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Dear Parents:

This school year, as part of the Writing Curriculum, we have embarked on a very special whole school activity. The administration, teachers and staff felt it was important to share the responsibility, feelings and concerns that many families throughout the United States of America, inclusive of several families in our very own Wesley Matthews Elementary, are facing. Many loved ones are risking their lives in a foreign land and need our support. Thus for the 2007-2008 school year we have contacted Soldiers' Angels!

Soldiers' Angels was started by a self-described ordinary mother of an ordinary young man turned hero. Sgt. Brandon V. Brandon was deployed in Iraq and has since honorably completed his mission and has returned to his proud and loving family. In the summer of 2003, he wrote to his family expressing his concern that some soldiers did not receive any mail or support from home. Being a caring and loving mother, Ms. Brandon decided not to allow a situation like that to continue. She contacted a few friends and extended family and asked if they would write to a soldier or two. Within a few short months, Soldiers' Angels went from one mother writing a few extra letters to an Internet Community to thousands of angels worldwide. With more and more merchants donating services, money and items for packages, the Angels reorganized as a 501 c 3 non-profit organization. All donations would be tax deductible. Soldiers' Angels currently supports tens of thousands of American Service Members stationed wherever we raise our nation's flag. Soldiers' Angels are dedicated to support our military during and after their deployment.

Each classroom at our school has adopted a soldier from overseas. One letter will be written each week to that soldier. In addition, Care Packages will be sent during holidays and birthdays. We are very excited about this endeavor. Through this special project, we are supporting our troops and hope to make a difference in the life of our soldiers.

We want the whole Wesley Matthews Elementary family to participate in this project. We are extending an invitation to everyone to send any of the following items to start preparing our Care Packages for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays:

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Magazines	Gum	Little packets of ketchup,
Deodorant	Bouillons	mustard, soy sauce, relish, hot
Toothpaste	Oatmeal	sauce; like the ones from BK &
Toothbrushes	Band aids	McDonalds)
Female sanitary napkins	Anti-bacterial lotion	Sugar packs
Shaving cream	Flea collars (for the sand fleas) *	Sweet & Low
After shave	Chap Stick	Instant coffee
Combs	Dental floss	Suntan lotion
Brushes	Eye drops	Instant soup
Mouthwash	Phone cards	Hot cocoa
Religious items for the Holidays	Books	Powder cream
Q-tips	Pencils	Sunglasses
Tissues	Stationery	Fleece blankets
Cotton balls	Envelopes	Nail clippers
Disposable razors	Sports page (from newspapers)	Scissors
Hand lotion	Dollar store toys (they use it to	Greeting cards (for troops to send
Soap	make friends with kids)	to their kids back home)
Bandanas (for the sand)	Kids schools supplies (i.e.	CD's
Jerky	crayons, glue, markers; they use it	
Grits	to make friends with kids)	

Feel free to send any other toiletry items we might have forgotten. Additionally, U.S. stamps so we may send as many packages as possible, is appreciated.

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Sincerely,

John Lengomin, Principal;
Teachers and Staff

Links: <http://wmes.dadeschools.net/sangels.html>
<http://soldiersangels.org/index.php?page=home>

