



Adopting Families for Thanksgiving Food Drive

Talala Elementary School Student Council

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Project Summary

Identifying the Need

Each year Talala has multiple families, within our school, and the community that have specific needs, due to various situations. This year, our student council decided to support these families by providing all of the essentials for Thanksgiving dinner. We want to give our families, in need, the Thanksgiving they may not be able to have on their own.

Addressing this need

Our project addresses this need by collecting specific, non-perishable items to comprise a complete Thanksgiving Dinner. In addition to collecting non-perishable food items, students and families are also making monetary donations. These donations will be used to supplement the items that are donated to ensure we are able to provide a “complete” Thanksgiving meal to the families we adopt.

Community Organization

While we will be providing complete Thanksgiving meals to families in our Talala community, we are also partnering with Monee Township to donate non-perishable items to their annual food drive.

A Competition Between the Classes!!!

The Rules:

Each classroom is a team and is responsible for a specific non-perishable food item. Members from each team will bring in and get sponsors to donate their specified item(s), as well as money to their team's collection. Teams will receive points for every item and all money that is collected.

The Twist:

Each non-perishable food item counts positively towards a team's collection and money counts against it. This is what makes it a competition! Every team will have collection stations for both collected items and money. Members will place the non-perishable food items in their team's container and money into the jar of another team of their choosing. Every item donated raises each team's number of points, while money makes a team's score go down. Each team will receive 75 points for each item brought in.

The Payout:

The winning teams (K-2 & 3-5) will win a pizza & movie party, sponsored by the student council. Additionally, every student that brings in a donation, will be entered in a drawing to win a Thanksgiving turkey for their family. Finally, there will also be winners for the top three students with the most sponsors.

OUTCOMES

Talala's Service project "Adopting Families for Thanksgiving" will run from November 1st until November 15th. While we do not have the outcomes of the project, students have begun bringing in their items, as well as, their pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars. We are off to a great start.

It is our goal that our students will learn the importance of helping others in need. We want them to know that even the smallest thing, from each one, can turn into a "Big" thing from everyone!!!

