

Dear Parent/Guardian;

The **Town of Southhold's Youth Bureau** with support from the **Community Service Organization** as well as the **SADD club**, will be sponsoring a community event to honor Dr. Martin Luther King's Day of Service. This is a day that is designed to teach and encourage students to honor the idea of service to our country and community.

In honor of this day of service, we are asking for your support in honoring our service men and women overseas who volunteer their lives for our freedom. Through the assistance with Brookhaven Veteran's Association, we will be collecting items for **Adopt-A-Platoon**. The items will help support these men and women who are support troops. Due to the drawdown, our soldiers do not have access to full base facilities. Basic hygiene supplies and comfort items are hard to come by. So, we send them care packages with needed items and snacks.

Currently they are in their winter cycle and they could use comfort items. The students will be designing bags for each platoon member filled with various requested items. We are asking students and families to send in donations to their homeroom teachers. The collection period will take place from Monday, January 9 to Tuesday, January 17th.

We want to thank you for your support in this important project and in helping to teach our students about the importance of service.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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REQUESTS: Dry cereal, powdered milk, sugar packets, lots of protein foods (peanut butter and jelly), assorted snacks (nuts, granola bars, jerky, slim jims), pop top canned pasta, microwaveable meals (Complete), tuna, chicken, salmon pouches, crackers, drink mix singles, condiment packets (BBQ sauce, hot sauce, ketchup etc.). Assorted toiletries: toothpaste, mouth wash, deodorant, bar/liquid body wash, shampoo and conditioner in one, baby wipes, foot/body powder, hand/body lotion. Anything to help boost the soldiers' morale: letters/mail, current magazines, puzzle books, board games, other recreation items (cards, age appropriate toys), blank greeting cards, pens. They have limited activities for the soldiers during their "down time" when not on duty.

Special Request: sports equipment such as footballs and basketballs

Cold Weather Suggestions: (November-April) hand and foot warmers, wool blend black/brown boot socks, instant soups, hot drink mixes (chocolate or cider), oatmeal mix packets

Please: No glass jars or aerosol cans