

## Washington Township School District



Dear Brass Castle Families,

The holidays are a time for us to enjoy being with our families. However, many Americans serving in our Armed Forces are not able to do that. We at Brass Castle want to let our troops know how important they are to us, and that they are in our hearts during this special season. Our school will be partnering with Rolling Thunder, an organization that supports armed forces serving overseas, with the collection and distribution of a “Rainbow” of items to send to troops in Afghanistan for the holidays. These include personal items like hand sanitizer, baby wipes, and tissues, as well as treats such as nuts, jerky, hard candies, gum, and protein or cereal bars. We will collect donations beginning on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> (Veteran’s Day) and continue through Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Please see the reverse side for details on our Rainbow.

Thank you in advance for helping to make the holidays a little brighter for those who serve our country!

This is a SAMPLE list of items that can be collected. Any hygiene product or non-perishable item is an excellent item to include in the care packages. Remember these folks are far from home. Think about what you like and would miss if there was no store nearby. We **cannot** collect jar, aerosol, or expired items.

batteries (any size)	wrapped snacks	gum
beef jerky	disposable razors	jelly
body wash	boxed mac & cheese	protein/granola/cereal bars
canned nuts	condiments	crackers
Chap stick	crossword books	wool socks (white or green)
coffee/tea bags	q-tips	baby wipes
cough drops	shaving cream	sardines
dental floss	fruit roll-ups/snacks	hand lotion
emery boards	saline nasal sprays	hand sanitizer
envelopes	hot sauce	combs
eye drops	hard or chewy candy	canned fruit (pop-top)
feminine products	instant oatmeal	Slim-Jims
hairbands	toothbrushes	body powder
liquid soap	sunglasses	instant soup
microwave soups/foods	small powdered drink mixes	air freshener
OTC aspirin, allergy medications	microwave popcorn	bug spray
peanut butter	denture cream	canned cheese
shampoo	greeting cards	Pop-Tarts
small cereal boxes	playing cards	flip-top canned meats
SPAM	mouthwash (small plastic)	small tissue packets/boxes
toothpaste	Vienna sausages	salad dressing
trail mix	suntan lotion	cookies
tuna/chicken foil packets	foot powder/cream	deodorant

We will collect a **“Rainbow”** of colorful donations:

Monday: Any red, white, or blue items

Tuesday: Any fall-colored item

Wednesday: Any spring-colored item

Thursday: Rainbow day-all colors