



## 8th Annual Play-doh Drive to Honor

**Jason Heckman**



In honor of Jason Heckman, we are collecting for our 8th annual Play-doh drive. I am extremely proud of the outpouring of support through numerous years of this drive and I know Jason's family AND the patients at CHOP do as well. Each year, my family personally drives the collection to CHOP to donate cans of Play-doh in honor of Jason, who passed from Neuroblastoma cancer before entering Lorane Elementary. Two of Jason's siblings have gone through our building and two are currently attending Lorane.

If students bring Play-doh to school, they may drop it off in my classroom! If you have family or friends who are outside our area and would still like to donate, they may have Play-doh shipped to Lorane Elementary at 699 Rittenhouse Dr. Reading, PA 19606. Groups of people can also donate, such as Scouts, baseball teams, soccer teams, businesses, churches, daycares etc. Please just be sure it arrives at Lorane Elementary by the drive deadline.

Some people ask: "Why is so much Play-doh needed?" Answer: Patients at CHOP can only use Play-doh once and then it is thrown away due to germs. The immune systems of these children are compromised therefore, they may not share ANY toys. These little boys and girls love to build and create with Play-doh to use their imagination. The more Play-doh you donate, the more the children can play and have fun during a rough time.

**The Play-doh drive runs from Wednesday, March 1 to Friday, March 31.**

Last year we collected over 10,000 cans! The goal this year is to collect **12,000 cans** of Play-doh.

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