

WE JUMP. WE SHOOT. WE SAVE.



When she was 7, Carney would occasionally get dizzy spells. We learned that Carney's heart was actually stopping during her dizzy spells and that she would need surgery for a pacemaker immediately.

It all happened so quickly but in hindsight we wouldn't have it any other way. We are so lucky that at 7 years old Carney was able to describe what she was feeling and that our doctor was able to make a quick diagnosis in a condition that isn't always easy to diagnose. Now, three years later, there are no limitations to what Carney can do.

- Lory, mother of Carney, age 10, heart disease survivor

Help Your Child Save Lives and be a Heart Hero!

HOW: Support your child in the American Heart Association's Hoops For Heart program

WHAT: A life-saving and educational community service program

WHY: Your child will help kids with special hearts, learn about how to be heart healthy and feel good!

WHEN: Tuesday, February 14th

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are thrilled to share our school is once again supporting the American Heart Association's Hoops For Heart program!

When your child participates in Hoops For Heart he/she:

- **Learns about the importance of the heart – how it works, and how to take care of it:** Through classroom exercises and educational information provided by the American Heart Association.
- **Helps kids with special hearts:** Our *safe* online tool makes it *easy* for your child to set-up a web page and send emails to invite friends and family to support their fundraising efforts and to share life-saving information. Any offline donations can be made using the pledge envelope your child has been given.
- **Feels good for making a difference in people's lives!** Funds raised support American Heart Association research and education initiatives that save lives in our community. Congenital heart defects are the most common cause of infant death from birth defects. Many children are alive today because of treatments not available even 10 years ago. *Funded research and advancements have changed and saved their lives!*

We hope you are as excited as we are to support our students in this important experience! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please let us know. We jump. We shoot. We save!

Visit www.heart.org/hoops to get started today!

Please return your child's donation envelope by: Tuesday, February 14th, 2012

Special Notes:

**Please make checks payable to American Heart Association.*

**For the safety of our children, we ask that your child not go door-to-door or ask strangers for donations.*

****Our school also has the opportunity to earn free physical education equipment by participating in this program.***