

**Washington Township School District  
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week your children will be having an assembly discussing the mission of Habitat for Humanity and how we, as a school community, can support our friends in the greater Warren County area.

As you may know, Habitat is a non-profit organization founded in 1976. Their belief is that every person should have a decent, safe and affordable place to call home. Your children learned that Habitat does NOT give away the homes to families but requires them to make monthly payments as well as volunteer for as much as 250 hours (per adult).

In the spirit of the season of thanks and giving back, we are having a fundraising challenge "Change for A Cause" that will run into December. At Brass Castle School, each grade level has a jar to collect donations – pennies go into their own jar and count as 1 point. All other money - nickels, dimes, quarters, and 1, 5, 10, 20 dollar bills count as 'negative' points (a nickel is negative 5, a dollar bill is negative 100) and they go into OTHER grade level jars. The kids LOVE the strategy and it's a fun way for them to practice math skills along the way! At Port Colden School the challenge is a bit different with winners for best decorated container, heaviest container and most money raised per grade level.

There are so many great lessons for our children as they are reminded of community spirit, good sportsmanship and teamwork! So, if you notice your loose change missing from your purse, or your child wants to share part of their allowance money... just know it's for a GREAT cause supporting families in our own 'backyard' build their future homes!

Thank you for your support!

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