Calling All Palms Middle School Families
Help Oklahoma Students!

Los Angeles students are rallying to help students in Oklahoma who lost everything in the horrific tornado on May 20, 2013.

Please help us collect backpacks for the kids in Oklahoma City. Twelve schools and two pre-schools were hit by the tornado. At the elementary and middle schools alone at least 1,700 students lost everything.

Palms students and their families: Please donate a **new or gently used backpack** for your same grade level and gender. Label this on the front, for example "7th grade boy".

**Each backpack should include**

1. Blanket (gently used is OK)
2. Grade-level-appropriate activity or reading books (coloring, Sudoku, crosswords, brain teasers, stories, etc.)
3. Paper, pencils and pens
4. Art pad, crayons and markers
5. Tape, glue sticks, small stapler
6. Round nosed scissors
7. Toothpaste/brush
8. Hair brush and comb
9. Small toys (jump rope, nerf balls, puzzles, board games, playing cards, etc.)
10. Flashlights with extra batteries
11. Fruit leather, gum or suckers (no chocolate or nuts)
12. Note or card from your child to the receiving child. **Please include this!**

**Optional**

1. Note to the parent with a gift card to Subway, Chipotle, Taco Bell, J.C. Penny, Wal-Mart, Target, Kohl’s, Home Depot, Sam’s Club, etc.
2. T-shirt from Target or JC Penny (with a gift receipt for returns it if it doesn’t fit)
3. Small radio
4. Socks, underwear, shorts (the hot humid weather is just starting)
5. Small stuffed animal

**Please drop off the backpacks in the Palms Middle School Main Office (or across the hall in Room 114) by Monday June 3, 2013.**

We will collect as many backpacks as we can. By June 5 they will be loaded into moving vans, driven directly to Oklahoma City, and delivered directly to students. No middle men, no red tape.

Don't forget to include a note from your child to the recipient child! Thank you!