Tips for a Successful School Food Drive

- Encourage the involvement of student government, school clubs and athletic groups to spearhead food drive activities

- Use creative or educational projects that coincide with the food drive, such as: making posters, creating collection boxes, counting cans, weighing food, studying nutrition labels, discussing expiration dates, or sorting cans into food groups. (Randolphville School, Piscataway Food Label Activity, pictured.)

- Have a competition between grades or classrooms for bringing in the greatest quantity of donations. Offer a prize for the winning class or group. Prizes could include a pizza party, lunch with the principal, a special certificate, a trip to the movies or a free period. (Poster created by Colonia High School Interact Club.)

- Offer a "jeans" day, dress down day, or sport theme day for bringing in donations.

- Collect donations through school clubs, events, athletic competitions, or other activities. Offer free or reduced admission to an event with a donation.

- Create a CANstruction project. Build a structure made from cans and nonperishable packages, and then donate the items. This sailboat was created by students at the Cranbury School in 2013. https://www.canstruction.org/

- Monetary donations to Feeding Middlesex County are also greatly appreciated. For more information Visit www.feedingmiddlesexcounty.org.

- Take photos throughout your collection and share with us. (South River High School Basketball Team turkey drive 2021)

- Utilize social media to promote the collection within your school community, including liking and following the REPLENISH pages on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Tag us in any of your posts.

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