

Fall 2018

Dear Students and Parents:

Last year during the Lee County Schools Canned Food Drive, students, parents, and faculty collected more than **48,500** cans of food. **These goods provided food for families** at Christmas. Many of those families that were in desperate need following the aftermath of Hurricane Irma. After Christmas food needs were taken care of, the remaining food was used at our Food Pantry. Last year, over **6,000 families** came to our Food Pantry for assistance. The need is great, and your help is essential.

The 2018 food drive runs from October 1-12.

The top-collecting schools receive plaques for their accomplishments, and the grand award winning school receives a trophy and bragging rights. Last year's Grand Award Winner was Buckingham Exceptional School with 13.41 cans per student! Winning schools will be mentioned on our website and Facebook page and in releases to the media, and they will be invited to the awards luncheon with The Salvation Army officers and special guest of honor Captain Canned Goods.

Awards will be given for	or most cans per student	in these categories:

High School	Private school
Middle school	Charter school
Elementary school 899 students or less	Title 1 school
Elementary 900 students or more	Pre-school
K-8 (elementary-middle)	

Most cans collected overall in a school

The Grand Award will be given to the school which collects the most cans per student.

Please encourage your child to ask family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and clubs for donations. With your help, we can offer assistance to those in Lee County who most need it.

Here are the kinds of food to collect:

Cans: meat, tuna fish, Spam, beans, soup, fruit, vegetables, pasta meals, tomatoes; **boxes**: rice, pasta, potato flakes, **plastic jars**: peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauces; **bags**: rice, beans, or *any* canned or boxed goods you find in your home food pantry.

Please, for safety reasons, no glass containers. Do not send food past expiration date.

For more information or assistance, please contact your child's teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

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