and more demand on our nationwide food banks. Our new government leaders will be faced with many decisions—especially those that deal with the economy and helping those in need. With this in mind, it is absolutely essential that you stay highly engaged in the legislative and regulatory process in the coming weeks and months; with your help, we can make certain that our voice is heard when legislative measures arise that will affect Feeding America and its mission of feeding the hungry.

Child Hunger

Although the United States is the wealthiest nation in the world, millions of children in our nation are food insecure, meaning they are either currently hungry or nearing hunger. Children who are undernourished are at greater risk for serious health, social, and educational problems. Today, many public food-assistance programs and private organizations strive to meet the nutritional needs of vulnerable children, but more needs to be done to fight child hunger.

The Impact of Child Hunger

Child hunger affects many aspects of children's lives, from physical and mental development to emotional well being. Here are some of the issues associated with childhood hunger.

Health Risks Associated with Undernourishment

Children from many poor families receive less than 70 percent of the recommended daily intake of major nutrients. This deficiency translates into increased risk for serious and costly health problems, including anemia, impaired cognitive development, and stunted growth. Children suffering from hunger or near hunger are also less likely to have access to sufficient medical care.

Behavioral and Social Development

Food insufficiency also hinders children's social development. Studies show that child hunger may be linked to behavioral problems, delayed social development, anxiety, and other emotional problems.

Education

For emotional, cognitive, and physical reasons, a hungry or undernourished child faces significant educational challenges. School attendance and academic performance both suffer due to student undernourishment. Food insufficiency—often caused by missed breakfast—diminishes a child's ability to retain knowledge, concentrate, and develop language and math skills.

One of the most important ways you can get involved in Feeding America is by becoming a **hunger advocate**. Advocacy is critical to fighting hunger, and becoming a hunger advocate offers many ways to become active not only in important public policy issues of the day, but also within your community. Our advocates communicate with their legislators about hunger issues. They talk to their friends and other social contacts about the need for a solution to hunger. Many share their personal experiences with hunger with us. They develop their own personal hunger advocacy profiles so that we can work with them on a personal level to achieve the most effective actions and bring about true change.

We encourage you to join us as a hunger advocate today. Go to our website at www.feedingamerica.org and get involved in fighting hunger in your community, your state, and across America!

Advocate NOW!
[Join the Hunger Action Center](#) to help start solving the problem of hunger in your community.

Donate Now



For every \$1 you donate, Feeding America helps provide 20 pounds of food and grocery products to men, women and children facing hunger in our country.



"TAKE A BITE OUT OF HUNGER"

For more great information on "Feeding America" log on to www.feedingamerica.org



HUNGER ADVOCATE



*A leader is one who
knows the way,
goes the way, and
shows the way.*

John Maxwell



Service Learning Projects

Imagine Days

Ask your group to adopt a different service project each month of the school year. The concept includes adopting a monthly theme such as "Imagine A World Without Poverty" or "Imagine A World Without Cancer." Then, collect money, goods, or do something to make that idea come true. Award a "Charity Key" to the student or school with the best participation throughout the year. Helpful Hints: Plan far in advance. Don't overdo it. Spread the projects out and find a place in advance to accept the charity donations. EAST PENNSBORO AREA HIGH SCHOOL

Tutoring Elementary Students

Organize a group of members to be volunteer tutors in the district elementary schools either after school or during the lunch periods. Organize this with the elementary school principals and teachers. HATBORO-HORSHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Elementary School Skits

Coordinate this project with the elementary school principals. Have students from your group write and practice skits on various topics such as drinking, self esteem, etc. Students then go to the district elementary schools and perform the skits for the children. HATBORO-HORSHAM HIGH SCHOOL

30-Hour Famine

Sponsor a 30-hour famine by asking students to get pledges from sponsors. Set a minimum of \$10.00 total in order to participate. During the famine, have the students stay at school. Hold a dance, have group games, movies and other activities to keep them busy. It is a nice touch to show the video produced by "World Vision." Have plenty of juice and water on hand and schedule breaks. End the 30 hours with a huge pizza party. Donate proceeds to World Hunger. Cost: Juice (try to get it donated).

