



Cedar Grove Elementary is happy to announce the creation of a **CARE Closet** in upper B wing (room B3). The CARE Closet is a truly unique and special experience. The **CARE Closet's** mission is about dignity. The children "shop" for items they need, including tops, bottoms, underwear, socks, shoes, coats, books and personal hygiene. We support families that are living below poverty, homeless and transient. Not only are the kids getting clean clothes, they gain hope, self-esteem and feel loved. Some items we will include are book bags, school supplies, winter coats, hats and gloves. **During the month of FEBRUARY will be conducting a school wide supply drive for the following items:**

Items we will be collecting include:

- Personal hygiene items (deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap)
- Hand Sanitizers/masks
- Kids Clothing (up to Child's 16/18) (especially Cedar Grove wear)
- Shoes/Socks/new Underwear
- Hats, gloves, scarfs
- Gently used toys
- Laundry detergent (small containers or individual packs)

**Did you know?** Soap, shampoo, personal hygiene products, tooth paste, toothbrushes, diapers, and even toilet paper are all considered "luxury items".

While these are items we may take for granted in our own home, these are things that our needy families do not own. These are items that can not be purchased with EBT, SNAP- food stamps. There is a good chance that a child you know is silently fighting their own battle. Their parents may be struggling to put food on the table every night, pay their electricity bill, or make their monthly rent.

All items should be gently used, no holes or stains, etc. Kids often become targets of ridicule by their peers when they have poor personal hygiene, are dirty, or have stained clothes with holes. They are teased for having a dirty body, dirty clothing or greasy hair. This can harm their self-esteem and make them even more negligent of themselves.

All donations in A wing can go to Ashlee Buitrago's room (**A202**). All donations in B wing can go to Nikole Harxhi's room (**B207**). **\*\*We also will have collection barrels located at our entryways.**

Thanks for all your help! We will announce when the closet is up and running. Once opened, please feel free to grab whatever is needed for our students! Thanks! ~Nikole & Ashlee



**The Caring Closet**