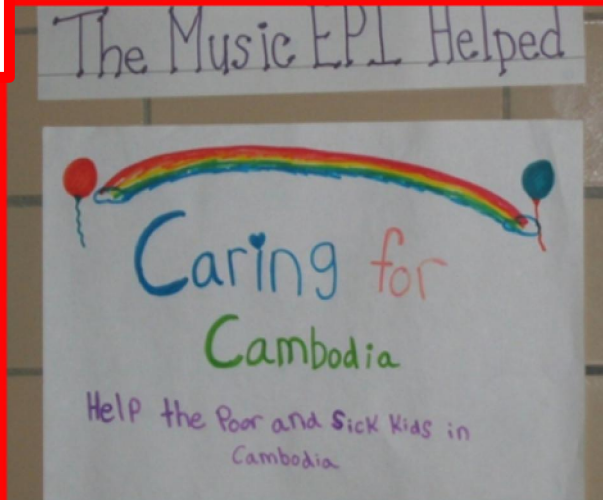


PS 169: HELPING HANDS ACROSS THE WORLD

Helping Hands

*Reaching out to the community around us,
we had the opportunity to help others.
What kind of help could we give?*

The *Helping Hands* Enrichment Class at PS 169Q, an elementary school located in Bayside Queens, has reached out across the world to help students at a school in Cambodia. *Helping Hands* is part of a school-wide enrichment program at PS 169Q. The program involves students in exploration, problem solving and investigation as they plan and implement projects related to their enrichment class theme.



When students discovered that their enrichment class teacher, Ms. Teresa Mascarenas (who is also the music teacher at the school) was traveling to Cambodia, they decided that they wanted to help the students in the Cambodian school that she was going to visit. The trip was sponsored by *Caring for Cambodia*, a non-profit, non-governmental charity organization.

Students explored the problem to determine how they could best help the Cambodian students. Students discovered that dental health and dental hygiene are serious issues for the Cambodian students because they have very limited access to dental care, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Therefore, the *Helping Hands* students decided to provide the Cambodian students with toothbrushes and toothpaste. Through these efforts, the students raised \$400 to donate to the Cambodian school.

To see all the activities that the *Helping Hands* Enrichment Class students at PS 169Q organized to raise money and send needed supplies to the Cambodian students, you may go to:



These are some of the things that the students in the *Helping Hands* Enrichment Class at PS 169Q did to help the Cambodian students...



- They conducted a Toothbrush Drive and collected 500 toothbrushes!



- They raised \$400 by selling smencils (scented pencils!) and erasers.

- They had musical presentations and painted faces.



Finally, the *Helping Hands* Enrichment Class students at PS 169Q felt that they needed to learn more about Cambodia, so they researched the country and made a movie to synthesize and share their learning. Watch for a future *Stories from the Field* on this website to view the movie.