

Dear Parents, Students, and Friends of Tony Hillerman Middle School,

As you may have heard on the news, the Caribbean nation of Haiti has been damaged from several earthquakes. Haiti was already in need of help before the earthquakes with most families making less than \$2 a day and over 99% of forests are deforested from charcoal production and cooking use.

The after-school club STEM STARS at Tony Hillerman Middle School saw the need to help Haiti several months ago. With funding from an A+ for Energy Grant from BP, STEM STARS students have been building solar ovens and will have 10 kits ready to send in the next few weeks. This will help Haitians have a renewable way to purify water, cook food, and to provide time for the Haitian forests to grow, time for children and women to gain an education, and time to rebuild their lives after the earthquakes.

As hard as STEM STARS students have worked, 10 ovens will only benefit 40-80 Haitians. With the current desire to help Haiti, we have the goal to purchase as many Hot Pot Solar Cookers at cost and provide the trainers along with shipping to the community members of Cabaret for our Haiti project. They are asking for financial support to assist in solar cooker shipping and distribution. 100% of donations will assist Haitians.

So how can you help Haiti? Here are three ways:

- “Hearts for Haiti” valentines for friends and sweethearts will be presold for \$1 each all three lunches the weeks of January 25th and February 1st. Valentines will be distributed February 12th through 4A classes.
- A collection jar will be stationed in the cafeteria for students to donate spare change after they purchase their lunch.
- Change, cash and check donations will be collected through first period teachers on both A and B days. The first period classroom which collects the most money will be honored with the possession of Tony Hillerman’s Trophy of Hearts for the remainder of the year. Checks can be made out to Tony Hillerman Middle School.

We invite you to ask your friends, family and neighbors to support this worthy cause with financial donations. Together, we can make a difference!

Sincerely,

Tony Hillerman Middle School STEM STARS