

## International Academy of Smyrna – Winter Wonderland Service Learning Project



In recognition of National Homeless Month, the International Academy of Smyrna created Winter Wonderland Service Learning Project Week. During the week of December 10<sup>th</sup>, scholars learned facts about homelessness and were asked to bring an item to support the homeless community. At the same time, they had an opportunity to dress in the spirit of the holidays.

- Peppermint Monday – a gallon size zip bag and peppermint candy
- Gingerbread and Elf Tuesday – travel size wipes and sanitizers
- Ugly Shirt Wednesday – travel size soaps, lotion or deodorant
- Crazy Socks and Jazzy Tights Thursday – a pair of men’s or women’s socks
- Holiday Hat and Antlers Friday – granola bars or peanut butter crackers

After all the donations were collected, several grade levels created homeless kits which allowed them to understand what it means to work as a team as well as see how to complete the project. Students also understood the concept of providing goods and services. From all the donations collected, we were able to create 401 homeless survival kits filled with goodies. The kits will be donated to Seven Bridges to Recovery program.

The amount of donations that were brought in by our scholars was tremendous. We are a Title I school, but our scholars understand that giving back to the community is important. We are proud of them as they completed their first of many service learning projects.

