

Dear Parent(s),

I have very exciting news to share with you! Our class is partnering with *Water4Life Ministry* to help save young children's lives in Kenya! Each year children all over the world suffer and die from diseases caused by bacteria in contaminated water. It is hard to comprehend that **over 446,000 children younger than 5 years old die from diarrhea, over 95,000 die from cholera, over 129,000 die from typhoid fever, and many more die from other water borne diseases (facts reported in 2019 by the CDC, WHO and UNICEF). But thanks to Water4Life, the water filters they send to mothers in third world countries are helping to eliminate all of this horror! These filters produce safe and clean water for their children and their families.**

Your child will share the book I read to our class, <u>Meet Helen in Kenya</u>, with you. It is a true story about a young girl named Helen who lives in Kenya. She and her family's lives and health were changed dramatically by the Water4Lives water filters! Please ask your child to tell you about what he/she learned and about the related hands-on activities the students took part in.

In addition to the fundraising our class will be participating in, our goal is for each child to raise \$120 for 4 buckets with filters to give to a family in Kenya (each filter and bucket cost \$30). This will provide safe drinking water for 5 or more years. In the past students have asked friends and relatives and gone door to door to neighbors' houses with a bucket and/or sign asking for donations. Please see the Ambassador Section on the website,

https://water4lifeministry.org/become-ambassador for more ideas and/or have fun coming up with other creative fundraising activities!

Please turn in the funds your child raises by ______. You can write a check made out to Water4Life and send it to school or go to their website, water4lifeambassadors.org, to make a direct donation. All funds raised are 100% tax deductible.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you so much for your time and support in this life-saving fundraiser!

Warmest regards,