

Hephatha's Operation Christmas Child Service Project

On Wednesday, November 15th, Hephatha's Service Day, our entire school will once again be participating in Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. We will be packing shoeboxes filled with gifts to send to needy children around the world. Operation Christmas Child is an International Christian relief and evangelism organization that works with churches around the world to bless children and share the Good News of God's love through these shoeboxes. This year they hope to reach another 10 million children and this is where Hephatha families and students can help.

Each student will be asked to bring in ~7 items from their assigned a category. Each child will be filling a shoebox from these donations, then praying over their box as it starts its journey to a child in need. Of course you may bring extra items in addition to those assigned.

Each student is also being asked to donate \$9 to cover shipping costs. **You can give online or you can write a check to Samaritan's Purse (note "OCC" on the memo line).**

Go to www.samaritanspurse.org/occ

As a church/school we have set a goal of 250 boxes! **Besides the box your child fills at school, you can also participate as a family.** Get a box and instructions from the Administration Office and make this a meaningful family activity, or encourage friends, organizations, or your soccer team to participate also.

Here are the grade level categories. Refer to the "Gift Ideas" on the back of this form for suggestions of items to bring in. If individuals/business would like to donate items, it would be greatly appreciated.

Kindergarten- Small toys for 4-7 years old

1st grade- Accessories

2nd grade- Small toys for 8-10 years old

3rd grade- School supplies

4th grade- Accessories

5th grade- Personal care/hygiene

6th grade- Small toys for 11-14 years old

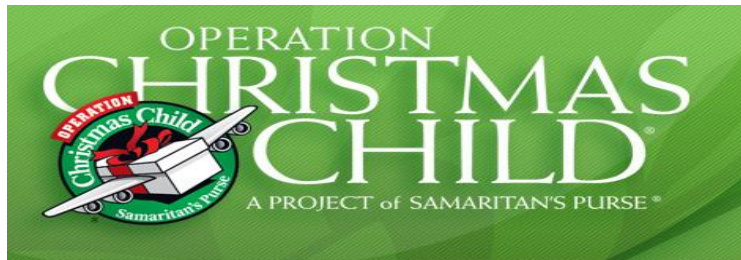
7th grade- School supplies

8th grade- Personal care/hygiene



Link to Hephatha's Website <http://hephatha.net/school/>
Operation Christmas Child website: www.samaritanspurse.org/occ

Please have all items at school by Nov. 13th



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SUGGESTED GIFT ITEMS

<u>Toys</u>	<u>Hygiene</u>
Yo-yos	Wash Cloths
Plastic Flute, Recorders, Horns, Kazoos, Harmonica	Mild Bars of Soap (soap should be placed in baggies)
Little cars or Trucks	Tooth Brushes
Hacky sack	Comb/Hair Brushes
Jump Rope	Lip balm
Small Ball (Rubber or Tennis Ball), Plastic Beach Ball (flat)	Bandages
Marbles	<u>Accessories</u>
Bracelets & Necklaces for Girls	Baseball Caps (Small)
Slinkys	Socks
<u>“Wow” Items</u>	Scarves
Dolls	Sunglasses
Soccer ball with pump	Children’s Jewelry/ Watches
Beanie Babies	Hair Clips/hair bows
Toys that Light Up or Make Noise (with extra batteries)	Flashlight with extra batteries
<u>School supplies</u>	
Crayons and markers	
Pencils/Pens/sharpeners	
Colored Pencils	<u>Do Not Include Any of the Following Items</u>
Erasers	Knives, Guns or any Weapons
Pencil Sharpeners	Military Figures
Solar Calculators	Shampoo, Lotion or Liquids of any kind
Glue Sticks	Breakable Items (ex. Snow globes or glass containers)
Writing Pads or Paper	Aerosol Cans
Scissors-safety	Candy
Coloring or Picture Books	Food
	Medications or Vitamins
	Used or Damaged Items
	Toothpaste