

## **Dunbar club reaches out to young patients**

Students in the “Dunbar Doing for Others” club handed out toys to youngsters at the Kentucky Children’s Hospital and received priceless smiles in return.

Six club members, accompanied by business teacher David Morris and technology coordinator Jim Adams, visited the hospital on May 13 for the club’s second trip this school year.

“The kids get a lot out of it, seeing how fortunate they are,” Morris said.

The group had nearly \$500 worth of gifts in tow.

“We have presents for every age,” said Kelsey Stucker, a junior at Paul Laurence Dunbar High.

The students filled two hospital carts with fuzzy stuffed animals, plastic balls, miniature cars and other goodies to delight youngsters. A couple of the littlest patients met them in the hallway and eagerly accepted their surprises. The teens also went door-to-door and took turns delivering toys.

“Since Dunbar gets a lot of support from the community, we thought it would be good to give back,” said junior Jeremy Zhao.

DDFO is made up of students in the Student Technology Leadership Program and the Future Business Leaders of America. They raise the funds to buy toys and clothing like mittens and scarves for the patients and make two deliveries a year – in winter and spring.

“We focus more of the money toward babies up to 6- and 7-year-olds,” said junior Chris Schenning. “The parents are really appreciative.”

The hospital staff sometimes holds onto a few items for future celebrations such as a child’s birthday or the end of a round of chemotherapy.

“The hospital is very grateful for groups to come in, especially when they’re such fine young people,” said Judi Martin, the child life coordinator.