

Dear Grundy Parents,

During the 13th century, churches in England began the practice of placing metal boxes at their entrances during the Christmas season to collect special offerings. The money was given to the poor on December 26th, which soon became known as “Boxing Day”. In almost every English-speaking nation (except the United States), Boxing Day is one of the Christmas season’s most honored traditions. Even though Boxing Day never caught on in America, the spirit of giving to charity at Christmas time certainly did.

With Christmas just around the corner, our thoughts turn to those who are less fortunate than we are. As a community service project, we will be conducting a **Christmas Winter Clothing Drive** from December 10th – 20th. We are asking Grundy families to donate new or gently used coats, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, snow pants, and snow boots. This is an excellent opportunity for our children to learn that it is better to give than to receive. We will offer winter clothing to Grundy students in need and the remainder will be donated to Mission Mart in the Field Shopping Center in Morton just in time for Christmas.

Please contact the office at 263-1421 or michael.saunders@mcusd709.org if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Sincerely,

Michael J. Saunders

Principal