

January 13, 2020

Dear Crestwood Families,

Community Service has long been an important part of student life at Crestwood; students embrace opportunities to support global and local causes because they know that their efforts can make a difference and help others in need.

In Tanzania, many children are left helpless, hopeless, and without care because their parents have died or cannot take care of them. For several years, Crestwood has been raising money to support Neema International with their goal to help these children. Neema International is a nonprofit organization that supports nearly 200 orphaned and vulnerable children. This project is close to our hearts because Crestwood graduate and current parent Ali Hanson is the Assistant Director of Neema International.

From January 13th until January 24th, the Crestwood Cares community service team is challenging Crestwood students to "SKIP IT". Students choose to forgo one or more treats or privileges that would have cost money, and to donate that money to the fundraiser instead. For example, a student could skip:

- \*a trip to the movie theatre
- \*spending this week's allowance
- \*a stop for hot chocolate
- \*a family take-out dinner

The dollar value of the donation is not the greatest priority; rather, the opportunity for students to choose to make a personal gift to people in need is the emphasis of this fundraising strategy.

To recognize and celebrate these acts of giving, the community service group will assemble and display SKIP IT giving trees. Each child who participates in SKIP IT should fill out the leaf, attached to this letter, with his or her name, class, and the treat or privilege skipped. **Please do not record the donation amount on the leaf.** The leaf can be submitted, along with the donation, to your child's classroom teacher by Friday, January 24, 2020. These leaves will be added to the giving trees, and donations will be forwarded to Neema International to help support the children of Tanzania.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

The Crestwood Cares  
Community Service Team

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