

VISTA MAGNET



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Students collected donations of over \$800 for the victims of the Haitian Earthquake

Based on the website www.HaitiHouses.org our 6th grade and selected 7th grade students created “Haiti Houses” refrigerator magnets through our Digital Arts course. Information is available at the website listed, which was created by the same teachers who created the “Pinwheels for Peace Project” that our 6th graders complete each fall.

The students designed, constructed, and sold their magnetic houses. Each student made two magnets and sold them to family and friends for \$3-\$5 each. Student wrote poems to accompany the magnets they made. Proceeds from the magnets sales go to UNICEF to help children displaced by the Haiti earthquake. Sales by students will count as community service as outlined by IBMYP (International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program). Empowered both as individuals and as part of a class, a school, or a community, our students learned that they can make a difference.

Examples of Haiti House magnets:



Sample poem:

My Poem to the People of Haiti

All the destruction in Haiti
Has caused so many problems
It has destroyed houses and injured people
And made many people sad
If we don't help now
No one will later
If we don't donate or support
Then there is no hope at all
By Hunter R. (student at VMMS)

For more information or to visit the school site, vistamagnet.com, please call José Manuel Villarreal, principal of Vista Magnet Middle School, at (760) 726-5766.