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(WEST UNION STUDENTS MAKE BLANKETS IN ADDITION TO HOLIDAY PARTY)

Today at 1:00 students from West Union Elementary School gathered in the school's gym to celebrate their last day before the holiday break. But, they did it with a twist. The students, in something that is becoming a tradition, decided to use funds that might have gone for a traditional party to purchase materials for making blankets.

Before enjoying pizza and singing holiday tunes, over seventy 5th and 6th grade students sat on the gym floor and hand tied blankets of varying sizes and colorful prints. Fire department chaplains from Hillsboro Fire and Rescue, Washington County Fire District 2 and Cornelius Fire Department were on hand to join in on the fun and receive the blankets. They will next be distributed to fire department chaplains throughout western Washington County and given out as needed in times of crisis.

"These kids want to make a difference; they are willing to give what they can to bring a little comfort to someone whose life has been turned upside down" said Hillsboro Fire Department Chaplain Bruce Montgomery. "When we respond to a fire at night or in the early morning hours we find residents outside in basically what they wore to bed. Being able to offer them a warm blanket to wrap up in really makes a difference in a terribly stressful situation."

The students all agreed that they had a great party, the kind of party that they can feel good about in this season of giving.

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Photo Caption: Joel Peterson and West Union Students.jpg
Cornelius Fire Chaplain Joel Peterson looks on as students work together.