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*100 days of learning celebration
includes charity at Ox Ridge*

**School-wide effort leads to large
donation for Person-to-Person**

As part of the school-wide celebration of 100 days of learning, Ox Ridge Elementary School students turned their efforts to support a local organization.

Each grade - Kindergarten through Grade 5 - was challenged to collect 100 of the same food item in each classroom. The items were then donated to Person-to-Person, a community-supported agency that provides emergency assistance for basic needs, and support for individuals and families as they move towards stability, according to their website. Person-to-Person has a Post Road location in Darien.

The school-wide effort exceeded the goal, according to Jenny Trifiatis, a Kindergarten teacher and this year's organizer. In all, 2,200 items were donated to Person-to-Person.

“We had so much that they had to make two trips because their van was not big enough,” said Trifiatis. “This is especially a good time since food banks are running low after the holidays.”

The donated food items included:
Kindergarten - mac and cheese; Grade 1 - hearty soups; Grade 2 - oatmeal; Grade 3 - hygiene products, such as toothpaste, soap, and shampoo; Grade 4 - boxed crackers; and

Grade 5 - boxed pasta.

Ox Ridge has been participating in this type of collection for a number of years, said Trifiatis.

“The children need to understand that there are families that do not have enough to eat. We need to be able to help them,” said Trifiatis. “It is important to help and support our community in any way possible.”

For questions about this publication, please contact Marc Marin, District Director of Instructional Technology

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