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Hi everyone!

On 16 SEP 2017, Tropical Storm Maria formed ~ 100 miles off the coast of Dominica in the Caribbean Sea; after rapid intensification over the next 48 hours, it slammed into the small island country as a category 5 hurricane! Dominica had no time to prepare for the storm! Hurricane Maria plummeted the island with rain for 24 hours before making landfall at 9 PM on 18 SEP 2017 and moved slowly for 10 hours across the island, leaving mass destruction and devastation.

The island’s government is hopeful and the people are optimistic. They are rebuilding, they are looking for normalcy, the children are eager to return to school. They need our help!

Your child learned about Dominica today and saw images from before and after Hurricane Maria. In the spirit of this season, our school is collecting supplies for primary schools in Dominica. The following is a list of supplies we are collecting at Blossomwood through the end of the school day on Friday, 15 DEC 2017.

Library Books

Teaching resources and classroom books for English, math, science, and reading

Pens, pencils, paper, crayons

All collected supplies will be shipped FedEx directly to the principal of the Salisbury Primary School for distribution!

If you prefer to make a direct monetary donation, the information is at the below website. ALL donated monies go directly to helping the school in Dominica and all donations are MOST appreciated!

<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E128719&id=49>

If you have any questions, please email me.

Sincerely,

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