

Bennett Elementary School, an IB World School Community Service ACTION

Dear Families of the Bennett Community,

As a part of the IB Primary Years Program (PYP) students are encouraged to Reflect, Choose, and Act. The ACTION component can involve service to fellow students and to the larger community, both inside and outside of the school. Through such service, students are able to grow both personally and socially, developing skills such as cooperation, problem solving, conflict resolution and creative and critical thinking. Moreover, these actions are ways in which students can exhibit their commitment to the attributes of the learner profile and to the attitudes that the IB seeks to encourage.

Once again this fall, we are collecting food for Blizzard Boxes for the Meals on Wheels Program. If you are not familiar with *Meals on Wheels* (fcmow.org) they provide warm meals to individuals who are home bound and physically unable to cook their own meals or do their own shopping. As we all know, periodically, we do get snow storms that make residential streets impassable. When this happens volunteers are not able to deliver meals to these homebound residents. We are hoping to provide 90 boxes of non-perishable food for the individuals to keep as a backup for when their meal cannot be delivered..

We will be packing these meals during the evening of the Bennett Chili Supper and Bookfair, Tuesday, Nov. 8 in the art room. Please stop by with your child to encourage them to be part of this great service project.

Note: We have fairly specific lists of food items for this project (please see below) and we have divided the items up by grades such that we can supply relatively equal amounts of each item. When purchasing the items for the Blizzard Boxes **please make sure that the cans have pop tops or are easy open containers** as most of the recipients are unable to use can openers. We also ask that you make sure the expiration date is not within the next 6 months.

K – Individual cup of soups (preferably the ones that you just add hot water)

1st – Instant Oatmeal packages or juice boxes

2nd - Pop Top can of spam, chicken or tuna

3rd – Lunch-size apple sauce or other fruit

4th – Pudding cups or individual size packages of cookies

5th - Box of Ritz or Saltine crackers

(Low sodium options are best if possible)

The food drive will begin Monday, October 24th.

We hope you will be able to join in this effort! Please let us know if you have any questions.

Bennett Community Organization