

Operation Cratchit Benefits Stanford Home

By Taylor Chang

Although students may think bringing in cans every year is no big deal, they prove to be a great benefit for the Stanford Settlement Home for kids and families who are in need. Here at Brookfield, the drive to donate non-perishable food items or brand new toys is called Operation Cratchet.

Students who participate in Operation Cratchet are rewarded with a Wild and Crazy Dress day. This means they will be able to dress any way they please on December 20th, the last day before winter break.

When Operation Cratchet was held last year, Mrs. Ashi-



zawa said it was very effective. Many students brought in cans and non-perishable

goods and the kids at the Stanford home were pleased with all the new toys and food/non-perishable goods.

After the good results from the past years with the former principal, Mr. Robinson, the school decided to continue Operation Cratchet. Now, Mrs. Ashizawa enjoys the program and says enthusiastically,

"It teaches our students to use one of the megaskills, caring."

Musical Tastes Span Wide Range at Brookfield

By Britta Swanson

Students at Brookfield School may wear the same uniforms and go to the same classes, but when it comes to music, their tastes are very different. What bands are at the top of their list? Is Britney Spears still in style? Is N*sync still the rage? An informal survey of Brookfield students and staff answers these questions.

Kathleen Schiavenza, in 4th grade, admires Avril Lavigne, a girl singer who is famous for her song "Sk8er Boi." She admires her for her "good music," but thinks that the majority of her class prefers Smash Mouth.

In 5th grade, Sommer De Boer Marin likes N*sync, a boy band, because they are a "cool band." She also thinks that most students in the 5th grade class like to listen to Linkin Park.

Most of the 2nd grade



Boy band 'Nsync is tops with at least one 5th grader

girls are fond of A*teens, a group of two boys and two girls from England who used one of their CDs to re-do songs made famous by the rock group Abba in the 1970s. The girls like them because they are "good singers."

In the upper grades, Arima Claypool likes Blink-

182, a boy band that sings punk music, because they are "cool."

Mrs. Ashizawa likes to listen to Andrea Bocelli, a blind man who sings opera. Mrs. Beggs' favorite singer is Neil Diamond, a man who has had pop hits that have spanned several decades.