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Deputy Mayor John A. Bell Gives an A+ to the Students of St. Peter and St. Paul’s School for Assisting the Local Food Bank

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Deputy Mayor John A. Bell attended at St. Peter St. Paul’s School to see first-hand the outstanding volunteer efforts of the students in making the lives of local food bank recipients just a little brighter. The St. Peter and St. Paul’s students organized and participated in a school food drive to donate much needed non-perishable food to the Durham Food Bank.

“This is another program that crosses all generations and it is great to see as many different age groups chipping in to help out,” said Mayor Kevin Eccles.

Photo submitted by Narda Elvidge

“On behalf of West Grey Council, I am extending our most sincere gratitude to the Students of St. Peter and St. Paul’s School for assisting the West Grey residents by providing essential food to the Durham Food Bank,” said Deputy Mayor John A. Bell.

As a uniform school, it is a big deal for the students to have a dress down day. St. Peter and St. Paul’s School has dress down day twice a month and the students are requested to bring in a non-perishable food item to support the food bank in order to have the privilege to dress down. In an effort to keep the project interesting, a Christmas tree was built out of the canned goods. Principal Coburn told the students that whatever number of canned items they brought in, she would match and the school would present it to the food bank as part of their community partnership. The students brought in 373 items and with the Principal’s matched items, there was
a total of 746 non-perishable food items donated to the Durham Food Bank. In the latest effort, Principal Coburn challenged the students to bring in a food item in payment to get their photo taken.

“Our students know they can make a difference and we will continue this community partnership with the food bank,” said Theresa Coburn, Principal, St. Peter and St. Paul’s School.

At Inaugural Meeting of this Council, a choir of St. Peter and St. Paul’s School students participated by singing at the event. During the Inaugural, Mayor Kevin Eccles challenged the students to determine the local community organization where they wished their West Grey donation to be direct. It wasn’t long before the students communicated back to the Mayor that the $50.00 donation be directed to the Durham Food Bank.

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