

Angel Tree Gift Tags Available November 15 at SRC

Angel Tree has become our biggest charitable project annually. We support Creeds Elementary School by providing holiday gifts to their needy students. Every year we have given so generously and made lots of kids very happy. Tags will be available November 15, so you can stop by SRC and choose whatever you'd like---we'll provide information about the item wanted, size, for boy or girl, etc. We ask that you wrap the gifts and attach the tag you took to the outside of the gift package. We will wrap your gift if you are unable to do so. **Your gifts will need to be returned to us by Friday, Dec. 15th**, so we can deliver them to the school in time for distribution before their school vacation begins. Thank you for helping to bring joy to our CES kids.

Senior Reading Buddies Still Needed

Creeds Elementary School still has some students who would benefit from having a reading buddy. Quite a few of our "members" signed up and attended a recent training, but it's not too late to join them. This is a great opportunity to form a relationship with a student and help him or her improve their reading skill. Call the school at 648-2400 if you would like to sign up.

School Supplies Needed at Creeds Elementary School

We recently learned via Casey Conger, Principal at CES, that there is a significant number of students in her school who need certain items. We would like to start an on-going project of furnishing some of these items. We will provide a box for your donations at SRC and deliver the items to the school. The items that are needed are:

- #2 yellow pencils, sharpened (we have an electric sharpener at the center so we can sharpen them for you)
- Earbuds (in-the-ear headphones that are used to listen to devices)
- Glue sticks- large size
- Dry erase markers- blue and black
- Socks- kids sizes, for boys and girls

These items can all be found at stores like Dollar Tree. If you aren't sure what the item is (like earbuds), ask the sales clerk to show them to you.

November is National Family Caregivers Month

This is an annual celebration in honor of the thousands of family (and friend) caregivers who give their time and devotion to a loved one who is no longer independent. These caregivers are not paid, yet have the hardest job there is, providing hours of stressful and challenging care. Caregivers often sacrifice their own health, goals and finances for the well-being of their loved one. Those who receive this care are usually not able to say thank you, so this is our chance to acknowledge what these caregivers do. If you know someone who provides such care, whether hands-on or long-distance, to a family member, friend or neighbor, take the time this month to show your appreciation and admiration for what they do. Some things you could consider doing:

- Take a meal to them, give them a gift certificate for a meal that can be delivered or offer to sit with their loved one so they can use your restaurant gift card.
- Call to ask how the **caregiver** is doing and ask if you can stop by to visit.
- Tell the caregiver what a great job he or she is doing.
- Run an errand or do a chore for the caregiver—don't just ask what you could do