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Lebanon High School Students Raise Thousands for Life-Saving Well
“LHS Students to Present Check for \$7800 to Thirst Project”

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It’s something Lebanon High School students have become keenly aware of; the need for clean drinking water in several countries throughout the world. That’s why originally teamed up with The Thirst Project. On Thursday June 12th at 4:30 pm LHS students will present a check for \$7800 dollars to build second clean water well, in the schools name, in a rural African nation. “I’m thrilled to be a principal at a school where students think of others first”, said LHS Principal, Kevin O’Rourke. “To do this once was amazing now our students have gone, ‘back to the well’, again so to speak to raise thousands of dollars to help save and better lives by building a second well”.

The Thirst project, www.thirstproject.org is an organization with a huge Hollywood backing that’s making a global difference in many underprivileged communities by providing access to clean drinking water. According to the organizations statistics nearly 1-billion people including many infants and children do not have access to safe, drinkable water. Approximately 44-hundred children, worldwide die every day from disease caused by contaminated water. That’s one child dying every 15-20 seconds. Additionally, nearly 2.2 million people die worldwide each year from water borne diseases. It is an ongoing epidemic that is easily curable through access to fresh, drinkable water. When safe water is provided to a community, disease consistently drops by up to 88% and child mortality drops by practically 99%.

The students of Lebanon High School are proud of their efforts to join The Thirst Project’s commitment to address the #1 killer of children globally. Students raised \$7500 dollars last year to build a freshwater well in the Village of Buvuma in Central Uganda. A moving 1-minute video is included to show the villages appreciation and demonstrates the positive impact the well has had on their community. Now students have done it again this time raising \$7800 dollars during the 2013-2014 school year to build a second well in the name of Lebanon High School bringing a combined total of over 15-thousand dollars raised by students for this project. Representatives from The Thirst Project will be on hand to receive the check on June 12th. “About all I can say is Wow!” said Lebanon

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Superintendent Dr. Robert Taylor. “This is an amazing accomplishment by our students who are truly making a global difference by improving the quality of life and actually saving lives as a result. The check presentation will take place Thursday, June 12th at 4:30 pm at the main entrance to Lebanon High School. The Thirst Project organization was founded and operated by a group of highly motivated young adults. One of their key players happens to be an LHS graduate, Amber Kenneson.

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Thirst Project Website - Great information about the project including amazing video's under the Media tab.

<http://www.thirstproject.org/>

<http://www.facebook.com/ThirstProject>

*Broadcast Media wishing to cover the event please be in place by 4:15pm.

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