

Parkwood raises over \$600 for Humane Society

Students, staff and families from Parkwood Elementary School in the Pattonville School District recently worked together to collect \$625 for the Missouri Humane Society's Maryland Heights branch. The idea for the fund-raiser came from the Parkwood Student Activities Council.

The Student Council led the charge by publicizing the collection among students and families. The students also arranged a school assembly by the Humane Society so students could see some of the dogs the shelter helps and learn more about the work done by the shelter. The school set a goal of \$500, but collected even more by asking students to bring in their spare change and by holding special events like a candy sale, a hat day (students could pay to wear a hat to school), a mini book fair and a silent auction of student artwork. The school also donated about three mini-van loads of pet supplies to the shelter, including items like pet food, pet toys and cages.

On May 10, representatives from the Humane Society returned to Parkwood to receive a donation check from the students and to honor the Student Council members who spearheaded the drive. During the assembly, Parkwood second-grader Katie McNeary read a book she wrote about the Humane Society. McNeary was recently honored by the "Do the Right Thing Program" for writing the book.

Parkwood also recently received an honorable mention in the 2007 Champions for Character Award Program sponsored by Cardinals Care and Characterplus of St. Louis for this service project.