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Camino Pablo Elementary Gives Back

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CP students help load up books to donate to Reading Partners. Photo provided

collected over \$800.

"LifeSkills are the foundation on which we build a community of learners at Camino Pablo School," said Tom Rust, CP's principal. "Programs, such as this coin drive, help children apply those skills in real life by giving back to others."

February was a month of giving at Camino Pablo Elementary School. Both the PTA and student council hosted programs to benefit different organizations and both were wildly successful. The PTA hosted a read-a-thon to raise money to help update reading intervention materials and at the same time hosted a book drive to benefit Reading Partners.

Reading Partners is a nonprofit organization based in Oakland that provides literacy intervention programs at elementary schools in low-income communities. Children at CP donated over 1,000 of their favorite books. These books will be distributed to children who do not have access to libraries at their school and in their community.

"We feel so fortunate to live in Moraga. Our community supports the schools through our Education Foundation and giving time in the schools. The combination ensures that all children in Moraga have access to great libraries and the support they need in the classroom, to become confident and accomplished readers," said Denise Duff, CP's PTA president.

The CP student council also hosted a spare change drive to raise money for animals abandoned by Hurricane Sandy. After much counting and re-counting of coins, they

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