

Needham Food Pantry Food Drive - November 27th thru December 8th.. Flyer attached on next slide.

Food Insecurity is a massive problem in Massachusetts. Boston.com states, "Just 19% of all Massachusetts households experienced food insecurity in 2019.

This jumped to 30% in 2020, 32% in 2021, and 33% in 2022", and Project Bread states that "In Massachusetts, the rate of food insecurity is approaching its May 2020 pandemic peak". This problem is one that we have to face together. That's why I'm helping to lead a Food Drive in collaboration with Project 351, a state-wide organization based on civic-service initiatives in each town in Massachusetts, with the donations being donated to our own Needham Food Pantry run by the Needham Community Council. The Needham Food Pantry, quote, "helps to put food on the table of over 600 Needham residents". By donating food, no matter how large or how small the donation, you will be helping to limit the effects of food insecurity in the town of Needham.

Between the days of Monday, November 27th, and Friday, December 8th, donation boxes will be available in the Pollard Main Lobby, where you will be able to drop off donations between those days of the food drive. Donating anything, even a single can, will have a huge impact so long as everyone donates something!

See the attached flyer for more information. Only together can we curb the impact of Food Insecurity in our community!

Email mab261@students.needham.k12.ma.us, or vat281@students.needham.k12.ma.us with any questions! Thank you!

NEEDHAM FOOD PANTRY FOOD DRIVE!

November 27th - December 8th



MOST REQUESTED ITEMS:



Cooking Oil, Coffee, Tea, Canned Peas & Corn, Tuna, Sugar & Flour, Ketchup, Real Mayonaise, Protein Bars, Trail Mix, Salad Dressing, Jam

ANY DONATION HELPS PEOPLE WHO NEED IT THE MOST! ALL DONATIONS GO TO THE NEEDHAM FOOD PANTRY

Email Marco Barbosa at mab261@students.needham.k12.ma.us with questions

Drop off donations to the cardboard box labeled with this poster in the Pollard main lobby!





WINTER SPORTS 2023-2024

Scan this QR for detailed information about Winter Sports!!

Sign up NOW for Performance Dance, Wrestling & Basketball!!!

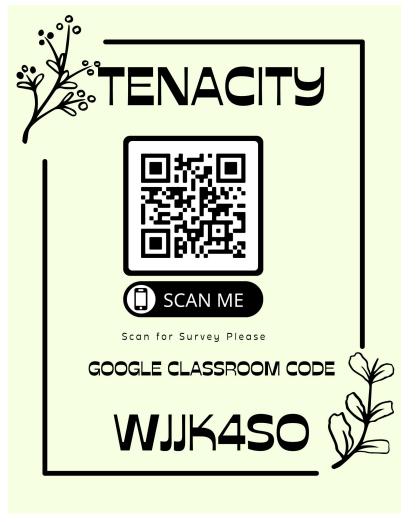


Morning Announcers Wanted!

The Main Office is still looking for *Monday Morning Announcers!*If you would like to add your name to the list email Ms. Leavitt @ maureen leavitt@needham.k12.ma.us or drop by the Main Office and let her know!



Tenacity Challenge Community is meeting next Thursday, Nov 16 at 2:50 in room 286. Please join Google classroom and look for announcements!



Out Door, Club



More Clubs!

Games Club



Meetings next week!

PEAT

Stay tuned for details!

Next Pollard Wellness Club Meeting is on Wednesday, November 15th at 2:50 in Room 278. Join to learn more about our upcoming Mental Health and Leadership Skills training. 8th grade opportunity to earn your CSL hours!



Calling All Writers!



Are you secretly (or not-so-secretly) writing a novel in your spare time? Would you like to challenge yourself to write more, and connect with other writers? If so, we'd love to have you join us for National Novel Writing Month!

What's that? National Novel Writing Month takes place during the month of November. You set yourself a word-count goal and write as much as you can in 30 days.

What does it mean to join? You'll receive a code to join the Pollard NaNoWriMo group. Then you'll have opportunities to meet after school with other Pollard writers--or just keep working away at your goal.

Interested? Contact Ms. Wilfrid (<u>Karen_Wilfrid@needham.k12.ma.us</u>) or Ms. Evans (<u>Jen_Evans@needham.k12.ma.us</u>) for information on how to join.



Wednesday, November 22 - No School - Professional Development Thursday, November 23 - 24 - No School - Thanksgiving Recess