



December 7, 2011

Dear Junior School Parents,

As you know, Elmwood reaches out to those in need in the community throughout the year. During the holidays, helping those less fortunate is even more important.

This year, Elmwood is continuing the tradition of supporting the Shepherds of Good Hope's Holiday Hamper program. We would like to request your assistance with this initiative. By collecting the makings of a holiday dinner in homerooms and SLGs from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12, we can make this holiday a special one for low-income families in our own city. Last year, this program helped over 900 Ottawa families. We will be filling baskets with food, warm clothes and small gifts to help our families enjoy a special meal and have a few gifts to open during the holidays.

Each homeroom teacher in Junior School will be coordinating the collection of items. **As always, this is a voluntary activity.** The following list is just a suggestion for what a Homeroom hamper could contain*:

- Turkey/chicken/ham (8-12 lbs – **please bring frozen on December 21st**)
- Vegetables (ex: carrots, beans, peas, sweet potatoes, 2-4 different types)
- Potatoes (5-10 lb bag)
- Cranberry sauce (2 cans)
- Stuffing (2-3 boxes)
- Coffee/tea
- Dessert/beverages
- Cookies
- Bread/butter (**please bring on December 21st**)
- Fruits (**please bring on December 21st**)
- Large Rubbermaid container to hold all items
- Gloves/mittens/scarves
- Small gifts for children under the age of 18
- Gift card to Loblaws/Metro/Silver City Cinema

****Please do not include any alcohol, tobacco or nut products.***

Our collection will run until Monday, December 19th. Staff and parent volunteers will deliver the hampers on the morning of December 21st. **If you wish to participate, please complete the attached form and return it to your daughter's Homeroom teacher as soon as possible.** Thank you very much for your help. Working together, we can help local families this year. We are also teaching our children the true meaning of the holidays. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kate Angell
Deputy Head
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Elmwood Holiday Hamper Program 2011
JK-Grade 5

Student: _____

Grade _____

Yes, we wish to participate in the Holiday Hamper Program. My daughter will be donating (please choose one):

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- Other: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return this form to your daughter's homeroom teacher by Wednesday, December 14th.