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Mason Public Schools Students Raise over \$5,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Students inspire others and surpass their goal through the Pennies for Pasta coin drive

Mason, MI – Students from two Mason schools have recently completed the Pennies for Pasta fundraiser which collects money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS). North Aurelius Elementary School and Mason Middle School successfully collected \$5,103.63 through the change drive, which took place for three weeks in February.

The program gets its name as the classroom with the largest collection receives a “pasta party” from Olive Garden which is funded by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The classroom with the second highest collection receives a pizza party.

Three classes participated in the fundraiser at North Aurelius Elementary. Mrs. Bartolacci’s Fourth Grade class raised \$444.43 and received the “pasta party” from LLS. Mrs. Shirey’s Fifth Grade class raised \$373.13 and Mrs. Dunsmore’s Fourth Grade class raised \$354.13. Overall, North Aurelius raised a total of \$1,849.86. North Aurelius Elementary has raised \$13,183.26 over the last seven years through this change drive.

Mason Middle School’s entire student body participated in the fundraiser this year. Mrs. Dodendorf and Mrs. McCoy’s First Hour Sixth Grade combined class was the top fundraiser with over \$1,000. Eight other classes raised over \$100 each. Mason Middle School students raised \$3,253.77 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society is the world’s largest voluntary health agency dedicated to researching and providing support for those with blood cancer. The LLS’s mission is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin’s disease and myeloma, and improve quality of life of patients and their families.

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