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## HES hosts ‘Compassion’ value service project

Highland Elementary School students are participating in a special service learning project based on their school’s “core essential” for the month of December: Compassion.

Second-grade students are encouraged to earn money by doing chores for family and neighbors, and then use their earnings to purchase items that will be delivered to the Boulware Mission during a school visit on Dec. 12. Among items students are donating are hygiene products, notebooks, T-shirts, socks and gloves.

Students will tour the facility and create art projects on white paper bags, which Mission staff will later fill with gifts for residents.

HES guidance counselor Laura McCain said, “The visit to Boulware spotlights the ‘why’ behind giving to others. There are people who are in need who look just like you and me. We often see the stereotype of a homeless person as one without shoes or one who sits on the corner, but anyone can come upon hard times and need our help. We can all make a difference.”

McCain said the project has become a meaningful tradition at Highland for several years. “Our HES second graders have adopted the Boulware Mission as their service learning project for more than five years now. Boulware executive director Leigha Taylor and I co-teach a lesson at our school that focuses on our core essential word of the month for December, which is ‘Compassion.’ It is hard to teach compassion without giving the kids a real-life experience and an opportunity to reach out to others. Our second-graders and their families provide hygiene products that are used throughout the year at Boulware. We take these items to the shelter so the kids can see firsthand that shelters are a real place for real people – those who have simply fallen on hard times. We can learn that compassion for others meets a need not only for other people, but also within ourselves. Visiting Boulware is an amazing opportunity for these kids, and one they never forget in their school experience.”

Our media partners are invited to join Highland Elementary School students as they tour the Boulware Mission Inc. from 9:45 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12. The Mission is located at 609 Wing Ave. For more information, contact Laura McCain at [laura.mccain@daviess.kyschools.us](mailto:laura.mccain@daviess.kyschools.us) or 270-852-7370.

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