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## School supplies provide kids with joy

Beach City Service League provides kids in Project Success program a box filled with classroom essentials.

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COSTA MESA — There were cheers of delight Thursday when about a dozen high school boys walked into a fourth-grade classroom after school towing a wagon stacked with pink, purple and blue pencil boxes and other school supplies.

"Yes!" yelled Edgar Castillo, 10, as the supplies came into view.

The excitement continued as the boxes were passed out.

Michelle Villa, 9, opened hers with a little gasp — her mouth making a perfect O — as she pulled out pencils, a sharpener, pencil eraser toppers, crayons, scissors and colored pencils.

Michelle said all of her supplies were low and was excited "because there's new stuff."

The Beach City Service League donated 120 boxes of school supplies to each child in Whittier Elementary School's Project Success Thursday and Friday. The Beach City boys are expected to donate 80 boxes to the Illumination Foundation, which helps the homeless, Friday and Saturday.

"It was fun, and it's nice to give back and help people out," said Beach City junior Derek Kula, 17.