

## US Naval Academy Midshipman Visits Cherokee Trail

United States Naval Academy Midshipman Bradley Cherry visited Cherokee Trail Elementary School on Monday, November 23, 2009. Midshipman Cherry was a speaker in Mrs. Lynn Patterson's First Grade class. He discussed careers in the military, particularly the Navy. Midshipman Cherry, who is a senior, was recently selected to be a Naval Pilot. The primary purpose of his visit was to thank Mrs. Patterson's class, along with Ms. Sherri Smith's class, for collecting toiletries and non-perishable food items to send in care packages to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. The two classes donated over 43 pounds of items to send to the troops. The students also wrote letters of thanks and encouragement to the troops. The collection of items was done as a part of a service-learning project by Miss Brianna Prater. Miss Prater is a junior at Erskine College. She has been working in Mrs. Patterson's class this semester. She presented a series of lessons related to the project including poetry, graphing, health, and freedom in America. The purpose of the project was to show students that they can make a big difference in their greater community by helping others.

