



Book Drive News

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Hawthorne School Collects 2,867 Books for Wish Charter Elementary School!

"BookEnds"

Not only was BookEnds helpful to another school, it was very fun and exciting. At first, I didn't think the idea was "fun," but then Gretchen showed us a video and told us in depth about BookEnds. We made posters and flyers. We put the posters around the hallways and put the flyers on paper bags so that people could put books in the bags and return them to us.

BookEnds Mission

BookEnds is an entrepreneurial non-profit organization that recycles children's books through student-run book drives. These books are donated to schools and organizations in need. BookEnds was founded by an 8 year-old boy who independently led his class in a book drive to build a much-needed library at a transitional home for abused children.



In total, we collected 2,867 books. Sorting books was the best part of the process. We had 6 categories; pre-K, K-2, 3-5, middle/high school, overly loved, and miscellaneous.

We went to W.I.S.H. Charter School with the boxes of books. The first graders sang two really cute songs to us. The next thing we did was meet our buddies right away. We had already written them pen pal letters. I read *Curious George* to my buddy, Skyler. We didn't have much time to read. Then we had a snack and recess break. My buddy was pretty shy for a girl, so I couldn't play much with her, but then we made bookmarks, a fun activity. I helped Skyler so I didn't have much time to make mine. Then we all met in the auditorium and the teachers got a thank you card. We had to leave so the first graders lined up as a "high five wall." We went back to Hawthorne and saw the thank you cards that our buddies made for us. BookEnds is a project every school should do.

- Andrew Kim



Learn more about how to get involved in BookEnds! Visit our website (www.BookEnds.org) or call us at

Why Community Service?

Studies show that participation in community service can:

- Enhance students' personal growth and self image
- Enrich academic learning
- Teach leadership and civic responsibility
- Foster a concern for social problems

Thank you for letting BookEnds be a part of your student's growth!