Eastview Gives 2016:
Annual Food Drive

Eastview... Give what you can!

This year's food drive will be similar to in the past:

- **First period** collection from 12/12 – 12/20 (seven school days)
- Three classes with highest totals will get a "**THANK YOU**" breakfast treat on Friday, December 23rd
- Items will be valued based on most needed by local food shelves:
  - 3 pts for personal care items (in high demand)
  - 2 pts for $ (food shelves can buy more with our dollars)
  - 1 pt for food items (always a need for non-perishables)
- Each classroom will be asked to assign a "**ROOM CAPTIAN**" to help tally each day (*so we don't have to tally all 120+ classrooms – this can easily become a full time job, so let's share the responsibility*); **please assign this role and start each day with a quick word of encouragement, collection and time to tally** (this should only take 1-2 minutes each day)
- Admin and student volunteers will come by each morning to **collect from every classroom**; thanks in advance for having this ready and for allowing us to peek in, say thanks, and collect
- **Please encourage and allow all students a chance to participate fully in this school-wide/community-wide effort!**
- Some teachers/classes/clubs/teams may do a collection in support of our food drive; please know that we appreciate ALL efforts and ANY creative ways to encourage giving. **Please do what you can to get students in all of your classes to give as they are able!!**

Our Student Leadership Team has put forth a goal of 20,000 combined dollars/items this year! This is HUGE and AWESOME! If every student brings 5 items + $5, we can easily meet our goal!! Thank you for all you can do to help students understand both the need and the idea of giving/service.

Below is the text of the Friday morning announcement. Please refer back to this as you see fit and/or send it in an email to your students/families/teams/etc. THANK YOU!

Did you know that food shelves in Dakota County are used by over 18,000 families each year? Apple Valley is among the top two cities in the Twin Cities Metro area with the fastest growing food shelf usage. Our Eastview Community is ready to respond! Each year for the past ten years, we have collected and donated thousands of dollars, food and personal care items. This year, our goal is a combined total of 20,000 dollars and items. Are you up for the challenge?

Collection will take place in first hour classes. The three classes with the highest totals will receive a breakfast treat the Friday before we leave for winter break. We will use a simple point item, based on the items most needed by our local food shelves. Personal care items will count for three points, dollars will count for two, and food items will count for one. At this time, please select a ROOM CAPTAIN who will help count and tally points daily. Administrators and student volunteers will visit each classroom starting on Monday to pick up donations. Our collection will go through Tuesday, December 20th.

"Giving is not just about making a donation, it's about making a difference". OK Eastview, let's make a difference!