

**KIDS ACROSS THE NATION PRESS CONFERENCE  
FOR HURRICANE RELIEF  
PLEASE DO ONE REHEARSAL BEFORE THE CALL**

1. Call in at 11:30 a.m. Central Time

Kathleen Ricker, the principal of the Academy in Iowa, will be the moderator for this call. You won't be able to hear anyone in the virtual conference room until she has punched in her pin number.

2. When everyone is on the call, Talia from Iowa will do a roll call. EVERYONE REPRESENTING YOUR SCHOOL SHOULD RESPOND WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN:

3. Talia: **Welcome everyone! We are going to begin our conference call with a roll call across the nation: East Coast schools!**

DE and NJ: **HERE!**

Talia: **Southern schools!**

FL and VA: **HERE!**

Talia: **Midwest schools!**

KS and IA: **HERE!**

Talia: **Northern Schools!**

MT and ID: **HERE!**

Talia: **West Coast schools!**

CA: **HERE!**

Talia: **And our special guests today: KIDS FROM THE KATRINA REGION JOINED BY THEIR NEW SCHOOLS:**

GULF KIDS: **HERE!**

4. Each school will report about their fundraising endeavor, and share any special anecdotes. You don't need to give your school fundraising total unless you want to. (15-30 seconds each). Each school will be named when it is their turn.

This will be the order:

**Elbert-Palmer in Wilmington, Delaware (Academy will start an applause)**

**Robert R. Lazar Middle school in Montville, New Jersey**

**Pineview Elementary in Sarasota, Florida**

**Catoktin Elementary in Leesburg, Virginia**

**Bluejacket-Flint in Shawnee, Kansas**

**The Academy in Des Moines, Iowa**

Grantsdale and Daily Elementaries, & Hamilton Middle School and High school in Hamilton, Montana

Kelch, St. Joseph's and East Junior High in Boise, Idaho

Horace Mann in Beverly Hills, California

Gompers Elementary in Lakewood, California

And now for the hurricane survivors and their new schools:

Kipp Academy in Houston, Texas

Parkridge Elementary in Baker, Louisiana

5. Anne Ginther and Tracy Cheney, two moms who have volunteered to help collect and log school totals, will announce the current total reported by kids across the nation for hurricane relief. They will announce the number starting with the CENTS and moving left toward the greater place values. **Teachers, please write along with her so your kids can SEE the number.**
5. Feel free to HOOT and HOLLER if you like the current total that you hear! (We have about 4000 schools reporting so far . . .)  
Anne will also give a website address (RANDOMKID.COM) for kids and schools to report future totals to so that we can keep the national tally going.
6. To end the conference call we will sing GOD BLESS AMERICA together. You will sing your part in RED.

Talia:                                God Bless America,  
IA:                                        Land that I love,  
FL and VA:                            Stand beside her, and guide her  
DE and NJ:                            Thru the night with a light from above.  
MT and ID:                            From the mountains,  
KS:                                        to the prairies,  
CA:                                        To the oceans, white with foam  
Talia:                                    "GO FOR IT, Louisiana, Texas and the  
    HURRICANE SURVIVORS!"

KATRINA KIDS:                        God bless America, My home sweet home.

EVERYBODY:                            God bless America, My home sweet home.

7. Everyone gives a BIG CHEER, and offers thank yous and goodbyes.

This is Talia from Iowa. I have something I want to say to all of you, the kids from schools across our nation: Together we have watched 9-11, the tsunami, the hurricanes, the earthquakes, and the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. When you joined in the hurricane relief effort with SUCH ENTHUSIASM--you showed the world that we CHILDREN are NOT powerLESS—WE ARE POWERFUL! We are going to be great leaders for our world—every one of us! Thank you for joining in this phone call today!