Marblehead Community Charter Collects Tabs

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TEACHER

SOMETIMES an individual may feel as if he cannot make a difference in such a large and complex world. It's been said that anyone who feels that way has never been in bed with a mosquito! At The Marblehead Community Charter Public school, 4th graders are realizing their potential as citizens with the ability to enact change by collecting something as simple as a tab from a can of soda-pop. The MCCPS has partnered with the Aleppo Shriners in order to help children with challenges ranging from burns, to orthopedic disorders, to cleft palette syndrome.

The children collect the tabs that are made from aluminum. We give the tabs to the Shriners who in turn sell the aluminum back to a processing plant. The money then goes to fund their Hospitals and services around the world. These services are provided to children in need at no cost.

Our 4th graders have been going above and beyond in order to contribute to this meaningful cause. In their Community Service Learning class with Mr. Pert they have designed their own tab-containers and placed them out in the real world. Each week there is now a steady stream of tabs that flows into the Charter. It may not seem like much, but sometimes it's enough! The myriad of schools and organizations involved around the world helps to create a flowing river of tabs that allows the Shriners to keep doing the right work on purpose. If 4th graders can understand their role as being greater than their own lives, what else could we all be doing to help?

The 4th grade Class at MCCS collected over 500 pounds of pull tabs over the school year. Thank you for a job well done!!

CAPTAIN **Earl Bethune**, *Fire Brigade, and* **Gary Bartlett**, *2nd Ceremonial Master, have had an association with the Charter School for the past three years. Towards the end of the school year they go in and collect the tabs and the students tell us about the pull-tab program and what goes on with the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Gary says "Instead of us educating them, they tell us what they have learned." About 500 pounds of tabs have been collected this year from them.*

Young Artist Helps Others

MARBLEHEAD Community Charter Public School student **Tyler Roads** sees there is hope in his drawings. An avid artist, Tyler has been raising funds for the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund. During recess, through lunch time and after school, Tyler sold $33.10 worth of his art and has donated the money to the Transportation Fund. A great deal of pride goes into his works. A heart felt story of Children helping Children. Thanks Tyler!!

5TH GRADE *Student* **Tyler Roads** *and Captain* **Earl Bethune** *of the Aleppo Fire Brigade.*

FIREARM & KNIFE
SHOW/SALE
NOVEMBER 8 & 9, 2014
SATURDAY 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
SUNDAY 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

500 TABLES
SPORTING - ANTIQUE - COLLECTIBLE FIREARMS
CUSTOM & HIGH QUALITY KNIVES
VARIOUS MILITARIA - AMMO
AND RELATED MEMORABILIA

Aleppo PR Committee Helps Concert

YOU missed a great concert - the Foreigner /Styx/Felder Concert on June 19 at the Blue Hills Bank Pavilion! I would like to thank everyone that helped out. There were Nobles from Aleppo as well as Shriners Hospital for Children-Boston staff to help. **Bernadette White** contacted Illustrious **Richard Doherty** to see if there was some Nobility available to help. There were 15 volunteers selling CDs of the concert for the Shriner's Hospital for Children-Boston. Five dollars of every CD goes to charity.

Before Felder and between sets, I was up on stage with Mich promoting the CDs. Quite an experience!

Felder started the first set off; "Hotel California" was one he is noted for, then STYX with "Fooling Yourself" and "Grand Illusion" to name a few. Then to Foreigner with "Urgent," "Waiting for a Girl Like You" and "Juke Box Hero." It was a great night! Then to top it all off, they were raffling off a guitar! Everyone who bought a CD received a ticket for a chance to win a guitar, signed by all the artists who performed that night. Nobody came forward with the winning ticket, so they donated it to our organization! Not bad!

The Eagles will be at the TD Garden on Monday, September 15th. What do you think is on their playlist? Maybe "Tequila Sunrise," "Desperado," or "Life in the Fast Lane?" It will be a great night. We will need 50 volunteers for that.If you would like to go and sell CDs, let me know. E-Mail me at santadoug@gmail.com and put Eagles in the subject line and I will let you know. In the email please include a list of the names of the people for security at the Garden.

I heard a rumor that next year a few more big bands are going to drop by Boston and help in the same way. You would probably want to go to one of them.

Thanks again for your help.
Doug Dodge
PR Chairman