

January 17, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

Kentwood Public School's Crossroads High School Leadership Class is organizing a new and gently used book drive to benefit students in grades K-2 in Kentwood Public Schools. Our project is titled Literacy for Life. We are hoping to collect enough books for each student in kindergarten, first, and second grades at Bowen Elementary, Meadowlawn Elementary, and Townline Elementary: about 455 books. We plan on implementing this project in the local elementary schools on March 1, 2013, Read Across America Day, and on April 26, 2013, Global Youth Service Day. In the weeks leading up to these specific days, we will collect the books necessary to distribute to elementary school students by asking for donations from local community organizations. We would like these donations by Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013. We intend on purchasing the remaining books needed to reach our goal of 455 books. On the specific days of the project Crossroads High School student volunteers will read to students classroom by classroom. At the end of the reading session, we will distribute a book to each elementary student.

We believe that our community partners will be able to greatly assist us in reaching our goal and by spreading the word of the importance of literacy/inspiring children to read. We are asking our community partners to help us implement our proposed activity by providing donations of books, money to purchase books, or by serving as a donation drop off site.

We thank you for your consideration. If you are able to assist Crossroads Leadership with this project or would simply like to have more information, you may contact our Leadership instructor Janet Sall at [Janet.Sall@kentwoodps.org](mailto:Janet.Sall@kentwoodps.org) or call (616) 261-6166.

Sincerely,

Crossroads Leadership Class