



December 3, 2010

Dear 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. By collecting the makings of a holiday dinner in homerooms and SLGs, 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, clothes and small presents to help our families enjoy a special meal and have a few gifts to open.

As well, we are hoping to provide the families with a few small gifts and warm clothes to make their children's holiday memorable. If you would like to provide a new or gently used item please do so.

Our collection will run from December 6th until December 16th. Staff and parent volunteers will deliver the hampers on December 16th.

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 us.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Boughton
Headmistress

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Prefect at Large

Andrea Kelly
Dean of Student Life, SS