

Cambridge Grade School Students to present funds & artwork to Japan Consulate 6-15-11

Cambridge, MA, June 9, 2011— Students at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School and Amigos School will donate disaster relief funds to the people of Japan in a special presentation to the Deputy Consulate General of Japan. The event will take place in the King/Amigos school auditorium on June 15, 1:25-2:00pm.

Students and families at the two schools have been raising money and awareness since the earthquake and related disasters struck Japan on March 11. To express hope for the Japanese people, students have folded origami cranes and created Japanese-inspired artwork to present along with their monetary donations.

The two schools have a special connection to Asian cultures and peoples through their Mandarin Chinese language programs. Families at the two schools with friends and family in Japan have helped out with the effort, including connecting with the Japanese Consulate General to put the monetary donations to the best use to help the Japanese people.

King School Chinese Immersion Coordinator Vivian Tam explains, "Our schools' global perspectives have brought many innovative learning opportunities to the students. Through our school-wide Mandarin Chinese programs, students are immersed in the languages and cultures of Asian countries. Students have raised funds for the Sichuan Earthquake disaster relief in 2009 and when the earthquake and nuclear exposure happened in Japan, our students decided to reach out."

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