

Students at Omega Alpha Academy, in Douglas, AZ,
want the children and families
of
Ukraine to know that someone far away is thinking of them.

With so many misfortunes currently happening, it is impossible to focus on all of them. Having stated this, Omega decided to place its efforts on the people negatively affected by the Ukraine war. Omega Alpha Academy (grades K - 12) asked its students to write letters to the Ukrainian children fleeing this unnecessary war and additionally asked its students to create two fundraisers.

The students came through with flying colors! In two distinct fundraisers, Omega was able to raise \$4,598.00 for the cause. Fourth grade school teacher - Ms. Monica Yvette Galaz, had her students write letters of support and she also taught her students how to correctly use email and how to use online translation programs. Her students were very surprised to hear their English letters translated and read back in the Ukrainian dialect. Apparently, what was most surprising to the students was hearing their name in Ukrainian. The students thoroughly enjoyed the entire process!

Our students worked very hard in both endeavors. They raised funds for the Ukrainian people by organizing a "Ukrainian Spirit Week" and they also raffled off a 65" Television to help collect funds. One of our sixth-grade students wrote,

"Dear Friend, I know things are not going well. We hear the news every day. War is not forever. I know there is a better future ahead. Please be patient, your government is fighting for your freedom. Continue reading. That will help your mind be distracted and you are going to learn more. Please know we pray for you and your family. Soon everything will be fixed."

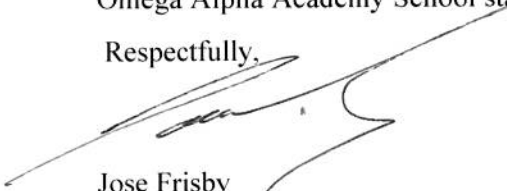
said our 6th-grade student.

Omega continuously reminds its students that they are an important part of the rest of the world. Empathy is defined as, "The ability to sense other people's emotions." Omega believes that this critical emotion, in the development of students, is paramount. Omega believes our students will be better citizens if they understand empathy. The Ukrainian effort is a small way of attaining a better community. Our students hope Ukrainian people feel slightly better knowing that someone halfway around the world is thinking of them.

The donations will be donated to C.O.R.E., a crisis response organization located in Los Angeles, California. Their mission is to "support the immediate needs of people fleeing Ukraine in the wake of a massive humanitarian catastrophe" (C.O.R.E. Response). C.O.R.E.'s purpose is to bring immediate aid and recovery to underserved communities across the globe.

Omega Alpha Academy School stands with Ukraine.

Respectfully,



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