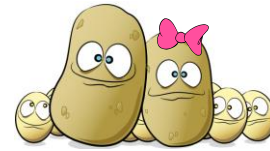




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2012 February Potato Blitz: *Community Learning at its Best!*

Dear Educator,

Share the gift of food with those in need and share the gift of learning with your students by having your class become involved with House of Friendship's 2012 February Potato Blitz. Your class participates by collecting potatoes for those in need and in turn will receive a complimentary educational resource package to use in your classroom.

What is the Potato Blitz?

The Potato Blitz Campaign focuses community efforts on sharing the gift of food with our neighbours in need by collecting potatoes and donations throughout the month of February (please see the enclosed flyer). *Why potatoes?* Each year the House of Friendship uses over 200,000 pounds of potatoes in its emergency food hampers and meals.

How Can Your Class Become Involved?

It's easy! **Register your class with House of Friendship by contacting admin@houseoffriendship.org** Pick a date during the month of the campaign and invite students and teachers to bring in potatoes; House of Friendship can arrange to pick them up. Blitz mascots, Spuddy and Sweet Potato may even stop by. Potatoes will go to House of Friendship's Emergency Food Hamper program feeding local families.

Educational Resources For Each Class Registered!

House of Friendship is excited to introduce this year's Education Partner for its 2012 February Potato Blitz Campaign – Ontario Agri-Food Education Inc. (OAFE) - a registered charity that provides agri-food related educational resources and programs that are linked to the Ontario curriculum.

OAFE has partnered with House of Friendship to provide complimentary education resources for classes that participate in the annual February Potato Blitz.

When you register your Potato Blitz Drive, OAFE will send you a complimentary classroom resource package. The resources, which have teacher guides including lesson plans and rubrics, are linked to the Ontario curriculum and connect to several subjects. Subjects include; Social Studies, Science and Technology, Social Studies & Humanities, Mathematics, History, Geography, Technology, Language, Health and Healthy Eating.

Early Bird Special!

The first FIVE classes to register (limit one per school) will also have the opportunity to have a visit from an OAFE Teacher Ambassador!! The visit will provide a grade appropriate curriculum-linked agri-food based lesson (topic and time to be confirmed with the class teacher).

February is fast-approaching. Register your Potato Drive today. *What better way to get children involved in their community while adding to their learning experience and fun?*

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