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Dear Beecher Road Parents/Guardians:

Beecher Road School has a long tradition of reaching out to those in need whether that be on a local, national or international level. In light of the tragedy that has occurred in Haiti, a country that is 90 miles from our shore, Beecher Road School will launch a campaign entitled, "*Helping Hands for Haiti*". All money collected from this campaign will be donated to the American Red Cross.

In order to add educational value to the campaign, we are asking you to do the following: (1) discuss with your child/children, in an age-appropriate way, the events that are taking place in Haiti; (2) help your child/children to identify service tasks that they can do to raise money for the people of Haiti. Next Monday, your child/children will bring home a sheet with the pattern of a helping hand. Have them write or help them to write the service that they have chosen to perform and, when appropriate, the amount of money that they have raised from that service. When the service is completed, the helping hand and the money raised should be returned to the Main Office of Beecher Road School. If needed, additional helping hands sheets may be picked up in the Main Office. We anticipate that the campaign will continue over the next several weeks and possibly months. More information will follow.

As a visual reminder of the efforts being made by children of Beecher Road School to help the people of Haiti, a bulletin board will be constructed outside the Cafeteria highlighting the many helping hands of Beecher Road School. It is our hope that the "*Helping Hands for Haiti Campaign*" will do the following: (1) raise badly needed funds for a country that has experienced great tragedy; and (2) provide a character building opportunity for our students.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. reminded us that "**All men are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality.**" Please join with us in helping our children to develop as good global citizens.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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