

PERRY G. KEITHLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Winter Wishes

Every year students at P.G. Keithley Middle School get their wishes granted! Through generous donations from our community, we are able to make this happen for all 800 students. Each student gets to pick from four different options and most choose Kolt Pride wear as they are proud to be identified as a student at PGK. We are seeking donations to help purchase the three most popular items to ensure that all students feel appreciated during the holidays season.



\$11 Hoodie

\$9 Crewneck

\$5 T-shirt

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Perry G. Keithley Middle School Leadership Program. One major activity we sponsor is our Winter Wishes campaign. This is my fourth year as an advisor and it is my goal to grant a wish for every PGK student. This does not happen without major fundraising and the gracious help of various personal friends, businesses and the surrounding community.

In November, we offer students the choice of four options for gifts: School pride wear, a new book, school supplies or time with a staff member for lunch or an activity (Staff fully covers the costs for that option).

We are currently seeking donations to specifically purchase the school pride wear and books. Any amount is greatly appreciated. We have over 800 students, over half of which are asking for a school sweatshirt. Personally, it is encouraging that our students want to be identified as a member of PGK, and I want to support those wishes.

Over 75% of our students qualify for free/reduced lunch. We qualified for a 21st Century grant to provide after school programs, and we work closely with Pacific Lutheran University to offer mentoring to students. We are roughly 29% White, 29% Hispanic, 13% African American, and also have a large Asian and Pacific Islander population. So, we are ethnically and racially diverse, but not socio-economically diverse.

The bulk of purchasing items for Winter Wishes happens the first week of December, and any donations are greatly appreciated. If we receive any donations after the purchasing has been done it goes directly into our Donations account to carry over to next year.

If you are interested in donating, please contact me at rlatham@fpschools.org. You may also call our cashier, Sue Finnegan to make a donation at (253) 298-4300.

We are happy to mention your business in our monthly newsletter and send pictures of students with gifts that you may include in quarterly reports for your organization. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for considering donating to this worthwhile cause.

Sincerely,

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