Dear SBS Parents,

Next month, your children will be learning about HOPE Week. The New York Yankees started HOPE Week in 2009, and this year marks our 14th year of continuing their tradition of community service. HOPE stands for **H**elping **O**thers **P**ersevere and **E**xcel. With Thanksgiving approaching, it is a wonderful time to teach our children to be grateful for what they have and to help others who may have less. To see how we have participated over the years, please visit the Media tab on our website.

Care Corners

From November 2nd - 20th, we are collecting donations for the following organizations, which can be placed inside SBS outside the gym doors. (Four tables will be set up and labeled.)

- ★ **MOMS HELPING MOMS:** *A NJ nonprofit organization dedicated to providing babies and young children with the essentials they need to thrive. They distribute diapers, clothing, baby supplies, and other necessities to local families.*
  Donations Requested: Diapers (all sizes, size 5 especially needed as supplies run low, unopened packs are ok), wipes, and hygiene products.
- ★ **BRIGHTENING BIRTHDAYS:** *A youth-founded charity based in Chatham to deliver special birthday packages to children in need who might not otherwise receive gifts or a celebration.*
  Donations Requested: Box cake mix and icing, candles, party decorations, party plates/napkins, small gifts for kids ages 0-12.
- ★ **MATHENY MEDICAL & EDUCATION CENTER:** *A NJ hospital and school that specializes in the treatment and care of students ages 3 to 21 with complex medical diagnoses and physical disabilities.*
  Donations Requested: Arts & crafts supplies - thick markers/crayons, play doh, glue sticks, construction paper and sensory toys (new or very gently used).
- ★ **ST. HUBERTS ANIMAL WELFARE CENTER:** *A nonprofit shelter committed to rescuing animals, providing compassionate care, and uniting pets with forever families.*
  Donations Requested: Unopened dry or wet cat/dog food, durable cat/dog toys, and gently used or new fleece blankets and towels

Classroom Service Projects

During the week of November 16th, each student will participate in direct, hands-on service projects that will illustrate the importance of giving back to their community.

Kindergarten: Wreaths of Hope
Students will create a paper plate wreath to be given to the Chatham Senior Center for display.

1st Grade: Rise & Shine Breakfast Bags
Students will decorate lunch bags and fill them with a nutritious, delicious meal for Nourish NJ to distribute to those in need.

2nd Grade: Helping Hands Hygiene Kits
Students assemble bags containing toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap and other essentials that will be donated to a local shelter.