



As many of you know, we are doing a complex-wide fundraiser to support on of our third grade students. I wanted to give you a little of his back story and what he has been through. He is new to the Davenport family this year. He was first diagnosed with a Grade 2 astrocytoma back in October 2013. At the time, the tumor (which is inoperable) was slow growing and was monitored by doctors every 3-6 months. It was localized to the right side of his brain. Things changed in June of 2016, where an MRI revealed significant growth in the tumor. He started chemotherapy in August of 2016 and received treatment up until October of 2017. More recently, they have found that the tumor has slowly started to grow ever so slightly into the left side of his brain. He is considered stable right now but they are monitoring the tumor's growth closely to figure out his next course of action/treatment.

Things have not been easy for him. The location of the tumor makes it very hard for him to do every day things such as writing and reading. Through the fatigue of treatments, he has never once complained. He is constantly complimenting friends, asking how he can help and is *always* smiling/laughing. His enthusiasm for learning has never dwindled despite the treatments, doctors' appointments and setbacks. While he comes to school each day to learn, he has taught our whole class so much this year by simply being himself. More recently, mom shared with me that at his last biopsy that donated tissue to the Children's Hospital Of Pennsylvania Brain Tumor Tissue Consortium to help with research to find better treatments. He is a selfless boy who has been an inspiration to all of us here so far this school year. We can truly say he has changed our lives and now we want to help hopefully change the lives of many children who are battling this awful disease.

With that all being said, Renaissance has created a fundraiser where students will bring in change for CHOP. 100 percent of the donations will be going directly to the Oncology Department at Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania. The more people that see this, the more donations. The more donations, the more we can help those innocent children struggling at CHOP.

We will be tallying our grand total donation at our February 23rd Renaissance Pep Rally to see which team above will receive a **PIE in the Face**

We truly are "**One Team One Dream**" here at Davenport. Please help us reach our dream of ending childhood cancer, one donation at a time.

Any questions or concerns, let us know! Renaissance

**Here is the link:**

<https://chop.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.personalCampaign&participantID=59426>