

Gill Elementary School receives generous donation from Meijer as part of their Community Giveback program

Farmington, MI -- Farmington Public Schools' Gill Elementary School received a \$1,500 donation, swag bags, wipes, hand sanitizer, and items to stock the teachers lounge all from the Meijer located in Commerce, Michigan.

Meijer is a family company focused on enriching lives in the communities they serve. This philosophy has guided their company for more than 85 years, especially during difficult times like we've experienced this past year. As teachers and staff members continue to navigate uncharted waters, diligently working to creatively find ways to educate students by way of virtual and hybrid classrooms, Meijer wanted to support, recognize, and show their appreciation for everything that the Gill staff are doing. No one understands this more than Veronica Touchstone, Gill parent and GM Line Leader at the Commerce Meijer, who recommended Gill for the donation. Touchstone couldn't think of a more deserving school.

Meijer understands that this has been a tremendously difficult time for all teachers and families. That is why they decided to increase their giving this year. Meijer normally donates to three schools, but because of the pandemic, they chose to focus on two schools and increased their giving. The Community Giveback Program has been around for many years and has given back to numerous local area schools because they believe in giving back to the community that they serve.

Gill is the only school that received the swag bags that teachers and students will receive. Swag bags include items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, personal care items, snacks, and crayons.

"The Gill staff and I are beyond humbled and grateful for the generosity of Kasey and her team," stated Chris Suliman, principal of Gill Elementary School. "The Meijer Community Give Back Program is an amazing example of all that is right in the world, especially during a pandemic."



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Gill Elementary School has yet to decide how they will spend their \$1,500 donation, however, they have many ideas. Meijer also told the school that if they ever need anything in the future, to reach out to them. The two organizations have built a beautiful partnership based on giving back.

If you are looking to shop at a wonderful store that gives back to the community, the Commerce Meijer store is located at 1703 Haggerty Rd. in Commerce. As Fred Meijer used to say, "customers don't need us, we need them."

Farmington Public Schools and Gill Elementary School are grateful for the wonderful donation! To learn more about Farmington Public Schools, visit www.farmington.k12.mi.us.