

Embracing Lanesville Families

Many of you are familiar with our ELF program but for those of you that are not here is a little information for you. ELF stands for “Embracing Lanesville Families.” This program was started by Robin Morgan and has continued. This is our 10th year of having ELF. Families of our students who need some additional help during the holiday season apply for ELF. The ELF Committee also helps some families throughout the year with financial struggles as they come up like electric bills, groceries, help during house fires, etc.

During ELF, students will collect money and canned goods. This is a student driven program, were students collect can goods, money, and volunteer time to help with the sorting and packaging of items. The canned goods will be given to families, along with helping stock the Breaking Bread pantry in Lanesville. We usually get thousands of canned goods! The money will go to the ELF fund. Primarily this will be used to shop for the children of the ELF Families. We purchase needed items such as clothing, socks, shoes, etc. We also get them presents for the holidays. The money will also be used to purchase fruit, a turkey, and some other perishables that are given to the families in addition to the canned goods collected. It is a great program where students are able to help families in our community. Any money that is left is kept in the fund to help with bills, as mentioned before. Below is a timeline for our activities planned for this season.

- Now – December 1st Collecting forms for ELF families (Please return ASAP as we shop for our families on December 9th)
- November 27th – December 8th Collecting monetary donations
- November 27th – December 8th Collecting can goods and pantry items (see chart below)

Students may start coming home talking about class incentives or contests going on during this time. We plan on helping as many families as possible and we would like to keep the students involved in the process.

November/December 2017				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27	28	29	30	1
Corn	Soups/Stews	Dessert Mixes	Pasta/Sauce	Snacks
4	5	6	7	8
Green beans	Peanut Butter and Jelly	Peas and Carrots	Cereal	Tissues/Toilet Paper

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Economic times are extremely difficult for many families in our community. Lanesville Community Schools understands this and would like to help! Our school has decided to forgo the usual Christmas gift giving and parties among ourselves and hold our 10th annual ELF celebration for those who many have a special need this season. If you or someone you know in our community is facing a hardship, we are asking that you complete the form below and mail or drop it off at the school to the attention on: Robin Morgan, Counselor, **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH, 2017**. The ELF providing the support will be given only a family number and therefore will not know the names of the families they are embracing. Our hearts are open, so please let us know of your needs.

ELF FAMILY PICK UP WILL BE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

This referral is for _____ My Family _____ Another Family

Can a member of the ELF committee contact you by phone/email? ___yes ___no

Parent(s) name(s) _____

Address _____

Home Phone# _____

Cell Phone# _____

Email _____

Please provide information on the children in the family by completing the reverse side.

ALSO, WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!!!!

If you have been one of our ELF families before please tell us items you like/don't like, items you need more of (toiletries items?). We want to make this project help families with the items that they need the most. If you would like to see any items added or removed from the donation boxes please let us know below.
