

Belmont Community School District

Collection Dates: November 23rd – December 8th

All contributions benefit the Belmont Food Pantry & Belmont Schools Holiday Project

Each classroom and grade level will collect items. Students in grades PK-12 will also participate in a Holiday themed project once all items are collected.

Non-Perishable Item Examples:

Ketchup/ Condiments – Proteins – Tuna – Brown Beans – Soups - Vegetables – Boxed items (Potatoes, Hamburger Helper, Mac 'n' cheese) – Kid Snacks - Paper Products (paper towel, toilet paper, wipes) – Personal Care Products (laundry detergent, toothpaste)

***Keep in mind that individual items are more beneficial. Bulk items are difficult to store and often too much for people. Thank you for your support and contribution!*

Cans for Christmas Rules 2026

This year we are challenging each class similar to a few years ago! As we take on our food pantry collection this year, we are turning it into a building contest! Each class will determine a theme, collect and build their structure for public viewing before the food is delivered to the food pantry in time for Christmas distribution.

Please read through the details and let me know if you have any questions! **Boxes for your classroom to collect items will be provided to you by Friday November 20th.** ***If you prefer to have your own collection box or location in the classroom that is no problem!

NEW!!!:

For Middle School and High School: The class with the most items donated will receive a pizza party sponsored by the Student Council.

Structures will be built during the RTI period on Monday December, 7th for the Middle/High School and by the end of that day for the Elementary School with judging on Tuesday 12/08 after school. Middle/High School RTI advisors will be the location for the students to bring items too with each grade putting their total items together on the Monday of the creating the display. The displays will be left up until collected for the food pantry on Wednesday, December 16th.

Rules for entry:

- Structure must have an identifiable theme (Ex: Frosty the Snowman)
  - *Theme will be based on first come first serve.*
- Minimum number of cans to enter is 2 per student in the class (a class of 25 students would require 50 cans to enter and obviously you can go over).
- Must have at least one item from each of the following categories:

1. Laundry detergent
2. Paper goods
3. Pasta
4. Canned fruits/ vegetables
5. Soup
6. Protein (beans, peanut butter, etc.)
7. Condiments
8. Cereal/ boxed goods

- You may use lights, decorations, etc. to liven up your display.
- Designated locations for display will be provided to each grade level after the theme is submitted.
- **You will need to email your theme to Mr. Wolch by the end of the day Wednesday, November 18th so that we don't have the same theme taking place during construction of the structures.**

Structures will be judged in a similar fashion to fair banners, with student council members and staff volunteers filling out a rubric based on creativity and number of items, with the winners earning a grade-level cookie party as determined by the advisors/ classroom teachers of the winning groups. One winner will be chosen at the lower elementary (PK-4), upper elementary/middle school (5-8) and high school levels (9-12).

Examples:










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