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Lauren Medeiros (front, from left), Cameron Henderson, Drew Strychasz, Nick Piccolli, Julie Jadach, Morgan Neilson, Sam Costa, Janet Mansour (back, from left), Lora Palys, Crystal Warner, Tayla Manson, Marissa Yanno, Kyah Eldred, Jenn Furtado, Judy Almy-Coutu and Kerri Potvin from the Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School of Coventry held a pancake breakfast fundraiser to help pay for field trips and other school activities.

Kids pull off pancake breakfast

On Saturday, Nov. 8, students and teachers from the Sapphire team at Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School of Coventry hosted family and friends for a breakfast fundraiser.

With the help of Applebee's personnel, students and teachers served a pancake breakfast to more than 200 people in a two-hour time span.

"Troy Lyons, Applebee's manager, was extremely accommodating and hospitable for allowing us to use his facility," said Janet Mansour, the team math teacher who organized the event with help from Judy Almy-Coutu, the team social studies teacher; Elizabeth Corlie, team science teacher; Lora Palys, team English teacher; and Kerrie Potvin, team resource teacher.

"This is a great example of school and community partnership," Mansour said.

Students on the Sapphire team sold tickets for the breakfast for \$5 each. The money raised will be used to offset the cost of field trips, team activities, and service learning projects, said Mansour.

The Sapphire team consists of 102 students, Mansour said, many of whom were very enthusiastic about volunteering as workers for the event. Twelve students were selected randomly to fill specific roles at the breakfast such as hosting, waiting on guests and busing tables.

"Having never done this before, and with very little training, students did a super job and showed great teamwork," Mansour said.