



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Goose Creek CISD schools honored for sending Christmas cards to troops

More than 58,000 Christmas cards are on their way to U.S. troops overseas — thanks to Goose Creek CISD students.

Sponsored by U.S. Representative Ted Poe, the “Christmas Cards for Our Troops” project began several years ago and has turned into a community tradition.

The Baytown Chamber of Commerce organizes the project locally and encourages Goose Creek CISD students to design the cards and write messages on them.

On Monday, December 3 Congressman Poe presented three trophies to the top “Christmas Cards for Our Troops” schools — Sterling, Horace Mann and Alamo. These schools were the top Christmas card collectors last year as well.

For the third year, Ross S. Sterling earned first place for high schools by collecting almost 24,500 cards, more than four times as many as last year.

The staff and students at Ross S. Sterling High School also were the District’s top Christmas card collector.

Sterling students got some help from their Baytown Chamber of Commerce Partner in Education partner — San Jacinto Methodist Hospital.

“Our employees were challenged to donate at least one box of cards each. As always, they went above and beyond, with some individuals turning in more than 400 cards on their own,” said Mary Navarre, the organizer of the hospital’s Christmas card effort. “We feel honored to have the opportunity to give back to those who have given so much to us.”

At the junior high level, Horace Mann Junior School was the top collector again.

The students at Horace Mann Junior School collected 15,864 cards this year, an increase of 6,861 over last year.

At the elementary level, Alamo was tops. The students at Alamo Elementary School collected 5,125 cards this year, an increase of more than 2,250 over last year.



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These three schools accounted for 78 percent of the cards collected in the District.

The grand total for Goose Creek CISD was 58,108 Christmas cards collected for troops.

The Christmas cards collected by Goose Creek CISD are far and away the most of any school district in Poe’s congressional district that stretches east from northern Harris County, through Liberty County, and encompasses all of Jefferson County to the southeast Texas border.

The congressman said that it is something to see a rough and tough soldier tear up when he reads a card made out of construction paper from a child at home. He also remarked that there is no way anyone else could ever touch the numbers collected by students in the Baytown and Highlands area.

This year’s 58,000 Christmas cards more than doubles last year’s total of 25,000.

“The response to this project has been overwhelming,” said Poe. “I would like to give a special thanks to all those that took time to remember our troops and recognize their sacrifices this Christmas.”

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