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For Immediate Release:

School District 69 Starts All-Schools Food Drive to Help Local Families

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Schools across the district are collaborating this year on a School District 69 Food Drive. With inflation and food insecurity at record highs in our local communities, this is a good time for schools to come together to help families in need. According to the BC Food Security website, poverty and inequality are the main drivers of food insecurity. Food Banks BC reports that 30% of food bank users in our province are children. Schools are seeing an increase in the number of students registering for breakfast, lunch and the District 69 Backpack programs.

School Leadership groups are sharing ideas and many schools are holding challenges to promote the food drive. At Errington Elementary School, the Leadership students challenge classes to see who gathers the most items and the winning class gets a new board game! Qualicum Beach Elementary School has a "sleigh" and Springwood Elementary School has a "train" in their lobbies that they fill with items. Some schools open a "grocery store" for family shopping at the school while others donate directly to the local food bank.

Please help by bringing a non-perishable food item to your child's school by November 30th. We are looking for canned and boxed food items including coffee, tea, sugar, cereal and jam. Gluten-free and dairy-free items are appreciated. Schools will also accept cash and grocery gift cards. Thank you for supporting school families and our community food banks!



Errington Elementary Leadership students are gearing up for the District food drive. (From left: Everett, Macey, Gracie, Ella, Brooklyn and Sunnie)

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FOOD FOR FAMILIES

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE



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This year, schools are coming together to support our community! Please make a donation of a non-perishable food item, grocery store gift card, or cash to your child's school by November 30th.

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