



Kids Helping Kids - Every Penny Helps

Eleanor Hall School's 5th annual Kids Helping Kids Campaign is currently underway (as mentioned in the February Newsletter). Our kids will help other kids by supporting two important kid-oriented charities: **The Edmonton Firefighters Muscular Dystrophy Charity and the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation.**

On February 28 an Edmonton Firefighter will make an annual visit to the students of our school. He will talk to them about fire safety, his job as a firefighter and his work building awareness of muscular dystrophy. This disease often strikes young children, causing them to lose motor control. As a consequence, the families often incur huge expenses for wheelchairs and therapy while the children require extensive medical care, provided through the Stollery Children's Hospital.

With a growing reputation as a centre of excellence, the hospital attracts leading pediatric specialists from around the world. Funding provided by the foundation supports health services for children through education, research, special services and acquisition of equipment.

The Edmonton Firefighters hold many fundraising events throughout the year for Muscular Dystrophy, including spending three nights in a tent on the roof of a Fire Station, no matter how cold the temperature. Their goal is to collect 50,000 Toonies - one for each Canadian living with one of the more than one hundred neuromuscular disorders under the Muscular Dystrophy umbrella.

We would like to support the fundraising efforts of these firefighters by contributing our loose change to help the Firefighters get off the roof! In addition, we would like to raise funds in support of the Stollery Children's Hospital. Many children in our community or children we know of, have required treatment at this wonderful facility.

From now until March 11th, we would like to promote "Kids Helping Kids" at Eleanor Hall School. Pails have been placed in each classroom to collect spare change.

At the end of the collection period the change will be sorted by the Grade One class and counted by older students. Money raised will be split between the two charities.

If any local businesses would like to help us in our efforts, please contact Toni Siegle at 348-5483.