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DATE: December 21, 2009
TO: George Zini
FROM: Dr. Boyaj
RE: **Operational Report for December, 2009**

Taft Students Send Postcards to Our Troops

Let's say thanks to our troops! Taft Elementary School third and fourth graders are doing just that! During the past week, almost all third and fourth graders used the website <http://letssaythanks.com> to send postcards to our troops serving around the world.

Xerox Company is the sponsor of the website. "The mission of Let's Say Thanks is to provide a way for individuals across the country to recognize U.S. troops stationed overseas. By submitting a message through this site you have the opportunity to send a free personalized postcard greeting to deployed servicemen and women."

This past week, the theme at Taft School was "Home is Where the Heart is". Computer Teacher, Mary Ellen Jansson, included this theme when asking students to consider a sentiment to type on the postcards. Many students included holiday greetings and messages for the troop's safety and speedy return to U.S. soil. Students enjoyed choosing cards made by students from all over the country. Students were reminded of internet safety rules before adding their first name and hometown on the cards. At the end of the week, 2,324 cards have been electronically submitted to the website by Taft School students.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Jan. 4	Classes Resume – Taft Monthly Faculty Meeting – 3:00 pm
Jan. 12	Taft PTO Monthly Meeting – 7:00 pm – Taft Café
Jan. 18	No School – Dr. Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 19	No School - Professional Development Day
Jan. 22	Taft PTO Family Fun Night – Dance at Taft
Jan. 27	90 th Day – Mid-Point of School Year
Jan. 29	School Spirit Day – "Get Physical with Sports"