October 26, 2018

Dear Fair Grove Families,

It is that time again…time for the 2018 Shoebox for Soldiers Campaign! We are excited to start this Citizenship project! When we began this project, we had no idea how big it would turn out. Last year, we mailed more than 40 boxes to our soldiers! This is a wonderful opportunity to show our service members how much we, as a community, appreciate their service.

This year, we will be partnering with John Kimmons from 105.1 The Bull! He will pick up and deliver the boxes through the Shoebox for Soldiers Collection Drive. In our filled boxes will be a burned copy of our students saying the Pledge of Allegiance. We will work together to raise the funds to ship our boxes. It will be a wonderful partnership!

All classes have been encouraged to fill at least one box. We are filling Priority Mailboxes (not actual shoeboxes). You will see an attached list of acceptable and recommended items to include in the boxes. We like to send a variety of items, so be creative! If you are interested in sending a box to a specific service member, please collect the APO/FPO address of the soldier. You will receive assistance in filling out all of the customs paperwork that is needed to ship the package. The Bull 105.1 will take on the task of mailing all of the boxes. The cost to ship each box is $15.00. We will be hosting a camo day in November to help raise money for shipping. Look for more information on that to come. Some may choose to donate money for shipping in addition to or in place of items. That is perfectly acceptable! **The deadline for items is the morning of November 30.**

We look forward to shipping MANY MORE boxes this year!!

Thank You for Your Support!!

Here is a list of suggested items, but not limited to:

CANDY
- Candy (heat resistant)
- Twizzlers

CORRESPONDENCE
- Writing Paper and Envelopes
- Pens/Pencils

DENTAL
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Floss
- Mouthwash

DRINK
- Coffee (instant)
- Coffee Creamer
- Gatorade
- Powdered Drink Mixes
- Tea Mixes (sweet)
- Kool Aid Bursts- to freeze
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FOOD (including dry goods, snacks)
- Oatmeal (instant)
- Ramen Noodles-any flavor
- Bars (Clif or Balance)
- Beef Jerky
- Girl Scout Cookies
- Granola Bars
- Pop-Tarts
- Canned Fruit (pop top cans)
- Cereal (in small boxes)
- Gum
- Sugar packets
- Ravioli (pop top cans)
- Tuna Kits

GAMES
- Playing Cards
- Board Games
- Travel Size Games
- Crossword Puzzles
- Sudoku books

MUSIC
- CDs
- Tapes
- DVDs new and used
- Handheld electronic games

PRINTED MATERIALS
- Books (novels, short stories)
- Newspapers (local)
- Magazines

TOILETRIES/HYGIENE
- Baby Wipes
- Feminine Hygiene Products (for female soldiers)
- Travel size body wash
- Nose spray
- Eye Drops
- Throat or Vitamin Drops
- Deodorant
- Foot Powder
- Hairbrushes
- Hand Lotion
- Hand Sanitizers (waterless)
- Nail Clippers
- Q-Tips
- Razors (disposable)
- Shampoo
- Sunscreen
- Tissues (heavy duty – i.e. Puffs)
- Tylenol (individual packets)

Other
- Plastic spoons
- American Flags (small)
- Baggies (with zip lock)
- Batteries (AA, D, ….)
- Duct Tape
- Disposable Cameras
- Flashlights (mini/mag lite, extra bulbs, lots of batteries)
- Fans (battery powered – small – with extra batteries)
- Fly Strips
- Fly Swatters
- Pre-Paid Phone Cards
- Shoe Insole Cushion
- Socks (cushioned white calf high)

Seasonal
- Canned turkey and Thanksgiving food items
- Small unbreakable holiday decorations
- Christmas stockings

****Please do not send any aerosol, perishable, or breakable items.**