

## Superintendent Highlight of the Week: June 2

### Walk A Day in Their Shoes

This week, the Mattlin community of students and staff participated in a walk around the perimeter of the property to remind the children what it is like to walk each day without enough food. They each walked with a nonperishable food item which was then placed into bins upon re-entering the building after the walk. All of the food items were donated to Island Harvest.

This activity was an outgrowth of MAP, which is an acronym for a Middle School Advisory Program. Students meet daily in small groups with an adviser from the school. Each day the students participate in activities to help guide children to grow into wonderful young adults through the 7 pillars of character and the goals of our advisory program. The goals are:

- To create a community environment that cultivates healthy, and positive peer relationships.
- To help students develop positive character traits and discover what is unique about themselves and others so that they come to respect, value and appreciate the many differences among people.
- To create a safe environment to support success and promote personal growth as positive middle school students through facilitated and meaningful experiences.
- To ensure that each student is known well at school by at least one adult who is that child's advocate, thereby providing a safe haven for all students.

Island Harvest was overwhelmed at the outpouring of generosity from the Mattlin community. They certainly “Walked the Walk” to demonstrate empathy and understanding towards communities in need.

