

# Superintendent's Highlight of the Week

## April 13, 2018

### Judy Jacobs-Parkway Students and PTA Give Back

Recently the Judy Jacobs-Parkway PTA kicked off their first ever Community Service Night. Beginning at 6:00 PM, droves of families from JJP flooded the cafeteria with supplies and got to work packing boxes to send to those in need. The students of JJP helped, alongside their parents and friends, to pack boxes of books, food, and toiletries to ship to charities and organizations who help those less fortunate.

Over 70 JJP families participated in the event including one parent who volunteered his service as a DJ and played music throughout the evening.



By the end of the night, the families packed 200 bags of toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, shampoo, and conditioner for *The Safe Center*, which serves victims of domestic abuse and their families by providing a spectrum of services from counseling to housing. The dental items were generously donated by local dentists.

Other donations that took place that evening were book donations to *Book Fairies*. Students and parents sorted and packed a total of 28 boxes for the organization, which in turn distributed the books to schools and organizations across Long Island and the metropolitan New York area.

Besides books and toiletry items, parents and students also sorted and packed canned and packaged goods for *Island Harvest*, the largest hunger-relief agency on Long Island. But that wasn't all. The students created cards for our local fire and police departments to thank them for their service, and a banner was created titled "JJP's Hands Are For Helping" where each child traced their hand and wrote within it the ways that they will help our community. The banner is on display at JJP for all to see.



This event, organized by the JJP PTA, was the first of its kind for JJP and so successful that it is on the agenda for next year. Altruism is an important lesson for students to learn and an attribute that we promote at POB. Kudos to the JJP PTA for providing an opportunity for students to do good while having fun!