



Photo by Sarah Harmon

Children and parents of Northern Panhandle Head Start celebrate “All About Me Day” by donating surprise bags for children at the Soup Kitchen of Greater Wheeling. In front from left are Zahria Louis, Hunter South, Sandy Brock, Jacob Murphy, and Jesse Barrea. Behind them are Shilling Rodocker, Becky Shilling-Rodocker, Beth Bednar, Nabu Cochran, Spencer South, Tara South, Irene Gonzalez, Rose Ann Johnson, Mary Murphy, Reba Stead and Betty Pitts.

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Head Start Surprises Soup Kitchen With Gift

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The Orchard Park 2 Head Start parent group thrilled children at the Soup Kitchen of Greater Wheeling with specially made “surprise bags” in celebration of Northern Panhandle’s Head Start’s “All About Me Day.”

The surprise bags were full of goodies for children who participate in meals at the Soup Kitchen. The bags included cake mixes, birthday plates and napkins, candles, frosting, favor bags, cupcake liners and cards made by the Orchard Park students.

Head Start holds a tradition of celebrating “All About Me Day,” a special day dedicated to the individual child, by organizing a project that gives

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back to the community.

“The parents are always thinking of others, and this non-traditional community project didn’t seem out of the ordinary to them,” Mary Murphy, a teacher at Orchard Park 2, said. “They are hoping that others in the community consider the same act of communi-

ty spirit.”

Murphy also added that the project is a thank-you to local organizations including the Wheeling Nailers, Stifel Fine Arts Center, the Schrader Center, Oglebay Park, Kroger, the Ohio County Library and the SMART Center for allowing the children to participate in community outings.

Northern Panhandle Head Start program provides comprehensive, early childhood development services for eligible families with children from birth to age 5 in Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall and Wetzel counties. There is no fee for the program, and transportation is provided in most areas. Call the central office at 304-233-3290 for enrollment details.