

# *Students help Lyndon School nurse donate hair to “Locks of Love”*

## **Students enter “Hair Today... Gone Tomorrow” raffle to help needy families**

“Shear madness” reigned earlier this year at the Patrick Lyndon K-8 Pilot School in West Roxbury (Boston) when School Nurse Cathryn Stein got a special haircut in front of the entire student body. Chopping off Nurse Stein’s long locks at a school-wide assembly were three winners of the “Hair Today...Gone Tomorrow” raffle contest to benefit needy families.

Ms. Stein, whose hair used to hang nearly to her waist, sold raffle chances for \$1 each to students at the Lyndon School, raising an extra \$247 for the school’s holiday gift drive. She randomly selected three winners to cut off her hair in sections, which were donated to “Locks of Love,” an organization that makes hair pieces for children suffering from long-term medical hair loss.

While a representative from the Parent Council used a ruler to measure exactly 12 inches of her hair, Ms. Stein quipped, “Have I mentioned that it’s ‘Measurement Month’ here at the Lyndon? I love my job!”

This year’s holiday gift drive at the school raised 60% more funds than last year’s, allowing the school to provide 16 families in need with gift cards to help them during the holiday season.

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