

West Oak investing in Alternative Income Project for Africa

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The continent of Africa is the least developed continent in the world and lots of money and aid are being sent there by the rest of the world especially by developed countries.

West Oak's student council is organizing a fundraising project

for our school in support of Africa.

This project was initiated by student council members who attended the Me to We rally in Toronto where they learned about social justice issues and were presented with options about how to be involved in helping make the world a better place.

We picked Alternative

Income as our fundraising project because we believe if we provide a means for people to start and sustain their own businesses, they would then be able to build on it.

In addition, our entire school can participate in this project by raising money.

This project gives a chance to individuals and classes to donate to this worthy cause. Our project

will begin on April 6 with a kick-off assembly and end on May 11.

Here at West Oak Public School, the student council has set up a display to educate and share information with the rest of the school on this project.

This display is located on the main floor beside the front foyer. Students are able to see the different types of things that they

can collect money for.

For example, \$250 will buy a sewing machine for a family to start a business, or \$50 will get a family a goat for food and milk.

In order to raise money for these items, a class can set a goal (for example a cow) and work towards achieving the goal by raising money.

While straight out donations would certainly not be turned away, we are hoping that our students will find ways to give of themselves or their time to raise the money.

Doing extra chores, donating an allowance, or offering services like babysitting or spring clean up would be some ways to earn the money.

After the collection deadline, the class might have raised \$200. This money can be used to buy a cow for a family in Africa, which will provide food and money.

If this is multiplied across many families, a



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whole village may benefit.

This will all be due to the time and effort of the West Oak P.S. students and to the generosity of the greater West Oak community.

We urge the people of our West Oak community to contact the school office if you would like to support our initiative between April 11 and May 11.

Be a part of this change. Donate generously. Allow that family in Africa to have a better life and to thank you.

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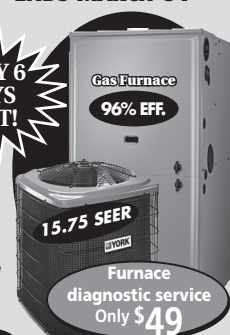
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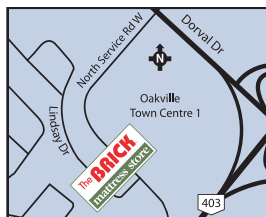


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