

## EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

# Forest Park tries for 1 million pennies

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Forest Park Elementary School students are collecting pennies to buy books at the school. They have collected more than \$600 of their \$10,000 goal.

As far as pennies go, they want a million of them.

Forest Park Elementary School students have been digging under their couch cushions, picking loose change off the floor and reaching into their own piggy banks to meet the goal of collecting 1 million pennies. The target was set forth in May by PTA President Julie Klingenberger and Jane Summers, reading interventionist, who want to use the money to purchase books.

"We've been saving them up all summer," said Matthew Klingenberger, 10, who will be in fifth grade.

By the end of the school year, students had collected \$660.66, which was deposited into an account at National City Bank. The money won't be withdrawn to buy the books until 1 million pennies, or \$10,000, are deposited.

The coveted books will be used for reading groups and individual study, Summers said. Six copies of each title will be purchased.

The idea is to replenish the school's book room and replace some books in need of repair.

Each student had a device for collecting pennies. Sisters Shania and Ariana Pernell collected their money in an old Christmas cookie tin.

Matthew Klingenberger kept his money in a blue cash box. His sister Bridget Klingenberger slipped her pennies in an Abraham Lincoln piggy bank.

"I found a dime in the pool," Bridget said.

"See, we'll take dimes, too," Summers said. "That's 10 cents."

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