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Chester 2nd Grade leading Food Drive

Huntington – From now through December 21, second graders at Chester Elementary School have launched a Food Drive to benefit the Huntington Food Pantry.

Ron Craig, organizer of the pantry located at the Pioneer Valley Assembly of God Church, was invited to the school to explain how the food pantry works and the number of households it serves.

A letter written by student leaders and announcing the drive was sent home in red folders to families on December 7. In it, students announced that December is the month of giving and explained the drive. They even suggested ideas of different canned goods that might be donated, such as “spaghetios, tuna fish, peas, soup and oranges.”

The service project was organized by students as a friendly competition between the classrooms to see who can collect the most items for the pantry. There is also a drop off area in the Chester Elementary School office for donations from the community or from other Gateway staff members. The winning classroom will receive cupcakes.

Students also created posters for the school and a bulletin board that is tracking the competition.

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