

SHENANGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Operation Troop Appreciation

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Dear Shenango Elementary School Partner,

Operation Troop Appreciation (OTA) is an organization located in Pittsburgh that assists deployed troops of the United States Military and troops returning home. The mission of OTA is:

"to build and sustain the morale and well-being of the military community, past and present, with the assurance that the American public supports and appreciates their selfless service and daily sacrifices. Our Active Duty program provides items to thousands of troops fighting terrorism in Iraq, Afghanistan, Horn of Africa, and throughout the Middle East. We work with Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines serving as Active Duty, Reserves, and National Guard. Our Welcome Home program provides support to veterans who have served and are currently residing in Western Pennsylvania. We help veterans who have served in all conflicts, from Viet Nam to the current war against terror."

In conjunction with our annual Veterans Day Program, the 5th grade students and community partners are putting the "Wildcat Way" into action—but we need your help. **Donations will be collected until Thursday, November 9.** The 5th grade will partner with Operation Troop Appreciation, benefitting both deployed troops and veterans returning home.

The items below are examples of appropriate donations.

Hygiene/Personal Items (new):	Entertainment Items (new or gently used):	Food (Unopened, Prepackaged Snacks)	Household/General Items (new):
Shampoo, shower gel, lotion, deodorant, hand sanitizer, baby wipes, Chapstick, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, sunscreen, white & black athletic socks, etc.	DVDs, CDs, board games, AAA and AA batteries, cards, puzzles (Sudoku, Crossword, etc.), sports equipment, current magazines, paperback books	Beef jerky/sticks, nuts, tuna packets, trail mix, popcorn, granola bars, powdered drink mixes, etc. Individual serving packets of: cookies, crackers, chips, pretzels, etc.	Paper towels, dish soap, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, kitchen & large trash bags, zip-loc bags, multipurpose cleaning supplies, dryer sheets, dishcloths, buckets, laundry baskets, kitchen towels, etc.

If you would like to participate, please turn in your items to the Shenango Elementary office by Thursday, November 9. OTA will pick up the donated items and deliver the supplies to deployed and returning troops in honor of Veterans Day. For more information on Operation Troop Appreciation, please visit their website at www.OperationTroopAppreciation.org.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY, SUPPORT, AND ASSISTANCE!

Sincerely,
The 5th grade students and teachers

The mission of the Shenango Area School District is to provide a learning environment that enables our students to acquire the skill and the knowledge needed to be productive citizens able to meet the changing demands of the global community.