

Good deeds don't go unnoticed



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Middle school assistant principal Arthur Lisi reminds a Feinstein student to continue performing good deeds as he walks through the halls between classes.

Students at Feinstein get rare reward from faculty

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COVENTRY – The deal was, if the students at the Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School met the goal of donating 8,000 imperishable food items to donate to the food bank, Principal Jennifer Roy would color her hair red, Assistant Principal Danny Smith would grow his hair until June and then let the top five winners cut it, Assistant Principal Arthur Lisi would dress up and school behavioral specialist Kim Sturdahl agreed to not speak for four days.

Well, since students well exceeded their goal and donated 12,000 items, the administration had to make good on their promise and walked through the halls and endure the giggles and surprised faces of students as they made their way from class to class Thursday, a day before Christmas break.

“Oh my God,” said one student as she covered her mouth in disbelief.

The food drive began right after Thanksgiving and within the first three days Roy said it was already beyond what she imagined.

“The kids took to it and were unbelievable,” she said as she ran her hands through her red locks. “The



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generosity in this school is incredible. It's really a family school and it just reiterates why I love being here. I've been told that red hair paint is hard to get out when if your hair is blond so I guess I'll be sportin' red hair for Christmas!"

Lisi, who is at least six feet tall, dressed as Glenda from the Wizard of Oz. "She" waved her wand over the good boys and girls and told them to get to class on time.

"I'm Glinda because I wanted to teach the parable that when students come to school, they're coming to a place that looks big and scary but they have the power within themselves to do the right thing, make positive changes and be the kind of person they want to be."

Sturdahl had her mini white board to write things down along with a bell she rung if she had a comment or direction to give.

She walked around with a sad face as Roy and the other administrators addressed her but she was only able to respond by writing "I can't talk" on her board.

The food drive is done each year at the middle school and is part of the Feinstein



good deeds program.

Lisi said the staff's goal on a daily basis is to teach the students to respond to the needs of others and the students at this middle school are amazing every time.

This pay-back day, Thursday, was on the same day as the school's holiday concert where the band and chorus performed for all grades and where another congratulations on a job well done was offered to every student for their role in the drive.

The top five winners of the food drive were Hailey McAteer from Jamaica Team with 200 cans, Natalie Furtado from Olympus Team with 203 cans, Jared Brennan from Olympus Team with 241 cans, Dennis Sewchuk from the Inferno Team with 471 cans and top can-getter Andrea Gustafson from the Tahiti Team with 768 cans.



In the photo above, members of Coventry's Feinstein Middle School band play at a special concert to celebrate the raising of over 12,000 cans in a recent canned food drive.

LEFT: (L-R) Assistant Principal Danny Smith, Behavioral Specialist Kim Sturdahl, Principal Jennifer Roy and Assistant Principal Arthur Lisi pose for a picture during the day they fulfilled their promises to students.

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