

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

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- Hats off to the Truman School PTO for sponsoring a five-week after-school Study Island Program for third grade students in preparation for taking the NJASK tests in March. Geoffrey Mihalenko, third grade teacher, is spearheading the project and assisting students with the Study Island tutorial computer program in the areas of math and language arts.
- Congratulations to Wilson School children for their involvement in the Heifer International Project. Through a collection of "spare change," \$230.00 was donated to this unique charity. The monies collected provided impoverished communities with one beehive, one sheep, a flock of chickens and tree seedlings. These gifts provide families with a means of producing a steady source of food and income. Each family then shares with another family some portion of the gift (i.e., a lamb, chicks, etc.) so that the initial gift continues to grow. In many cases, a single goat or sheep provided income that enabled a child to attend school and college. This is truly the gift that "keeps on giving."
- Congratulations to the UES students and staff for collecting \$2,005.00 for the Tsunami Relief Effort. The American Red Cross came to the UES on February 14th to pick up the donation.
- Congratulations to the UES students who participated in the St. Jude's Math-A-Thon. A total of \$10,231.95 was raised. All monies will go for research and treatment of children at St. Jude's Children Research Hospital.