“SHARE THE HARVEST” THANKSGIVING DINNER AND FALL FESTIVAL

Dear MVUSD Family,

The 5th Annual “Share the Harvest” Thanksgiving Dinner and Fall Festival event is on Saturday, November 23rd from 12:00 – 6:00 pm. Last year we fed approximately 2000 people in the Ram’s Den, gave away over 250 complete Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes (including a frozen turkey) to feed a whole family, and donated additional nonperishable food items, frozen turkeys, and cooked food to local food pantries and meal centers (locations like the Salvation Army, Senior Food Bank, Project Hope, etc.). This fed another 3000 people easily!

Thanks to the support that came from you, our MVUSD family, Murrieta Mesa High School is able to provide this wonderful event for our community. It was amazing to have food drives at the middle and elementary schools in addition to the high schools and without a team effort we would not have been able to feed over 5000 people. The amazing groups of staff members from all levels and most sites that created complete take-home dinner boxes were inspiring and prove that those who work in our district are selfless and have huge hearts. The people who received these gifts were overwhelmed with emotion and expressed their gratitude joyfully. So, we are officially kicking off our canned and non-perishable food drive Tuesday, October 15 and once again ask for your help!!!

The items we need the most are those that help provide the meal cooked on our campus and to be given away in the take-home boxes during the event. We need the following items:

* Canned Green Beans
* Canned Corn
* Boxed Instant Mashed Potatoes
* Boxed Instant Turkey Stuffing
* Turkey Gravy
* Canned Cranberry Sauce
* Canned Olives
* Canned Sweet Potatoes
* Frozen Pies/Fresh Pies (Fresh Pies can be donated on the 20th – 22nd only)
* Turkeys

(Of course we will take all canned and non-perishable food items and donate them to the local food banks.)

If you would rather make a financial donation we can accommodate that as well. Donations can be sent to the bookkeeper at the Murrieta Mesa High School campus with checks made out to “Share the Harvest” or you can go to the MMHS website home page, click on the Rams Online Store Link and then click on “Share the Harvest” to make an online donation with a credit card. All donations go directly to purchasing turkeys and other food items specifically for this event.

Don’t forget that this is a “FREE” community event and everyone is invited. All community members need to attend so we can really have fellowship and celebrate our thanks in a community fashion. We also have entertainment and the Fall Festival in the gym for the kids with over 30 student groups, clubs, and athletic teams providing games, activities, and crafts throughout the event. Please spread the word to everyone you know and help make this the best “Share the Harvest” event to date.

Thank you,

Michael Stowe

Chairman of “Share the Harvest Thanksgiving Dinner and Fall Festival”