



Dear Sippican Families,

Over the past number of years, we have been collecting non-perishable food items for one of our local pantries, the Damien Food Pantry. In this difficult economic time, it is more important than ever that we collect as many items as possible to help our neighbors in need. We collect canned goods and personal hygiene products all year long since the need continues even after the Thanksgiving season.

We will again collect items this year. In the past, we have named Wednesday as our Sippican “can” day in the hopes that everyone would remember to bring in one item each Wednesday. This has helped us be successful in collecting thousands of items to donate.

For the months of October and November, we will be participating in a drive sponsored by WBSM –am radio called CANS ACROSS THE PARK. From now, October 17th until November 17th, all canned goods and personal hygiene items that we collect will be delivered to Buttonwood Park. On November 19th all of the canned goods collected will be laid down along the sidewalk of Court Street in New Bedford, the section that runs through Buttonwood Park. Hopefully, the very visual path of canned goods will encourage others to donate goods to local food pantries. At the end of the day, the Red Cross will come and help pack up all of the items and then deliver them to local food pantries across the South Coast.

Please be as generous as you can. We would like to trail the halls of our school with canned goods as a way to make our contributions visible to our community. Cans can be brought to school any day of the week, or every day of the week! The more we collect, the more impact we will make on our neighbors in need.

Thank you for all of your generous support!

Paula McKeen