

World Compass Academy is passionate about supporting and encouraging students to prevail when times get tough.

We have a great example of that in one of our very own students, Tessa Hancock. She is a 7th grader at our great school, and she and her family are part of the community fighting childhood cancer. Her little brother was diagnosed with cancer in August. He has been in and out of the hospital receiving treatments for the past few months. His journey with this has not only altered his life, but it has had an impact on his family as well. His older sister, Tessa, has chosen to do something positive to help other families who are in situations similar to theirs. She is organizing a fundraiser for families fighting childhood cancer. This fundraiser will provide gifts during Christmas time to families in need.

With the high cost of medical bills and time off work, the ability to provide Christmas for their families becomes a huge challenge. We have chosen to adopt 4 families for this project. Each family will be assigned to a class. Our 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade classes will be given a child and a family to take on during this project. The total donation will range between \$250-\$350 per family depending on how many family members there are. The family puts together a wish list of the gifts the kids have requested, and we will take cash donations to purchase those gifts and put together a big gift delivery for the children and families.

This will mean we will need approximately \$5 from each kid in 5th-8th grade. We do not want to financially burden any of our WCA families, so if a monetary donation is not possible, we are asking kids to make handmade cards and/or letters filled with well wishes.

These donations need to be made no later than **December 5th**. We realize this is quickly approaching, but we need to make the deadline for the delivery. This will give us time to collect the presents, gift cards, and put them together for the families. (All donations are tax deductible.)

We are eager to do this not only for the families but also for our students. Giving back during this time of year is such a great way to remember all the ways we can help others. We want our WCA students to know they can make a difference and kindness is the best gift given and received.

Here is a [VIDEO](#) Tessa Hancock created to provide more information about the organization and her passion behind it.

Here is a link to the organization we are partnering with: [LL's Baytoevan's Love](#)

If you have questions, please [email](#) Mrs. Pelley, Middle School Language Arts Teacher.