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Audubon Elementary School Students Donate Over $4100 to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

Foster City, CA – The San Mateo-Foster City School District is proud to announce that Audubon students and families have generously donated over $4100 to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society with its first-ever, Pennies for Patients campaign. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is the world's largest voluntary health agency dedicated to blood cancer. In December, a representative attended a student council meeting to introduce the campaign and encouraged the students to begin collecting the first week of January.

Lead by Audubon 5th grade teacher Dawn Tesarowski, the school kicked off the New Year with fifth grade students generating enthusiasm for the cause by preparing and presenting short skits for the kick-off assemblies, and by writing and broad-casting daily announcements. Students collected loose change over the course of 3 weeks, adding up the totals each week. Student council representatives reminded students to bring in their donations and they turned in their classroom boxes weekly. Each Monday morning, the previous week’s collection was announced and posters around the school kept everyone informed about the running total. Classroom teachers took advantage of the money-collecting activity to enhance math lessons on money, counting and estimating.

At the end of 3 weeks, the student council was excited to announce that the school collected over $4100! Honorable mentions go to Mr. Aberg’s 4th graders for bringing in over $500 and to Mrs. Beaty’s 2nd graders for donating over $300. Congratulations to everyone for reaching out and helping the Leukemia Society!

For more information on Audubon Elementary School, please visit the school website at www.smfc.k12.ca.us/audubonelementary.

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