



Service Learning News

by Judy Brookhart

In my first newsletter, I told you about the pink flamingos project that we are all working on as part of our OTS Makes a Difference Celebration. It is fun to watch the flamingos take on their own special personalities, reflecting the creativity of their owners. I have seen or heard about a pink flamingo bobble-head, "Pink Floyd," "Ugly Betty," a flamingo who clearly attended Mardi Gras, a flamingo wedding, a flapper and a hippie, and a flamingo version of the Wizard of Oz!

Hattie's in Hudson has been wonderful about planning a welcome for our pink friends and hosting them for four days as people make silent bids to own them. After spending October 16 on display here at Old Trail, they will arrive at Hattie's that evening and by the next morning they will be preening in their new space. It is absolutely, definitely worth a trip to Hudson to see your child's flamingo, the rest of the flock, to place a bid, and enjoy homemade soups and sandwiches and ice cream at Hattie's. We hope that all our Old Trail families will try and fit such an adventure into their busy schedules!

The grand finale will be Sunday, October 21 from 3-5 p.m. Final bids will be made, students present at the time recognized, and off the flamingos will fly, into the pink haze of their new home, knowing that not only did their creators have a wonderful time, but that the Susan G. Komen Foundation for breast cancer research has been helped.

In addition to the pink flamingos, there will be many other activities. On October 16, we will be selling pink bandanas in the primary and intermediate schools and pink wristbands in the middle school for \$1.. On October 23, students and teachers will be able to wear pink clothing and even pink hair. Chocolate cookies with pink M&Ms will be on sale in the dining room, and there will be other festivities during the head of school's assembly. More details will follow next week.

Lest it appears that our service learning curriculum has an exceedingly flamingo focus, I am very excited to share stories of other new initiatives involving a high-rise in Akron, orphans in Zambia, Hale Farm, our very own garden and a possible middle school foundation. I will tell you more in upcoming newsletters!

Judy