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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**



**GC's Stewart School Adopts Hitchcock Texas' Stewart School!**

By Brenda McCarthy, reading specialist

Students at Stewart School recently participated in a service learning project entitled, "Stewart Adopts Stewart!" This year's hurricanes were destructive to many parts of our country. Communities are still struggling to recover from the devastation. Hitchcock, Texas experienced great loss in Hurricane Harvey. Many families required boat rescues to escape the danger and later lost their homes as a result of the flooding and strong winds. The Stewart Elementary School in Hitchcock, Texas had many families displaced after the hurricane. Under the direction of Stewart School's reading specialist, Brenda McCarthy, students at GC's Stewart School adopted their counterparts in Texas, donating new school supplies to be shipped to the school. Our Garden City students generously donated over 30 boxes of supplies! The postage fee required to ship these packages to Texas was raised as part of the school's "Pizza with a

Purpose” campaign. On two occasions in September, students were given the opportunity to purchase pizza for lunch to assist with the postage fees.

Stewart School would like to acknowledge Avellino’s Pizza for providing a discount on the pizzas. Stewart School is a strong supporter of service learning activities that foster and develop learning through active participation in a thoughtfully-organized project. Our goal is to combine community service with classroom instruction, focusing on critical, reflective thinking, as well as personal and civic responsibility. Way to go Stewart School!



