

## STUDENTS TAKE ACTION

Courage and the different ways it's shown was the discussion that led to students taking action. Recently, Mrs. Sherer's 6<sup>th</sup> grade English Language Arts classes, at Hawthorne Middle School, discussed courage and the different ways it's shown. One student suggested many of the people in Texas showed courage by risking their lives to help others to safety after Hurricane Harvey. This led to a vibrant class discussion about how hurricane victims are struggling, which led to students talking about how they could help. They wanted to gather and ship supplies to Texas, however because of the cost of shipping, Mrs. Sherer suggested they raise money and send it to a reliable source.

Students decided to hold bake sales during lunch to earn money to help hurricane victims; so they took action! They filled out the required fundraising form and were off and running.

Since these students also have Mrs. Sherer for math, they used their fundraiser not only to help those who suffered from Hurricane Harvey but incorporated the project into their learning. The math classes set a goal to raise \$50 a day and to hold the bake sale September 5<sup>th</sup> through September 8<sup>th</sup> to raise \$200. They determined prices would be 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1. Together, in class, they figured the average and then calculated how many items each student would need to contribute to meet their goal. The ELA classes created posters to market the fundraiser throughout the school.

On the first day of the baked sale, students brought donuts, cookies, Rice Krispy peanut butter treats, brownies, zucchini bread, and candy sushi. They anxiously awaited the results of their action, which netted \$69. The next day they raised \$123. Following that success they decided to raise their fundraising goal to \$400 and hoped to surpass that as well.

With such success and their commitment to raise their goal, Mrs. Sherer started calling them "Mrs. Scherer's awesome Humans☺ They are Rock Stars!!

In the end, they surpassed even their increased goal and raised a total of \$619.

One of Hawthorne's new teachers' home town, Beaumont, Texas, was under water. Because of their connection to her, they decided to donate the money they raised to the Red Cross in that town.