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Giving Thanks and Giving Back

RUSD Spreads Kindness during the Holiday Season

Our district is extremely proud of the generosity and kindness that our students, staff, teachers and families show throughout the school year to our Rocklin community, but during this holiday season, I'd like to make special mention of some of the most recent acts of goodwill by members of the Rocklin Unified School District.

In October, Rocklin High School's and Whitney High School's varsity baseball teams joined forces to raise funds and awareness for the **Matt Redding Foundation** in their annual Halloween charity game. If you were in the crowd that night, you know that it was such a fun and joyful event that brought our community together for a great cause.

Whitney High School baseball coach Jackson Watt shared with us that the game gets bigger and better every year.

"It has been so rewarding working with [Matt's parents] John & Marilyn Redding over the years, sharing his story with our boys and now with the greater Rocklin community," said Watt.

Officer Redding was killed by a drunk hit-and-run driver in 2005. He was closing lanes on Highway 65 to assure the safety of other officers further up the road conducting a felony traffic stop.



It makes me so proud that our students and staff help to remember Matt Redding's sacrifice and what he stood for in Rocklin, and our district is incredibly thankful for the support that the foundation has

provided to our people and programs. You can learn more about the Matt Redding Foundation and its events by visiting their website at www.MattReddingFoundation.org.

At Rock Creek Elementary School, students joined the WE movement – empowering schools across the country to make real-world change through service-learning. More than 70 students came to the first meeting in October and began crafting their first service project for the following month – all to help the homeless. They partnered with Tower of Niceness, another truly wonderful organization at Rock Creek, to collect items, create hygiene kits and pass them out to those in need on Thanksgiving Day! Check out how a 7-year-old boy started the Tower of Niceness here at www.TowerOfNiceness.org.

Again, I can't help but feel pride after hearing some of the outstanding acts of generosity brought forth by our RUSD students and their helpful staff members. Year-round and especially during the holiday season, Rocklin Unified goes above and beyond to support local causes and truly helps to portray the level of excellence that our district is known for.

If you or your family do something special for others during the holiday season, I'd love to hear about it and discover how RUSD might be able to help. Drop me a line at rstock@rocklinusd.org. Here's wishing you and yours a beautiful holiday season filled with kindness, joy and love!

