



Dear Families,

As we learn about the distribution of water resources on Earth, we have discovered that there are areas in the world that do not have easy access to freshwater resources that all living things need. In order to expand our understanding of how others in the world are impacted by a lack of water resources, and to put what we have learned into action, the fifth grade class is starting a fund raising campaign to make a difference in the world. We are excited to announce our upcoming Community Service Initiative partnership with the **Ugandan Water Project!** Our goal is to fund a rainwater collection system for school children in Uganda.

So how will we accomplish this?

On Tuesday, March 24th students will participate in an engaging and educational kick-off assembly led by Jess Alinaitwe, Chief of Staff for the Ugandan Water Project.

In the days following the assembly (**between March 24 and April 24**), students will be encouraged to share what they have learned about Uganda's water crisis with others and identify one-time sponsors for their participation in our Water Walk. This fundraising campaign will be an online campaign so no collection of money will be needed. Students will have letters with a website link and QR code that will direct potential donors to the Redhawks Catch the Rain campaign at



<https://ugandanwaterproject.com/project/redhawks/>.

Once at the campaign website, they may make a one time donation and dedicate that donation to your student by including their name in the dedication box. You can also choose to donate without dedicating to a particular student to help us meet our goal of \$3,800.

Our project will include a Water Walk around **May 22nd** depending on the weather. The Water Walk will involve students walking a mile while carrying a gallon of water. This not only gives our students the opportunity to walk in solidarity with children who have limited access to clean water, but it will also be a chance to celebrate our hard work and achievements. More information will follow about the Water Walk as we get closer to that date

We are very excited to provide students with an experience that will allow them to connect what they are learning in the classroom with an opportunity to positively impact the world. Please feel free to use the above link to donate and support our fifth grade students in their desire to have a positive impact on the world. To find out more about our partner organization, check out the Ugandan Water Project's website: ugandanwaterproject.com. Thank you so much for your support of the Redhawks Catch the Rain Campaign and for helping our students make a difference one drop at a time!