

**GIVING:** It just feels good to make someone else smile.



# Make an effort, not an excuse!



Because we are leaders - everything matters.

"Because we are leaders, we work hard!", are the words spoken from fourth grader Kimberly Gibson. "...we should just keep that up." Too often we forget about what it takes, and sometimes, how long it takes to develop as a leader. "If we work harder, we'll be great LEADERS!" As an Ambassador, she understands that it's an ongoing process that continues for a lifetime. Just when you've worked hard, she says work harder. "...think about what your parents expect from you, will you? They expect for you to be LEADERS!" True leadership has a foundation, and that foundation is what her parents has taught her. "...so my conclusion, is we work harder - Because we are Leaders!"

## Backpacks do more than just hold school supplies.

These days, it seems as if bookbags are getting heavier, and the fatigue of carrying it's weight gets overwhelming from class to class. Okay, so I exaggerated a little, as Backpacks do more than just hold school supplies, but Backpack giveaways has also helped to hold up students grades!

Every semester, for the past two years, we host a surprise reception for students who have been selected by staff. These students either have a need for, or currently have a backpack that is in grave distress. Bookbags do more than just hold school supplies, but Backpack giveaways has also helped to hold up students grades!

It is amazing to think of how we take advantage of having! You may be asking, how can bookbags hold up grades? It's as simple as having a place to maintain the work you have done. You'll be surprised how many students fail because they either forgot or lost an assignment. Yes, their are the occasional "My dog ate it" or those who "Just don't do it", but seriously, grades are declining simply because students don't have the resources to keep up with everything.

How do we resolve this dilemma? Well, every nine weeks, we provide 10 students with a brand new bookbag full of supplies. These supplies will help them start the nine-weeks with a fresh start. Who knew that a backpack held more than just books?

We have seen students succeed, and they proudly strut through our halls with their brand new bookbag, and brand new pride for a great nine weeks.



## Giving thanks in our Giving!



After receiving a phone call from our Ambassadors, Families did not know what was in store for them when they were invited to our campus for a special award.

Upon arrival, they were stunned to see that they had been selected for our Campaign "Giving thanks in our Giving" Each family received a Basket full of a complete Thanksgiving meal including recipes to help them on their way.

- Baskets contained:
- Thanksgiving Turkey
  - Stuffing Mix
  - Macaroni & Cheese
  - String Beans
  - Whole Kernel Corn
  - Mashed Potatoes
  - Au-gratin Potatoes
  - Marble Cake Mix
  - Sweet Potato Pie

All items for the Thanksgiving Basket items were donated by the Central Broward Kiwanis, Ambassadors, and the Christopher Gates Foundation.

