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Wheatland Crossing Students go Hungry for 30 Hours, Band Together to Support the Wheatland County Food Bank

Over the past few years, a lot of things have happened that have changed our world, but one of them that remains constant is there are people around the world, as well as in our own communities, who face the realities of food insecurity. This is the reason why Wheatland Crossing's Student Council has chosen to "focus on the local" this year by supporting the Wheatland County Food Bank.

Our Student Council has chosen to revive our own 30 Hour Famine, a popular event for grade 9-12 students that we previously ran for nearly a decade, raising well over \$10,000 to support both local and international food issues. The event focuses not just on raising money, but also awareness of hunger issues and food insecurity in our communities and broader world. Our Student Council's goal is 30 for 30, where we hope to have at least 30 students fundraise at least \$30 each in donations, which would get us over halfway to our goal of \$1500, which this year will go entirely to the Wheatland County Food Bank.

The Wheatland County Food bank has been serving our communities since 1990, and each year distributes approximately 800 hampers to families and individuals in our area. While food banks often receive a large portion of food for hampers, there are still items such as meat, vegetables, milk, and eggs that must be purchased. They also do more than just provide hampers for families, and work with the Christmas Hampers Program that provides local schools with food for children in need as well as supporting new mothers at risk by supplying food items.

On May 5th and 6th our students will be joining together in a collective effort to help others, and to try to make our world just a little bit better starting at home. As part of the Famine, students in grades 9-12 who have chosen to participate will give up their phones and food starting early Thursday morning until Friday at 8AM. Those students will spend a night at the school for our famine sleepover, where they will learn more about the need for local and global food solutions and participate in a variety of student and teacher led activities.

Thank you to all of those who are supporting us. With your help we know that we will reach and surpass our goal for this year. If you would like to support our efforts donations can be dropped off at our front office or e-transfers can be sent to wheatlandcrossing@ghsd75.ca prior to May 12th. ***please include "30 Hour Famine" in the memo***