From the desks of Gina Interdonato Esta Lachow

With the holiday season approaching, we have initiated the **Holiday Adopt-A-Family program** for the children (and possibly members of their families) of the **Levittown School District**. We appreciated your participation in this program and hope you will consider joining us again this year. Last year along with the Board of Education, PTSA, members of the Levittown School District Staff and various community groups, we were able to "adopt" 204 students/family members in need of gifts, clothes and food during the holiday season.

It would be helpful if anyone wishing to adopt a student or family for the 2016 holiday season gave their names, email addresses and a phone number to us before December 1st (earlier is better). Beginning the middle of November and through December, you will receive information on the student or family that you have been assigned to. Items should be in a gift bag or box. EACH bag or box MUST be clearly labeled with an ID# that is found on the informational form you will receive. The Holiday Adopt-A-Family Form should also be attached. Please remember the names of the "ADOPTER" as well as the "ADOPTEE" are kept anonymous. If you wish to include a holiday card, please sign it...."a friend". Gift receipts are greatly appreciated so items that do not fit properly can be exchanged. If you are including a gift card, please put that in an envelope and then a gift box too. You may wrap the gifts if you would like to. All gifts must be delivered to the District Clerks (she works from 8 am-12 noon) office at Levittown Memorial no later than 12 noon, December 9th. Please go to the Superintendent's office if the clerk is unavailable.

We will be organizing and wrapping gifts that were not wrapped on Monday, December 12th beginning at 6:30 pm in the large board room of LMEC. The gifts will be delivered to the students/families from December $14^{th}-16^{th}$. Anyone who would like to get involved and cannot adopt a student/family can purchase gift cards for any amount from any of the local stores, such as Target, Kohl's, Ulta, any supermarket or any other store you frequent. No amount is too small.

Some of you (esp. clubs & teams) have asked for a "specific type of adoptee"...ie: gender, age. If this applies to you, please understand we try our best to please everyone but that's not always possible. The earlier you sign up to participate; the better chance there is that we can fulfill your request.

If you prefer to adopt a student or family as a group, please feel free to get your family, friends or co-workers involved in this rewarding endeavor. In addition, if you coach or are involved in a community group (ie: scouting, sports teams, mah jong groups), please consider participating as a means of community service. We appreciate all of your assistance and wish you all the best for the holiday season.

Sincerely,

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