

# Fund-raiser benefits learning foundation

The fourth grade at Valley Forge Elementary School, Tredyffrin-Easttown, recently held a car wash to benefit FLITE (Foundation for Learning in Tredyffrin-Easttown).

The program was part of the students' half-year long Virtual Trek Across America curriculum.

More than 60 people, including students, volunteer teachers and adults, washed cars. The teachers included Alex Johnson, Pat Bove, Delvin Dinkins, Stacy Stone and Ryan Dunne.

More than 50 cars were washed during the three-hour event which raised \$655 for FLITE, which works in partnership with the school district to help all district students reach their potential. FLITE recognizes that some children do not have the financial, emotional and environmental support to succeed in school.

FLITE helps these students and recognizes that the school district faces increasing pressures regarding adequate funding of its programs. FLITE considers proposals for support of programs or activities that enhance the total offerings of the school district.

**Valley Forge Middle School.** On May 3, the members of the Community Service Sewing Club of Valley Forge Middle School, Tredyffrin-Easttown,

took a trip after school to meet with staff members at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

The students have been working on two projects throughout the school year to benefit patients at CHOP. The purpose of the projects is to bring happiness and joy to critically ill children at CHOP.

The first project was started by the Con Kerr group in which students make bright and cheerful pillow cases to brighten up hospital rooms of children admitted to CHOP for cancer treatment. The second project started this year is the making of bibs that toddlers wear to hold their heart monitors so they can walk free of cords. Toddlers in the cardiac unit at CHOP are given a little more freedom during their stay and recovery.

The students met a two-year-old cardiac patient and saw how appreciative she was when she was given a Dora the Explorer bib and the freedom that accompanied it.

A tour was given of the cardiac and oncology units including the playrooms. The students asked questions about the hospital and the treatment the patients receive. The students made more than 150 pillowcases and 24 bibs this year, and while at the hospital, handed them over to the nurses who were excited to receive them.



Valley Forge Elementary School fourth grade students recently raised \$655 washing cars. They donated the money to FLITE (Foundation for Learning in Tredyffrin-Easttown). Pictured are physical education teachers Alex Johnson (back left) and Ryan Dunne (back right), joined by students (kneeling, from left) Nina Vafa, Sarah Robertson, Kelly Johnson, Hailey Furman, Francesca Stuart, Philip Warren, (middle, from left) Hanan Zisling, Sarah Zisling, Sophie Riener, Nicole Bodo, Adah Linqvist, Sarah Whelan, Paige Frankel, Ericka Borger, Emma Wiggins, Jack Iffert, Andrea Wang, Christian Sondergaard, Chris Kunc, (top, from left) John Roulston, Henry McGee, Gabrielle DiGiorgio, Samantha Hobson, Michelle Lee, Shannon Loose, Victoria Lewandowski, Robbie Sedlak and Jace Kienzle (hidden).

The students in the club were commended for their dedication and hard work put in every Wednesday throughout the year. Special thanks also went to Stephanie Rogerwick and Meredith

McDonough who met with the students at CHOP. The projects were made possible through the donations from many of the families at Valley Forge Middle School.