

Haiti Fundraising Proposal

Our Grade 8 Geography class is currently studying Human Geography, which is the Science that explores connections between humankind, the physical environment and the changes caused by those connections. We have been looking at world issues and have been struck by the recent disaster in Haiti.

On the 12th of January 2010, Haiti received an earthquake of the magnitude of 7.0 that was very close to the surface, so it made a lot of damage. It didn't help that they are a poor country, and their buildings are very weak. Over 100000 people are dead, thousands are still injured, and the damage is very severe. The hospitals are damaged as well as all the other buildings; so many more people are still trapped in collapsed buildings. They need medicine, help, and much more things. Since then, they have had a few after-shocks, one being of a high magnitude in the 6 range.

This is our proposal: With the help of the Canadian Youth Council, we would like to get the whole school involved in fundraising to raise money for the people in Haiti.

The people in Haiti really need our help right now and we think it would be great if we could give them a hand.

The Plan: How will we raise the money?

Our class came up with a plan that I would like to present to you today: Our plan is to sell some crafts at the school and at a TGIF in February for a fundraiser going towards the people of Haiti. The crafts will be made by the kids here at the Canadian School. Mrs. Matice has offered to supervise the kids as they work on the crafts during art classes. Under her direction here are some examples of what the students could make: bookmarks, cards, friendship bracelets (Chinese knots) and key chains.

We will either sell items separately for a cost, or exchange them for a donation (for example: two items for 5 Euros). We would also like to sell them to the students and parents, as well as at a TGIF in February.

We will inform of our plan by sending home a newsletter. We plan on also sending a newsletter to the Canadian community, put up a poster at the CMFRC and announce it at TGIF prior to the event. As mentioned before, we have invited the Canadian Youth Council to help us with this project and they have accepted.

When the funds are collected we will sent the money to the Canadian Red Cross with the help of the Canadian Military at SHAPE.

What benefits will students get from doing this?

The students and the community will benefit from our Haiti fund raiser because they will get the idea of how a fundraiser works. It makes people that donated feel good about themselves, knowing that they've contributed positively to a country in need.

It ties in with the Grade 7 Physical Geography Program and the Grade 8 Human Geography Program and how the are linked together:

- How people's basic needs are affected from these types of disasters
- How people's economic needs are affected: People go out of business because their building was destroyed
- The difference between what a natural disaster can do to an undeveloped country and a developed country
- How developing countries can't fight the costs of a devastating earthquake, unlike developed countries, which can.

Therefore Haiti needs as much help as possible. It will raise the students' awareness of what's happening in the world, and it will make a good role model for the younger students.

Lastly, we are currently waiting for final approval from the Mess Committee on the date that we will be holding the fundraiser. Before we can continue with this project your opinion and approval would be greatly appreciated.

On behalf of our Grade 8 Geography class: Thank you for taking the time to listen to our proposal.