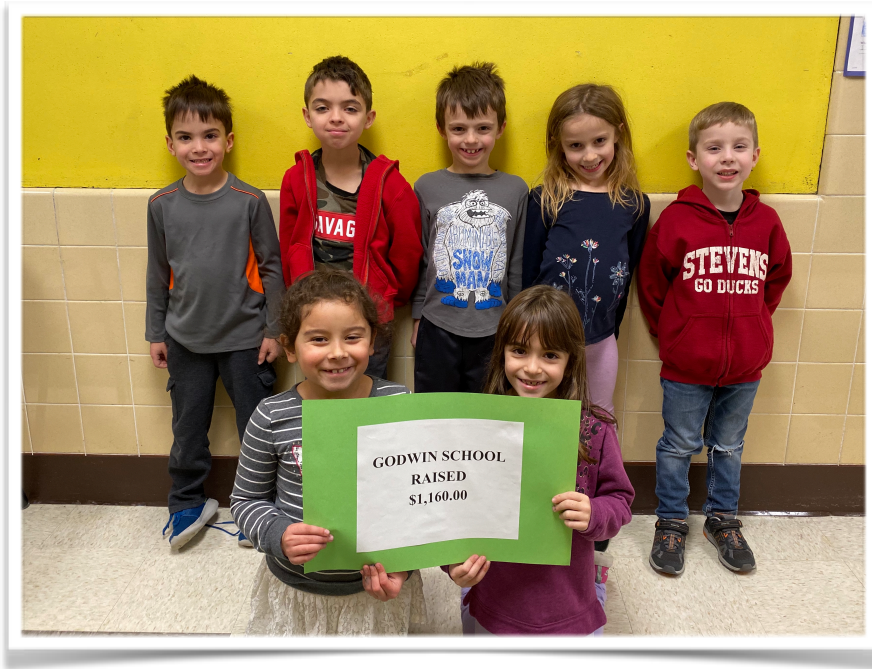


# Godwin School Gives Back



## IT IS BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE...

Godwin students have participated in several fundraisers this year and plan to keep giving. In October, the elementary schools contributed to the Bag a Lunch, Table to Table Fundraiser, which asks volunteers to donate the equivalent of one day's lunch money to help fight hunger. With every dollar raised, ten healthy meals are delivered. In just one week, the Godwin School raised \$1160, combine that with Highland School's donations and we raised a total of \$3510. For a small



**The Giving Tree**  
Help us, help the community!



We collected enough food to fill 12 boxes for the Thanksgiving Food Drive.



**Minnie uses money from her own piggy bank because she said it makes her feel good. She is sad to think that a child would not get presents on Christmas.**

**1**  
**SPRIT DAY**  
Thursday, December 19  
wear holiday/winter themed hats

**2**  
**SPRIT DAY**  
Friday, December 20  
wear holiday/winter themed pajamas

**3**  
**SPRIT DAY**  
Monday, December 23  
wear holiday/winter themed clothes

community, that is an amazing dollar amount. Mrs. Scala spearheads this fundraiser and spends ample time visiting classrooms to help students understand why it is so important to help those in need. This type of Service Learning Project is just one of the activities the Godwin students will be involved in this year. After Halloween, we asked students to donate their extra candy to send to the troops stationed overseas. As you can imagine, no child wants to give away their hard earned candy... hours are spent walking up and down local streets to collect candy from willing community members. But once the students realized the candy was going to the men and women protecting our Country, they were happy to donate. After just a few days of collecting, the Godwin and Highland students donated 34 pounds of candy. A special thanks to Mrs. Lelinho and the Highland Student Council for gathering all the goods and delivering them to the dentist's office.



The Godwin Staff shares in the giving spirit by raising funds to sponsor a child through Ridgewood Social Services and by contributing to the Giving Tree. In the past Cynthia Brown had always sponsored a Giving Tree to help families in Midland Park. Many families join our Giving Tree efforts and shop with their children to help them understand the importance of giving. Some students even use the money from their own piggy banks to buy gifts for other children. Young children might not fully understand the phrase, "It is better to give than receive", but it can become part of their way of life. Thank you for partnering with us to instill this lesson in children.

*Service Learning Projects have always been an interest of mine, and I hope to further develop the idea in the future. I believe it is important for our students to understand why we do fundraisers or write letters to the troops or honor veterans. To raise money or make projects without an understanding behind it is meaningless. As adults, we recognize the importance and value in helping others and raising money for good cause, but for children, the information is over their heads. Through Service Learning Projects, students are taught the why, what, where, when and how components of each project. As we embark on these projects, information will be sent home to help you understand the cause and hopefully reinforce our message.*

## **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

For the past 10 years, the Godwin School has participated in Jump Rope for Heart. Brian DeCarlo has spearheaded this event since being hired as the Godwin School PE/Health teacher. The Kids Heart Challenge is a fun and exciting event where students learn about their heart while helping others by raising money for the American Heart Association. It prepares our students for success through physical and emotional well-being. Last year, we had the JUMP Team from Hasbrouck Heights perform individual and group routines to motivate our students. The Godwin School raised an amazing, \$7125 last year for the American Heart Association!!!!

