

The Student Council at New Washington Elementary School recently sponsored the school's second annual participation in The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Pennies for Patients program. It is one of the LLS's national School & Youth Programs that raises money to find cures for leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma while providing information and support services to patients and their families.

The New Washington Elementary School's Pennies for Patients collection drive ran for a four-week period from February 1 through February 29.

Last year students at New Washington Elementary School raised \$1,316.39 for the cause, so this year the goal was set at \$1,400.

Torin Clapp, Student Council sponsor at New Washington Elementary School is extremely happy to announce that their goal was met and exceeded. The amount raised this year totaled \$1,819. She stated, "This activity teaches our students that they can make an important difference in the lives of others. It is so gratifying to see our students' efforts are benefitting an outstanding organization like LLS. This has always been a very giving and supportive community. I am so proud to see the next generation continuing that same philosophy."

Pennies for Patients teaches students caring, sharing, respect for others and the value of community service, in addition to supporting an important cause. The need for cures is critical: nearly 912,900 Americans are battling blood cancers, and leukemia remains the leading cause of disease-related death among children under 20. Over 3,000 individuals in Kentucky and Southern Indiana are currently battling a blood cancer.

For more information about LLS's School & Youth Programs, visit www.schoolandyouth.org. The Kentucky & Southern Indiana Chapter is located at 301 E. Main Street, Suite 100, Louisville, KY 40202, 1-800-955-2566 or 502-584-8490.