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## **HARBOUR SCHOOL STUDENTS GATHER AND SHIP ITEMS TO MARINES SERVING IN SOUTHERN AFGHANISTAN**

### **Battalion of Marine Shane Emerson of Mechanicsville to receive care packages from students and staff at The Harbour School in Baltimore**

Care packages prepared by Harbour School students and staff will make their way to Southern Afghanistan to the Marine Battalion of Shane Emerson, 25, of Mechanicsville, MD. A project to collect personal care items, treats, and sports items was initiated by Shane's father, Don Emerson, chef and athletic coach at Harbour, an innovative special education school in Owings Mills.

"Shane has been to our school many times refereeing football and basketball games and is known by many of our students and staff," says Coach Emerson.

The drive to collect items has been a focus during the school's summer term during the month of July. The project falls under the school's unique Village program—a practically-oriented curriculum that provides students with hands-on preparation for work in businesses and community service. As a service learning project, the drive has involved not only Harbour students, but also parents and staff.

The students are also baking cookies for inclusion in the care packages.

The items are being packed for shipping on Tuesday, July 28 and Wednesday, July 29 at The Harbour School, 1125 Dolfield Blvd., Owings Mills (21117).

Items collected include beef jerky, hard candy, gum, tuna (packets), peanut butter, "good" coffee, flavor water packets, liquid soap, ramen noodles, hot sauce, Q-tips, batteries, magazines, homemade baked items, toilet paper, Ziploc bags, oatmeal, word games, moleskin, Aleve/Tylenol, footballs, soccer balls, waffle balls and bats, and pipe cleaners.

***[Editors: Contact Ms. Gofstein at the school to arrange photos or coverage of the project.  
Harbour School photos available on request.]***

The Harbour School celebrates its 28<sup>th</sup> year of providing a supportive, caring and individualized education to students with learning disabilities, autism, speech language impairments, and other disabilities like ADD/ADHD in grades 1- 12. Each child is assisted in attaining academic and personal achievement and success commensurate with the child's abilities. Personal achievement includes success in social, physical and vocational skills. The Harbour School is located in both Annapolis and at Owings Mills near Baltimore. For information, visit online at [www.harbourschool.org](http://www.harbourschool.org) or call 410-974-4248.

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