

Hurley Elementary/ Middle School

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To Whom It May Concern:

Hurley Elementary/Middle School and the Alliance for the Children joined together ten years ago and established a goal of helping the children in the Hurley community. Hurley is a small rural town and the majority of the children live in poor conditions, both economically and many parents abusing drugs. Together, the Alliance for the Children and HEMS has made a great difference in many of these children's lives, including the following: higher attendance (overall school attendance rate increasing from 86% to 94%), higher state test scores (overall reading and math scores increasing from 30-35% to 90-95%), a great love for their school, and many happy holidays throughout the years. Listed below are several of the programs implemented from the partnership between the Alliance for the Children and HEMS in years past:

Christmas clothing bags for HEMS children; Christmas toy bags for HEMS children; Rewards and prizes for HEMS children; Movie theatre for the HEMS auditorium; Books for the HEMS library; School supplies for HEMS children; and special treats during certain times of the year for the HEMS children.

In closing, as the principal of Hurley Elementary/Middle School, I know our school could not have achieved the great success that we are experiencing without the great teamwork and assistance from the Alliance for the Children.

Sincerely,
Tim Prater
HEMS/Principal