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## SHOEBOXES FOR AFRICA

### Westminster Community School #68

#### Buffalo, New York

Shoebboxes for Africa involved students, faculty, and parents with other community organizations in a project to benefit school children around the world. The Westminster Community School Family teamed up with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and The Buffalo Chapters of The LINKS, Inc. to collect and distribute much needed school supplies for students in African countries. The seventh- and eighth-grade student council spearheaded the shoebox drive. Westminster students used their vivid imaginations to decorate the boxes, using brightly colored contact paper, dried flowers, sponge paints, and an assortment of stickers and ribbons. Many of the students made the activity a family event by completing the project at home.

Faculty, staff, and parents donated enough pencils, crayons, rulers, notebooks, lined paper, scissors, and many other items to stuff the shoeboxes to the top. The students expressed pride knowing that they were helping other children who were not as fortunate as they. Westminster students continue to learn that there is much joy in giving.

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