

# ECHOES FROM THE CANYON

## CEO Message

Over the past year, students and staff have participated in a variety of projects which truly embody the value of service. Most recently the staff and students of PCS were able to raise over \$5,700 which was given to a shelter for victims of Hurricane Katrina. I wanted to thank each of you, too numerous to mention, that were involved. This project was truly a team effort and a representation of "Service Excellence"! Following is a summary of this great project. Thanks to all of you who participated and donated to this worthy cause.

~ Kreg

Morgan City, Louisiana is a small town situated west and a little south of New Orleans. When Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast, Morgan City was fortunate to have been spared the hurricane's direct fury; however, this little city was not spared when it came to the aftermath of the storm.

Not long after Hurricane Katrina, Morgan City began to experience a flood, not of water, but of persons fleeing the wrath and damage of the storm. Very quickly, the town's community center became a shelter for refugees from the storm, and the small local hospital was overwhelmed with patients needing medical attention. Immediate help was needed to assist the town and its residents with the task of providing and caring for so many who were in need. It was at this point that Provo Canyon School became involved in a special service project.



Ron Albert, a Program Coordinator at PCS, is from Morgan City. His father is a physician and director of staff at the town's hospital. Ron shared the story with other staff and presented Provo Canyon School with the opportunity of coming to the aid of this small town. It was decided that Provo Canyon would engage in an effort to raise funds to purchase basic amenities needed by Hurricane Katrina refugees. An assembly was held; with students and staff viewing a CD presentation showing the effects of the storm and the impact its aftermath was having on the town. Ideas on how to raise the needed money were discussed and the student body pledged its

support to help in any way possible. This was another great opportunity for students and staff to actively practice the core skills of care and concern, sensitivity to others, and positive leadership. Following the assembly, students and staff became involved in a flurry of fundraising activities.



Student teams from both campuses participated in four full days of car washing. Signs were made to alert motorists of the car wash and of other planned activities. Local grocery stores donated paper bags which were placed, by students, at homes around both campuses. These bags included flyers requesting donations for a yard sale. One home contributed three pick-up truck loads of items.

Provo Canyon staff contributed books, clothes, and sporting goods, among other things. Valuable items and services were donated by area business and were auctioned at a special raffle.

Saturday, September 10 was a beautiful fall day. A great day for yard sales, car washes, and bake sales. The work began at 5:30 (earlier for dietary who were busy baking), and continued well past dusk. All day long students and staff worked diligently, giving of themselves for a great cause. The community turned out in good support. By the end of the day, Provo Canyon School had raised over \$5,700.

How successful was the sale and raffle? Success can be measured in several ways. For the many students and staff who gave so willingly of their time and effort, success is the feeling of satisfaction at making a difference in the lives of others. For many who made purchases, success was being able to obtain wanted or needed items at a good price. For those in Morgan City, Louisiana, who suffered through what may be the greatest natural disaster this nation has endured, success may be, in some way, measured by the thousands of dollars raised for their aid.

Many thanks to our friends and neighbors who donated items for the sale, to the individuals and businesses who made contributions for the raffle, to all those who supported the sale through their attendance and purchases, and most of all, to the students and staff who made the whole thing happen!!



**Provo Canyon recognizes and thanks the following organizations for their donations:**

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