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Middletown elementary students donate nutritious food to pantry

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MIDDLETOWN, CT (WFSB) - Students at an elementary school in Middletown did their part to give back to the community on Wednesday.

Students at the Lawrence Elementary School took part in the "Peapod's Kids Give Back Program."

It challenged the students to use a \$250 gift card to get the most nutritious food possible for the Amazing Grace Food Pantry.

Students then helped to unload the groceries.

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Meadowside students gather for a photo after learning about meal planning at the Beth-El Shelter in Milford.

Fifth graders learn about feeding the hungry

Eighteen students from Room 24, a fifth grade class at Meadowside Elementary School, together with parents and chaperones, gathered at the Beth-El Shelter in Milford.

There they were met by the shelter's Executive Director Toni Dolan, who gave the students a talk about people who don't have enough food and how hunger can impact area residents who may or may not suffer from homelessness.

The children learned about some of the important services that are available through the shelter. Some students were surprised to learn that help is just a 2-1-1 phone call away for Connecticut residents:

"I didn't know that they saved beds for veterans who need help," said Sophia, one of the students.

Another student, Tatum, added, "We should take care

of veterans because they take care of us."

The class was greeted by the soup kitchen manager, who gave students a tour of the kitchen. A Peapod truck then arrived, staffed by two Peapod professionals who helped students unload and carry in \$250 in groceries donated to the shelter as part of the Peapod Kids Give Back Program.

The visit was the culminating event of a series of lessons about health, nutrition, budgeting and personal finance that focused on preparing a healthy, balanced meal for up to 50 people and then planning and shopping for the supplies online using Peapod's online service and free recipes.

"The best part was planning the meals," said Aidan, one of the fifth graders.

"It was fun working together in groups to spend

the money and buy the food," added Alexa.

Eliot, another of the fifth graders, explained that the class chose pasta with Italian sausage and spinach, and still had enough money left for barbecue turkey chili and other meals.

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St. Leo students pose in front of the Peapod delivery truck to help unload \$250 in grocery items.

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On Thursday, March 19, after-school students from St. Leo School in Corona, met a Peapod delivery truck at their school to help unload a \$250 grocery item donation they pieced together on behalf of Peapod's Kids Give Back program.

As part of their completion of the program, St Leo School students worked with their teacher Alisha Dorow on the following activities:

budgeted for a week's worth of lunches; online activities on Peapod.com related to identifying protein, grain, fruits and vegetables; best deals — is the larger size always the better deal? (examining unit price) and basics on how to read nutrition labels.

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Math, Nutrition, Community Service At Derby's Irving School

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Students from Derby's Irving School take groceries from a Peapod truck to give to the Connecticut Food Bank Feb. 26.

The fourth-graders were in three separate lines in the Irving School gymnasium Thursday, trying to be as quiet as they could for their teachers.

It wasn't easy.

A Peapod grocery truck had just arrived in the parking lot, and the kids were about to get the chance to unload its bounty.

Equally exciting for the kids — the groceries were going to a worthy cause.

The hands-on learning event was part of Peapod's "Kids Give Back" program. It's a five-year-old program designed to teach kids

about nutrition, managing a budget and giving back to the community.

Peapod is a company customers use to order groceries online, and then have the trucks deliver to their homes. Locally, Peapod teams with Stop & Shop.

Using a \$250 donation from Peapod, Irving School students placed a delivery order online — with an emphasis on good nutrition.

The groceries were then donated to the Connecticut Food Bank, per the wishes of the Irving students.

Irving School fourth grade teacher Frank Briganti said students used math and technology skills as part of the program.

"This came with a whole math lesson, nutrition labels, and how to read decimals and fractions. There was a lot of math involved," Briganti said.

Each student carried a bag filled with food from the Peapod truck to a car from the Connecticut Food Bank.

"This was a good opportunity for the kids to experience how to buy healthy food and to budget their spending," Briganti said.

When asked if it feels good to give to the community, the entire fourth grade shouted "yes" in unison and clapped their hands to applaud themselves on a good job done.

January 16, 2015

Peapod's Kids Give Back program

Students from Pond Hill Elementary School in Wallingford, have just completed a special program called Kids Give Back on behalf of Peapod, donating \$600 in groceries to a nearby food bank in advance of the holidays.

Peapod's Kids Give Back Program is designed to teach students about nutrition, shopping on a budget, and how to use this knowledge to give back to local food banks.

Peapod.com, the country's leading online grocer,

challenged the six participating classrooms to use a \$600 donation from Peapod to create a delivery order of the most nutritious foods possible.

The students used nutrition and budgeting lessons to put together a complete Peapod.com order that they later helped unload from a Peapod delivery truck at Master's Manna in advance of the holidays.

Leading up to this event, a representative from local food pantry Master's Manna also visited the six

classrooms at Pond Hill School to speak to the students about food insecurity and the ways the community can help neighbors in need in partnership with the pantry.

As a local business, Peapod is committed to helping its neighbors in need. Moreover, Peapod is pleased to encourage the next generation to give back to the community and help instill healthy eating and budgeting lessons at an early age through their Kids Give Back program.

