



MELISSA SCHOOLS

Melissa Independent School District

"A Special Time in a Special Place"

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Students raise \$750 for school district affected by Hurricane Harvey

MELISSA, TX – Students at Melissa Middle School and Melissa Ridge Intermediate participated in a "Hats for Harvey" fundraiser in September to raise money for Refugio ISD, a school district in South Texas affected by Hurricane Harvey.

For a donation of \$2 at Melissa Middle School and \$1 at Melissa Ridge Intermediate, students could wear a hat to school for a day. Students, teachers, and administrators participated, and together the schools raised \$750 for Refugio ISD.

According to Melissa Middle School principal Jim Miller, many students contributed a \$5 or \$20 donation without any intention of wearing a hat to school – they simply wanted to support the cause.

Melissa Ridge Intermediate principal Michele Austin added, "The fundraiser ignited rich class conversations about empathy and reaching out as a community to help fellow students, and ensure that they would have their basic school supply needs met when they return to school and their learning environment."

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