

Herndon Has a Heart for Haiti!

(brought to you by the HHS French Department)

Haiti has suffered an immeasurable loss due to the recent earthquakes, leaving hundreds of thousands without even the most basic necessities.

The French department at Herndon is coordinating our school's fundraising efforts to help provide relief. Our ultimate goal is to raise a \$5,000 donation to the Red Cross. February's Character Counts theme at HHS is caring, and throughout the month there will be numerous activities and events where everyone can demonstrate their compassion. Watch for these opportunities via all our regular venues.

To achieve this goal, we need the full support of the Hornet community - together, we *will* make a difference.

Overview and short term goals - February

February will be devoted to helping Haiti, which coincides perfectly with the next pillar of Character Counts, Caring. These efforts are led by the French department (as Haiti is a Francophone country) and Mrs. Rosenthal obtained special permission from the county to raise funds for disaster relief. Mr. Bates and the Herndon administrative team are advising the committee and support these endeavors. All funds raised will be donated to the Red Cross.

Many thanks to the contributors and organizers who have already stepped up to help Mrs. Rosenthal's & Mrs. Perouseas' efforts: the officers of the French Honor Society; student representatives of SGA, Amnesty International, the National Honor Society, the Art Honor Society, and the Business department.

Have a Heart for Haiti Activities Planned:

Month-Long Lunch Drive - Variations on the theme:

Week 1 - Coin drive by class, 4 jars (one for each grade level)

Week 2 - Penny Wars (by class) (penny jar/anything else takes points away)

Week 3 - Coin drive - the classes that reach the determined contribution amount will have their administrator wear a favorite superhero costume

Week 4 - Class with most contributions gets ...? TBA

Wristband Sale - All of February: Lance Armstrong-style bracelets - red, w/ **Herndon has a Heart for Haiti** and **J'♥l'Haïti** for sale during lunches, elective info night, sporting events, at talent show.

Lunch Fun: Students wearing a bracelet can participate in trivia contest (1 question per week, with CANDY bar prize)

The showcase in the main foyer will have a display to familiarize students with the rich culture and heritage of Haiti. French Honor Society leaders will put this together with the help of Mrs. Shepard, librarian, whose husband is Haitian.

Community Involvement: Local businesses are being asked if they would like to participate by donating partial proceeds of sales of a particular "Herndon has a Heart for Haiti" day (e.g., Milwaukee, Glory Days, Vie de France, Bubbles, Luciano's, GW, BMW...) Student committee members are looking into this.

TALENT NIGHT sponsored by the SGA: March 5, 7 p.m.

- Amnesty International kicks off the evening with a short documentary of Haiti
- Introductory words by speaker with ties to Haiti
- French Honor Society members will serve as greeters/ushers
- Performances by various groups: Cheerleading squad, Step Team, orchestra & band, Dance Team have already volunteered; other quality performers from the student body, administration & faculty are being recruited - posters with info are around the school.
- \$2 admission
Art raffle (during intermission or between acts) to win HHS student works created specifically for this event & donated by those in 2D, 3D, and Photography. (Ticket is separate from the \$2 show fee) **Peter Hulme & Maggie Middleton** are organizing this fundraiser.

The business/marketing department will play a key role in advertising the event.

Long term goal:

The French department would like to find a Haitian sister school (that has not been completely devastated) for a permanent partnership to widen the perspectives of our French students and their Haitian counterparts while lending a hand in their recovery.