

Dear Families of Rooms 12 and 13,

We have been fortunate to be invited to participate as a “giving class” for Charity Checks, www.charitychecks.us, a program which develops students’ understanding of charitable literacy. This program is new at our school and promises to be very rewarding. Bruce Miller, whose two daughters attended Wonderland, read about the program in the newspaper and offered to sponsor our students. He has provided the funding to give each student a Giving Certificate worth \$25, redeemable by any non-profit charity in the country. We will ask students to research social problems which interest them, identify charities which offer programs to address those problems, investigate charities which make effective use of funds, and select the ones to which they will award their Giving Certificates. We will be working on this project for approximately three weeks, and hope that it will be a welcome addition to the usual holiday activities.

Please support your students by talking about social problems, the need for charities, any relationships your families may have with charitable organizations, and assisting students with finding and reading research material as necessary. We want to make sure that students will make informed choices about where to make their donations, and that they follow their own interests and make independent decisions. In addition, please contact us if you know anyone in the fields of fundraising, advertising design, etc. who might be willing to speak to the class.

The ceremony during which Mr. Miller will meet each student and present the coupons, will be on December 12 at 9:00 a.m., in the classrooms. Lisa Sonne, one of the Charity Checks founders, will also be there, and there is a possibility of press coverage. We hope you can join us.

Sincerely,

Michael Rosner
Julia Mason Wasson