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Dear Parents,

The District 70 Character Counts committee is committed to supporting and addressing the needs of those affected by the earthquake that devastated the Caribbean country of Haiti. Character Counts! (CC!) is a nationally based program promoted in District 70 for over nine years. District 70 strongly believes that character is taught at home and can be practiced in school and other places outside the home. Throughout the school year, students participate in activities focusing on the Six Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. The common language of these six pillars helps to improve classroom and school climate. The pillars of Character are not just for school and home but extend to our community as well as our world. With this in mind, the Character Counts committee is organizing **“A Caring Community Helping Haiti.”** This project will be very simple for all families. In each building there will be jars for donations. These donations can be coins, dollar bills or checks (made out to Libertyville School District 70). At the end of February, in recognition for the character awareness month of Caring, all donations collected will be sent to provide relief in Haiti. Recent reports about a local couple in Vernon Hills who started a school in 2003 for 330 Kindergarten-High School students share that Spirit Of Truth School had been severely damaged in the earthquake. Also, next to the school is an orphanage housing 60 children. This orphanage was also started and is run by members of this dedicated family. The Character Counts Committee will continue to research the conditions of this aftermath and contact the Vernon Hills couple for an update on the school and the orphanage with a focus to support their overall needs.

The donation jars will be in each school January 25th – February 26th. Please help us to help our neighbors across the sea by making a donation in the days ahead.

We thank you for showing how well Character Counts in District 70!

2009-2010 Character Counts! District Committee

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