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School District 2 announces the 10th anniversary of the Fill the Bus Food Drive Campaign!

What started as a small idea ten years ago to help those in need has grown into Southeast NB's largest food drive. Students, staff and community have started their 10th campaign this month. The goal is to fill several "Big Yellow" school buses with non perishable food items for food banks and soup kitchens in our communities. The Fill the Bus pick up day is scheduled for Thursday December 17th.

Last year as the buses pulled up to the Food Depot it was clear to see that this was the most food collected in 9 years. Some buses had to go back once emptied to make room for more food! The final count was well over 21,000 pounds of food for our local food banks. The school competition heated up with Bernice MacNaughton collecting more than 4500 pounds of food! Organizer Aubrey Kirkpatrick states "We really have so much to be thankful for in our lives and it has been a wonderful teaching opportunity to help our students understand the importance of giving and to realize there are real hunger issues in our own communities."

"The people at the Depot are so happy you can see the joy radiating from their faces as they realize the amount of food arriving for Christmas and into the new year" says BMHS Student Taylor Tweedie. On the 17th several yellow school buses will be dispatched to cover all of our participating schools. All donations will be distributed back to the local community food banks by the Food Depot well into the New Year when food collection is most difficult.

Everyone can contribute to Fill the Bus by dropping their non perishable food items at your local District 2 school or at the District 2 office located at 1077 St. George Blvd. in Moncton. Food donations collected by our business community or service organizations can also be picked up by contacting 856-3616 prior to the 17th.

Food DEPOT Alimentaire is a registered non-profit charity that services more than 20 food banks, community kitchens and agencies in southeastern New Brunswick. The Food Depot is a strong advocate for the poor and working poor, as well as for the agencies serviced by providing food distribution, fundraising and food collection. Food DEPOT Alimentaire has been in operation for more than 20 years

Christmas is a great time for giving; let's celebrate the season by breaking all the records for our 10th anniversary of Fill the Bus!!!

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"FILLING THE BUS"!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!