

One Can at a Time

In September of this school year, the Grade 5/6 students of St. Theresa Catholic Elementary were presented with the task of organizing a Thanksgiving Food Drive. All proceeds would go to the St. Vincent De Paul Society at St. Patrick's Church. Through various discussions and research about hunger, poverty and food banks located in Ontario and Canada the students gained a greater understanding of the necessity of helping members within our community. This task quickly became a project that was effectively organized and implemented by the Grade 5/6 students. Brainstorming sessions rapidly gave way to an advertising campaign that included informative posters and persuasive daily announcements. Students not only organized the collection of non-perishable foods items and toiletries, but also inspired our 160 students and their families to donate and ensure everyone that needed help, would have food on their table and a means to maintain personal hygiene. The food drive evolved from a project to a mission of charity and good will. The students recognized and took a great deal of pride in knowing that they were making a difference. During the Advent and Lenten Food drive the ideas, organization and donations continued to grow. There was synergy to it. You could see and feel the excitement and devotion to our cause with each member contributing his or her talents. This year St. Theresa held a total of 3 Food Drives, collecting a total of **1969** items. During each Food Drive we surpassed our goals in fact having to create new goals because donations had exceeded our expectations. The Grade 5/6 would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Food Drive. You helped us make a difference one can at a time. Thank You!!