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Lake City students and faculty planning 'Empty Bowl' event to benefit Second Harvest

Lake City Elementary School faculty and students will host an "empty bowls" soup supper to benefit Second Harvest Food Bank.

The event is open to the public, and is set for Friday, Jan. 15, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the school, located at 402 Lindsay Street in Lake City.

All students from kindergarten through fifth grade have created ceramic bowls to help raise money for charity. Students have the choice to either donate their bowls to the school to be sold to members of the community on the night of the supper or donate \$5 to keep their own bowl.

The teachers also have created their own ceramic bowls for a silent auction to be held during the supper.

Principal John Derek Faulconer and Assistant Principal Lynn Ward also have created "masterpieces" to be auctioned off, as well.

Art teacher Allison Penn masterminded the project based on the same project that she created at this time last year for the University of Tennessee Art Department.

“For many in our school system – students and staff alike – understanding of the support Second Harvest needs comes from personal experience and observation,” said Anderson County Schools’ Director of Communications Karen Bridgeman.

More than 350 of the 470 students enrolled at LCES are registered for the SNAP free- and reduced-price breakfast and lunch program, or approximately 75% of the student body, Bridgeman explained.

A significant number also are beneficiaries of the Second Harvest weekend backpack program, which sends food home on Friday with kids whose need for food may not be fully met before school begins again on Monday morning, she said.

“We hope the community will join us for this event,” Bridgeman said. “It provides a unique opportunity to be part of a special evening.”

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