

counselor's corner

November & December 2016



A **BIG** thank you to all those who graciously donated food to help with the Union Mission's **Hope for the Holidays** community outreach.

The outpouring of donations was overwhelming, and much appreciated!

A shout of thanks to the **Hickory Ruritan Club** for providing several Thanksgiving dinners to some of our school families again this year. We are so grateful for our Hickory community!

The holiday season is often a time of excitement, joy, gratitude, and laughter. However, it can also be a time of sadness, loneliness, and need. In classroom guidance lessons in November & December, we talk about **charity, compassion, empathy, and gratitude**. I believe it is important that while we fully enjoy our happiness, we are also aware of the needs around us. Our students at HES never cease to amaze me with their compassion & desire to help others. Sometimes I truly think *they* should be the ones teaching. They make me smile every day with their sensitivity & kindness.

Our Military School Liaison officer, Mrs. Tiffany Johnson, continues to do **AMAZING** things for us! She is an absolute wealth of support, so if you are a military-connected family, please be sure to take full advantage of her assistance! She is frequently at the Northwest River Annex, and her primary job is to connect our military families to great resources!

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Have a joyous holiday season!

love, Mrs. Zook

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