



Dear Parents,



**The Conflict in Ukraine poses an immediate threat to children.**

There are 7.5 million children in Ukraine & it is our duty to help them as best we can. Children are bearing the brunt of the intensifying crisis & we must do our best to protect all children in Ukraine; they need our help NOW.

I would like to appeal to all our families to please donate to UNICEF; simply cut and paste this link to help the children of Ukraine.

<https://www.unicefusa.org/stories/unicef-children-are-bearing-brunt-intensifying-crisis-ukraine/39481?form=FUNKBHMZQDQ>

We have a few families from Ukraine at Oneonta; our students must remember Mr. Sander Nizni, one of our Cultural Day speakers, who talked passionately about the beautiful sunflowers, chocolate & the Matryoshka Dolls that his country is famous for. Now it is our turn to help his friends, family and his beloved country.

*A 14 year old Ukrainian girl by the name of Yelyzaveta penned this poem 2 years ago. Her poem is as powerful now as it was back then.*



Bring back the sunlight  
I've forgotten how it used to shine  
It used to give everyone hope  
And not just dimly cover this land of mine  
Do you think my dream is foolish, or just simple?  
To live in world where there's no place for pain  
I dream of peace, warm hands and a bluish clear early sky  
With songs for birds to pray  
By shooting people you wounded the sky  
Return the sun to its sparkling light



*UNICEF is working to scale up life-saving support for children and their families. Thank you for your compassion!*