



Pennies for Peace is a nation wide program, inspired by Greg Mortenson, author of best selling novel, Three Cups of Tea. It is a program which focuses on promoting world peace through education. Mr. Mortenson began this program to education children around the world about cultural difference, and the importance of sharing, understanding, and working together as a world community. In the U.S. a penny is almost worthless, but in many underdeveloped countries a penny buys a pencil and opens the door to literacy and cultural understanding. The administration and staff at the VECC feel that this is a worthwhile cause and will begin collecting pennies on October 1st. Please encourage your children to bring in pennies and deposit them in the containers in the classrooms and around the school. Look for stray pennies in your car, sofa, and on the street. Start a piggy bank at home. Bring in jars of saved pennies. Each one counts! Only pennies will be accepted as to empower all children no matter what their financial means may be. If you would like more information on Pennies for Peace or The Central Asia Institute, please go to www.penniesforpeace.org, or read the wonderful book Three Cups of Tea written by the founder of the organization, Greg Mortenson. It is a testament to the belief that one person truly can make a difference in the world.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this worthwhile cause.

Middle School Friends for Pennies for Peace