Kids and Computers

Set up an appointment to meet with an elementary kid at the library and show them how to use a computer.

Brighten Up

Deliver flowers or gift baskets to shut-ins of your community.

Animals to seniors

Take pets from the Humane Society to a nursing home for a day.

Recycling

Assign members certain times (once a week or once a month) to recycle. The job involves sorting cans from recycling bins in the school into garbage bags and putting them in storage. The bags are then taken to a recycling center, which pays the group for the items donated. Members are also in charge of cleaning and changing liners in the recycling bins.

Helpful Hints: The job is easier if students work in pairs. It is also possible to collect paper, plastic and glass for recycling. Emphasize how this project benefits the environment as well as the group. CAMBRIA HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL

Helping Hands

This project is done as part of "Make A Difference Day," a national day of volunteerism. Each member volunteers three hours on this day by doing a job such as helping an elderly person to clean an attic or garage, painting the bathrooms at school, performing outdoor beautification work, etc. Set a goal for total hours (500). Conduct several Helping Hands Days throughout the year.

Helpful Hints: Parental permission is necessary. Have students submit a written report signed by an adult to demonstrate completion. AMBRIDGE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Soda Pop Tab Collection

Collect tabs from soda pop cans. Establish a drop-off point and ask students and faculty to bring in the soda pop tabs. Offer prizes to people who contribute the most tabs. These tabs can be sent to the Cleveland Clinic where they raise funds for patients on dialysis machines. Cost: Mailing of the soda pop tabs. BERLIN BROTHERSVALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Math-A-Thon

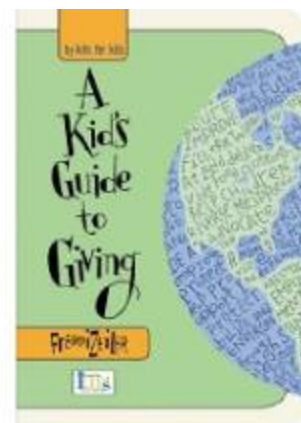
This project works well with the cooperation of your math department. Ask students to receive pledges from relatives, friends and teachers for three, five, ten or more cents for each problem they will solve. Give each participant two hundred math problems to solve in seven days. The problems can be compiled into a fun booklet. Ask your math teachers to give credit or even extra credit for completion of the booklet. Offer prizes such as T-shirts or admission to a fun park. The proceeds can be donated to any charity. WESTLAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

World Aids Day

Arrange for speakers or plan other awareness activities for World AIDS Day on December 1. Visit www.worldaidsday.org for more information.



Four Ways You Can Make A Difference - Learn How!



NOW AVAILABE in the General Education Department Library at the ISD.

You can make a difference: Here's How...

All you need to get started on the road to giving is right here in this hand book. *A Kid's Guide to Giving* originated when author Freddie Zeiler, at age 14, decided she wanted to make a difference in the world. There were so many charitable organizations to choose from that she didn't know where to begin--so she set out to research them all.

After compiling information on more than 100 kid-friendly organizations, Freddi has broken down her findings into an accessible guide to giving time and money, donating goods, and organizing charity events. Whether you're concerned about helping needy children, conserving the rainforest, or protecting animals from extinction, this books makes it easy to make a difference and get involved.



Making a Difference

14 year old

Author, Freddi Zeiler

Step 1: Look into your heart

Think about what cause means the most to you. There are all sorts of charitable causes. You just have to decide what issues are closest to your heart.



Step 2: Support a cause you love

You can search the web by what interests you or by charity name from over 1 million charities.



Step 3: There are lots of ways to help!

Decide what you want to do to help: Volunteer your time? Donate money? Have a fundraiser?



Step 4: There are lots of ways to help!

Create a favorite charities list and send to your friends and family. Think about sending our your favorite charities list for your next birthday or over the holidays. It gives your friends and family a way to show they care about the things that are important to you.



Here are a couple more NEW books that can be used for Service Learning. They can be checked out from the General Education Department at Ionia County Intermediate School District by calling 616-524-4900 Ext. 1218 or by emailing your title request to: jselleck@ioniaisd.org.

