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SUPPORT OUR TROOPS - "GOODIE BAGS"



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

In conjunction with Dani Jean and Tony Ward, Bayonne Operation Interdependence Coordinators, the Bayonne School District will participate in the 2007 Support Our Troops - Goodie Bag Drive.

Operation Interdependence objective is to invite every American to send support to our troops regardless of means. One student/family member may choose to help by just writing a letter, or someone else might want to fill a goodie bag.

Mr. & Mrs. Ward have received enough baggies and volunteers have given their time to place this flyer into each goodie bag. Operation Interdependence criteria is as follows:

~ **Personal identifying information:** (applicable to OI™ participants who are under the age of 18 or are still full time high school students living at home) No last names, street address, city, e-mail or other personal information may be included in correspondence. If you wish to receive a response, you may include the name and address of your teacher/school.

~ **Each goodie bag must contain at least one letter, note or message of support.** Additional items from the list below are optional and you may include as few or as many as you choose provided they fit in the bag provided.

Think travel or individual size items.

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| *Peanuts | *Candy | *Gum | *Jerky |
| *Lipton Cup of Soup | *Mints | *Cookies | *Coffee/Tea |
| *Powdered Drink Mix | *Sugar Packets | *Toothpaste | *Dental Floss |
| *Lip Balm | Razors | Eye Drops | Antibacterial Wipes/Lotion |
| Sun Lotion | Moisturizer | Pocket Tissues | Sheets of writing paper |
| Pens/Pencils | Playing Cards | Dice | Travel Games |



*Please note that all food items (denoted with an *) must be in original manufacturer's packaging. No twist-tie candies or home made food products. Items that are determined unacceptable by the inspectors will be discarded and not returned. Any suspicious items will be removed. Students are welcome to include photographs, newspaper articles and artwork.

As a continuation of our district theme, *Building A Caring Learning Community...Everyone Counts In Our Success...To Create a Spirit of Excellence!* and "Show Our Troops We Care Program," I am asking parents and students to demonstrate our support through our district's collection of items for our troops. Please send in you items with your child no later than Friday, February 23, 2007.

Thank you very much for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Patricia L. McGeehan, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools