
The Book for Books Drive

Riverside Middle School — February 26th — March 12th

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Background of Project

In the 2016-2017 school year, RMS ran the Bridge to Hope Project. This is a community initiative for students at Riverside Middle School in Rhode Island. Our goal is to help students increasingly become aware of their basic self worth: making every effort to help them understand their ability to change the world. In our world of social media and technology, students can become preoccupied with their own interests. We hope to show students that by using the same technology they use for their personal life, they can change the lives of others. **Do Good, Feel Good.**



The Lost Boys of Sudan

"Education is my mother and father" is the motto of this group of boys.

The Lost Boys of Sudan were over 20, 000 boys of the Nuer and Dinka ethnic groups who were displaced or orphaned during the Second Sudanese Civil War (1983 – 2005); about 2.5 million were killed and millions were displaced. Watch the clip from [60 Minutes](#) to learn more. In 2001, close to four thousand Lost Boys came to the United States seeking peace, freedom and education.

Meet [Panther](#) [Alier](#) Video attached here

Panther, like many other lost boys, received an education in the U.S. and returned to South Sudan to help those who were left behind.

[A recent email from Panther](#)

Riverside Middle School students were able to collect 318 textbooks to send to Bor College High during the school year, 2016-2017, however we were unable to find a donor to pay for the shipping. We need \$5000 to ship the textbooks to Bor, South Sudan. Currently, the school has one book per classroom.



For the next few weeks, Riverside Middle school will be selling Save Around Coupon books in an attempt to raise funds to ship the textbooks to Bor, South Sudan. On February 26th at 9am, RMS students will Skype with Panther in South Sudan during a school-wide assembly. This is a win, win situation. Save money and help bridge the education gap in S. Sudan.