**COMMUNITY MAPPING PROJECT**

**Overview:**

We will be exploring our local community in-depth, both individually and together as a class. You will create a map of the area surrounding your home or the school, and add any assets and challenges that exist there. After the individual maps are completed, we will create one large class map that incorporates everyone’s research.

**Objective:**

The objective of this project and all of its components is so that we will be able to research, chart, and analyze the areas of need in our surrounding community. That way we will be better able to serve people in our upcoming Season of Service project.

**Individual maps:**

* Create a map of your neighborhood according to the handout’s instructions. Include visuals and a key (legend).
* Chart the assets and challenges in your neighborhood (use handout).
* Interview at least 1 person who lives in the area using the questions on the handout. Write down the information and turn it in. (This can be a family member, etc.)
* Take pictures and collect any paraphernalia you can find within the boundaries of your map (for example: take out menus, business cards, etc.) You need at least 5. You may email these to me, or upload them to my laptop.
* Be prepared to present your map and images by the due date.

**Class map:**

* Using the information gained from everyone’s research, we will create a large-scale map together as a class. We will use the pictures and paraphernalia to create a visual representation of our community.
* Individually and as a class, we will analyze trends such as: areas where there are a lot of resources, areas where there are a lot of challenges, etc.

**Next step… Narrowing down a cause for our SOS project!**