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## NHS Food Drive Exceeds Its Goal

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The community of Arnold is amazing. It comes together to support neighbors in more ways than can be imagined. Community members have once again supported the National Honor Society’s Local Food Drive. The NHS set a steep goal of 1,200 items for students and \$500.00 for teachers. It didn’t seem possible, but the goal was not only met, but smashed. Students and community members donated over 2,000 food items and/or cash donations. The APS staff raised \$925.00. That is simply amazing!!

Community members helped in the drive not only donating at the elementary music program, but also purchasing items and leaving them at Reed’s Food Center. DanDee Wonch, the local food pantry coordinator, was astonished. She said, “Thank you so much for helping and encouraging the students and the community to get behind the food pantry drive! I’m amazed and overwhelmed by everyone’s generosity. It is simply wonderful!” She continued, “... because of this amazing gift, we’re going to open up the pantry a second time for December on the 21st from 10-11. That is



National Honor Society members pose in front of the over 2,000 items of food raised for the local pantry during their annual drive. Standing (back row): Hayden Myers, Eli Rogers, Crew Witthuhn, Malachi Neth, and Elijah Cool; Kneeling (middle row): Madelyn Logsdon, Brook Bierman, Piper Strasburg, Ivy Tullis, Anna Tullis, Ella Cool, Jade Bierman, Danielle Duponcheel; Sitting (front row): Ethan Furne, Réalta Leach, Taylor Hanna-Miles, Danah Baldwin, Riata Remund, Josie Christensen, and AJ Starr. - Courtesy photo

only possible because of you all!”

The timing for the extra pantry day meant those in need would have items for the Christmas season. Students worked hard

to meet the goal, partly in hopes that they would earn an extra day of Christmas break. To celebrate the students exceeding both the food drive goal and expectations on

testing, administration surprised students by dismissing for Christmas break on Wednesday, December 18th.

The NHS members did not stop working after

collecting items though. They rallied to get the items to the food pantry and stock its shelves. The community support and the work NHS members behind the scenes also

helped ensure items were ready for families and seniors in need. Please feel free to contact local ministry or the food pantry if you need assistance this season.

## Button Project Generates Donation to Vets Memorial

Patriotic buttons that were being sold throughout the school and community has raised \$183.00 for the Veterans Memorial Project. Interact member Eli Rogers came up with the idea and had plenty of help with his project.

“Interact had a meeting the Sunday before the Veterans Day program, and I knew I wanted to do something to donate to the project. That’s when I remembered the buttons that (art teacher) Mrs. Bergland sold two years ago. I asked her if she had anything left over that we could use,” said Eli.

Mrs. Bergland and her classes helped make the buttons that started selling for a \$1.00 each the day before the vets program. Piper Strasburg, Angel Mills, Anna Tullis, Danielle Duponcheel, and Taylor Hanna-Miles helped sell them.

“It was just a spur-of-the-moment project that we hoped would come together quickly, and thanks to Mrs. Bergland, it did,” said Eli.



With money coming from a spur-of-the-moment Rotary Interact project, junior Eli Rogers presents a check to Am. Legion member Mike Harvey for the veterans memorial. - Courtesy photo

## Decking the Halls

Grades 6-12 present concert



(Pictured, right) Madie Logsdon sings “Silver Bells” and the 7th thru 12th grade band gets set to perform at the December 16 middle and high school Christmas concert. Titled “Deck the Halls,” the concert was directed by Tonya Welch. - Jessica Tickle photos

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