



What is a Winter Care Box?

Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa.... the season of giving is here again. Several years ago, two Bellview parents, Allison Hamik and Serena Robinson, began a school wide effort to offer support to Bellview families dealing with financial challenges during the holiday season. The PTO purchases bins, turkeys and some household items while Allison and Serena organize food, toiletry and gift collections from classrooms and parents

This is a truly meaningful tradition at Bellview. If you are able, please contribute to you student's classroom bin, or, take a gift tag from the "Giving Tree" in the front lobby, and purchase a gift that will be greatly appreciated. **See below for more detailed information.**

The Winter Care Box project began six years ago as a way for Bellview families to lend a little extra support and holiday cheer and help each other during the holiday season. Last year, we joyfully provided 36 Bellview families and 78 kids with some extra love for their winter break. We are a group of generous and caring families and this is the perfect season to spread good cheer to many of our families.

Each family selected for the project (confidentially) receives a box full of all the fixings for a complete holiday meal along with gifts for the children. The boxes are delivered the week before Winter Break.

Each classroom is responsible for collecting 2 of the care box items from the student's in the class. There is a collection box outside each classroom. In the Bellview lobby, we have a Giving Tree, where gift tags are hung for Parents or other adults to take to buy a child's gift. Tags will have the gender and age of the child, along with some holiday wishes. Gifts should be wrapped and turned in to the office with the original tag attached. **All food and gift items need to be turned in by Friday December 13th.**

The average cost of an entire Care Box is \$65. If you would like to sponsor a family by contributing that amount, that is another way of giving. Any extra donations of money or items are also welcome. You can also purchase a turkey for a family. Just remove a turkey tag from the tree and tie it to the frozen turkey when you deliver it to Bellview.

Have questions or ideas to help? Please contact:

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Kindergarten: 2-4 kid tooth brushes, 1-2 kid toothpaste
Anderson: 2-3 Bottles SPARKLING cider (not juice)
Eddington: 10 lb. bag potatoes, 2-4 packets "Lawry" turkey gravy
Blakeslee: 2 boxes candy canes, 2 bags holiday candy
Gardener: 2-4 kids shampoo, 2-3 packages girl's hair elastics
Palmesano: 10 lb. bag potatoes, 1 bag dinner rolls
Gates: 2-4 kids hairbrushes, 2-4 kid's bath soap
Preskenis: 2-4 cranberry sauce (not jelly), 2-4 cans green beans
Davis: 2-4 cans green beans, 2-4 cans sweet potatoes/yams
Schmeling: 2-4 boxes Stove Top stuffing, 1-2 boxes kid band-aids
Hansen: 2-4 boxes Stove Top stuffing, 2-4 gravy packets (Lawry)

