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To teachers and staff:

This year, Ferguson Middle School decided to participate in Ferguson, Missouri's Earth Day celebration. In planning for this event, one of our teachers discovered "The Shoeman" and put out a flier letting us know he would be at the celebration to collect shoes to turn into clean drinking water. My students had been studying the Holocaust and learning about tolerance and being a global community. I showed them the flier and encouraged them to help out their global community. The students responded by bringing in over 100 pairs of shoes. We kept the boxes in front of my room until Earth day. The students enjoyed seeing our pile grow.

For the upcoming year, I will have a box in my room for Shoeman Water Projects. We will begin the year focusing on character education and once again the concept of a global community will be taught. I will keep the box in my room all year. This way, as the students out grow their shoes, they can contribute to this wonderful cause. When the box fills, I will call the Shoeman for a pick up. However, we will keep a running tally to see how much we helped our global community through the year.

I am also the National Junior Honor Society sponsor for our school. As a service project, I will be encouraging these students to continue the collection as well.

This is a very worthy cause and a very simple service project. I encourage all teachers to get involved and help our global community.

Thank you,

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