



## Week of Giving Shows Students Have Big Hearts for Haiti

Haiti is the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere and was

new shoes, and they dug deep into their pockets to donate money to the American Red Cross. Our students donated approximately 1009 pairs of shoes to Soles for

We believe that putting a pair of shoes on feet that were once bare, will be a sign of hope to many that things are going to get better.

We want to THANK the entire Explorer Community for opening their hearts and giving so much to a country of people who have lost everything. We also want to thank the Sports Chalet for shipping the shoes to Haiti for us.



devastated by the January 12 earthquake. Explorer Middle School dedicated January 25-29 as the **Week of Giving** and students searched through their closets looking for gently worn and

Souls, and over \$1,000 to the American Red Cross. Student participation during the Week of Giving was overwhelmingly generous, showing just how big our hearts are for the people suffering in Haiti. An item such as a pair of shoes will have a significant impact on the way the Haitian people view themselves.



# JANUARY TRAILBLAZERS OF THE MONTH

Please join me in congratulating our January Trailblazers: Ulises Fernandez Huerta and Morgan Stevens. Ulises is a seventh grader; Morgan is in eighth grade.

Ulises has been selected by his team due to his friendly nature, cooperative spirit, and persistence in effort in the classroom.

This seventh grade student has a perpetual smile on his face and loves school. His favorite subject is math and spelling. Ulises is always willing to try new things and gives 110% when he is at school. He is eager to learn and assists other students. When Ulises completes his work, he asks for additional assignments to keep him busy. He is industrious and conscientious. He is a pleasure to have in the classroom.



Outside of school, Ulises loves basketball and enjoys playing video games. He has an older sister who has a wonderful sense of humor. Ulises also enjoys watching movies. It is easy to see how Ulises was selected for this important honor.

Also selected as a January Trailblazer is Morgan Stevens. Morgan was pleasantly surprised to be chosen this month. Morgan is the kind of student whom teachers can count on. She pays attention, contributes in class, and has a pleasant personality. She enjoys her fellow students and states that P.E. is her favorite class. Morgan plays volleyball after school at Explorer, and also plays on a team at the Y. Ms. Gaydosz, girls' volleyball coach, states that Morgan is a very good player.

At school, Morgan really enjoys her science class. She is thoroughly interested in learning about space, but would not want to travel in the space shuttle. Perhaps she will change her mind in the future.

When not playing volleyball, Morgan likes listening to music and hanging out with her friends in the neighborhood. She and her friends stay active playing kickball and other sports. Morgan has one sister who attends Desert Trails. All in all, Morgan is one exemplary student.



**Hats off to our Trailblazers, Ulises and Morgan!**