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Dear Withrow Caregivers:

It is at this time of year that we start preparations for our Annual ***Withrow Cares*** campaign. This initiative is a school-wide event, and its purpose is to support our students' understanding of and commitment to the broader community; to show that we recognize all that we have by giving back. This year we have decided to support charities beyond our school community.

This year, with our increased awareness of Aboriginal issues and focus on the Canadian First Nations we have chosen to support **two charities**:

- 1. Help send Inuit Care Packages to families in the North** and
- 2. Club Amik**

Inuit Care Packages to the North:

Last year, Nanook Fareal decided to flip the Christmas tradition to send care packages to the north. As you may know, food in the northern part of Canada is quite expensive. She created a go fund me page and this year's goal is to raise \$10,000. Although this is not a registered charity, we hope that you would consider helping out this wonderful initiative. If you are interested please see the link to the go fund me page or last year's news article:

<https://www.gofundme.com/feedingcanada2016>

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/christmas-care-packages-north-1.3380260>

Club Amik:

Club Amik is an Aboriginal Literacy Initiative providing books and magazines to children in Ontario's North. Club Amik is a registered charity. The charity provides books and resources to the Nishnawbe Aski Nation to approximately 35 communities. Please see the website for more information.

<https://www.clubamick.ca/about/>

We hope that you can support these wonderful charities but also bring awareness to our impoverished communities within our Canadian borders, in northern Ontario and beyond.

To assist us in tracking Withrow donations, please add Withrow PS to the memo in each donation and the charities will track it for us.

Again, thanks for your enthusiasm for this project.

Sincerely,

Serge Parravano
Principal

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Vice-Principal