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## **Students to help prepare relief supplies for hurricane victims**

Student and parent volunteers will soon sort items for a giant, community care package to send to hurricane victims in Louisiana. It's all part of an ongoing drive to collect personal hygiene products to send to hundreds of families displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

**The volunteers will sort items from noon to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4 at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School.** The school is located at 601 South Oak Street in Falls Church City.

The PTA-sponsored drive began last month, and generous community members have answered the call for help in large numbers. At this point, organizers estimate they will have at least 40 boxes to send along with two classroom trailers to the West Baton Rouge Parish Public Schools, where hundreds of children displaced by the hurricane have enrolled. The Falls Church City School Board authorized the trailer donation last month.

On Wednesday, October 5, volunteers will deliver the boxed items to George Mason High School, where the trailers are located. Student volunteers will help unload the packages and make final preparations to have them delivered to West Baton Rouge. The trailers are expected to roll out by October 9.

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Because the need for personal care items for hurricane victims is long-term, the drive will continue indefinitely. Donated items may be dropped off at any of the Falls Church City Public Schools, at the Falls Church City Public Schools Central Office located at 803 West Broad Street, or at Giant Food located at the intersection of Haycock Road and Leesburg Pike in Falls Church.

The Falls Church City Public Schools and the school system's PTA organizations are members of a City of Falls Church Hurricane Relief Task Force. The group has made a year-long commitment to help hurricane victims in the Gulf Coast.

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