

Hello Lesher Middle School Families,

Lesher is gearing up for our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Adopt-a-Family school-wide community service project! This project has been a part of the Lesher community for many years and in the last 7 years we have expanded our influence to help A LOT of families.

Each selected family completes a needs checklist and ELO classes work together to gather the items for their “adopted” family. The families who participate have been identified as low-income or in crisis and our assistance is important. The checklist includes food, grocery store gift certificates, personal care products, school supplies, household products and new or like-new clothing. We will begin assigning families to ELO classes around Thanksgiving break and families will receive their donated items on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. This is a big day at Lesher with students and staff helping to load and/or deliver donations. Lesher students are very enthusiastic about this program.

### **Highlights from last year**

Lesher’s Adopt-a-Family school-wide community service project involves most of our 768 students and 70+ staff members to bless about 20 “adopted” families each holiday season! Families that benefit are identified as low-income or in crisis and are all from Lesher’s feeder elementary schools. Last year these families received gift cards averaging \$150/family, and on average about 10 boxes filled with food, personal care products, school supplies, household products, toys and new or like-new clothing that averaged 100s of dollars per family. The total amount donated by the Lesher community to these 20 families totaled between \$12-15,000!

### **We welcome assistance and donations from local businesses and organizations.**

Please contact Waren Morrow (Assistant Principal/AD) at [wmorrow@psdschools.org](mailto:wmorrow@psdschools.org) or 472-3802, Rachel Eaton (6<sup>th</sup> grade counselor) at [reaton@psdschools.org](mailto:reaton@psdschools.org) or 472-3851, or Veronica Carrillo (Español and family liaison) at [veronicc@psdschools.org](mailto:veronicc@psdschools.org) or 472-3853 if you have questions or would like to assist Lesher’s 2016 Adopt-a-Family program. Thank you and GO VIKINGS!

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