

December 4, 2008

Dear Parent/Guardian of a Lanesville Community Schools Student:

Times are extremely hard for many. As a school community, we have decided to forgo the usual Christmas gift giving and parties among ourselves, and celebrate and support those who may have a special need this season.

We have set goals that if achieved, will provide support for 23 families, which includes 43 children. Between December 1 and December 18, 2008 we want to:

- Collect at least 3,300 non-perishable food items, and
- Raise at least \$4,600

To do that, we need your help. We have created “theme” days, as suggestions, for collecting non-perishable food. Any contribution your family can make will be appreciated.

✓ Friday, December 5	Fiesta Friday (Chips, Salsa, Taco Dinners, etc.)
✓ Monday, December 8	Macaroni Monday (Mac-n-Cheese, Noodles, etc.)
✓ Tuesday, December 9	Traditional Tuesday (Corn, Green Beans, Carrots, all vegetables)
✓ Wednesday, December 10	“Whatever” Wednesday (We will be half way through our ELF Project)
✓ Thursday, December 11	Tasty Thursday (Any food item your family considers “tasty”)
✓ Friday, December 12	Fun Friday (Cake Mixes, Pie Fillings, Muffin Mixes, other sweets, etc.)
✓ Monday, December 15	Munchie Monday (Snack Foods)
✓ Tuesday, December 16	Tropical Tuesday (Fruits, Juices)
✓ Wednesday, December 17	Warm Wednesday (Soups, Stews)
✓ Thursday, December 18	Tomato Thursday (Sauces, Pastes, Juices)

Your child may bring the items to their classroom/homeroom teacher. Items may also be brought to either the High School or Elementary Offices, as this is a corporation-wide collaborative project! Collection boxes will also be available each night we have a home basketball game.

In addition to the canned food drive, we are accepting monetary donations. The money collected will be used to purchase perishable items for the food baskets, and to purchase presents for 43 children, who otherwise might receive nothing this holiday season. Checks should be made payable to LCS ELF Project, cash may be turned in to any school employee.

Finally, on the morning of December 19, 2008 all our students will join together in a Holiday Program to celebrate the success of the ELF Project. Later in the day students and staff will work alongside each other preparing food baskets and presents for delivery to families in our community.

With all of us working together

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