



Dear Parents,

Keystone students and teachers have been quite busy lately volunteering all over the Beijing area. Every weekend 25-30 MS students and several teachers participate in meaningful, hands-on service projects of a varied nature. On Saturday mornings, we travel to a local Shunyi charity known as Roundabout. Roundabout operates a thrift shop in Shunyi from which all monies sponsor and support 40 different need-based charities throughout the area. Due to the generosity of the Keystone community, we filled one Roundabout van to the brim last week with donated books, school supplies, clothes, toys and toiletries. The clothes will go to Yunnan province earthquake relief centers.

Also on Saturdays our students volunteer at Qi Zhu Special Needs School. Our students play with and read to the boarding students, as well as help with arts and cooking lessons. On November 29th, we surprised Director Gao with a huge box of picture books, all donated by the generous Keystone community.

Keystone also supports a local migrant school, the Haidan Xingzhi Shiyan Xiaoxue School. On December 6th, ten Keystone students and selected students will spend a day at the school learning how we can best support this migrant school, and our special Keystone teachers will model a series of demonstration lessons for the school's inexperienced teachers. We also bring along much needed educational materials.

On Friday afternoons, our students volunteer at The Little Adoption Shop in Shunyi. This shop is an animal rescue foundation that houses and takes care of dogs waiting for a good home. Located just north of Euro Plaza, Little Adoption Shop is a wonderful place to visit and rescue a dog seeking a warm home and a loving family.

Several of our students have also begun volunteering at the Bethel Orphanage for Blind Children. Keystone students read and play with the children. On November 21 we presented the children with a huge box of new stuffed animals.

Running from now until December 12th, Keystone is hosting a special donation drive, "Paws for Cause." We are accepting cash and supplies for the animal shelter. All children and parents are invited to leave cash donations and supplies in the orange "Paws for a Cause" box in both school buildings.

There are many ways that Keystone students can get involved with community service. All of the upcoming events are announced at Morning Meeting throughout the week, and the service trip sign up sheets are posted in my office. There are service trips offered EVERY single Saturday. We hope to see more Keystone students on Saturdays!

Please email me at juli.james@keystoneacademy.cn for more information!

Warmly Regards

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