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# NEWS RELEASE

## **Students raise poverty awareness with Empty Bowls**

### ***Lord Nelson School supports Winnipeg Harvest at ESD Symposium May 15***

A bowl with nothing inside it can say a lot to students at Lord Nelson School.

Students at the elementary school in northwest Winnipeg will help raise awareness about poverty – and money for Winnipeg Harvest to feed hungry families – at their first-ever Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Symposium, open to students, their families and the community.

**When: Thursday, May 15 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**Where: Lord Nelson School, 820 McPhillips Street, Winnipeg**

Students will sell soup they have made for a suggested donation of \$2 per bowl (maximum \$5 per family), and give away clay bowls they have sculpted, painted, then fired in the school's kiln. The bowls will be left empty as a reminder of all the people in the world who have little or no food to eat.

The event will be led by a group of Grade 6 students who have been working to help Winnipeg Harvest reach Goal 2020, which aims to reduce the number of Winnipeggers who need food banks by half by the year 2020.

“This group and our entire school has adopted Winnipeg Harvest as an organization that we value. We have done food drives, silver collections, sock, hat and mitt collections, and the students have made bracelets to sell,” says Grade 4 teacher Monique Russell, the school's Education for Sustainable Development leader.

In addition to the fundraiser, the ESD Symposium will feature student entertainment and artwork, plus interactive displays from local environmental organizations to promote services available to families.

“One of the highlights of the evening will be the student engagement. Cultural educator Ko'ona Cochrane will be leading our Lord Nelson Indigenous Drummers group,” said Principal Sandra Intrater.

“We work together to encourage students to be critical thinkers and problem solvers. They know their efforts can make a difference, and as a community we know it's important to share with other families in need, and that each person contributing a little bit has a huge impact for those less fortunate,” added Russell.

Winnipeg School Division Art Consultant Joe Halas helped Lord Nelson “get the ball rolling” by visiting classrooms, helping teachers develop understanding and skills capacities about the Division's Visual Arts Framework, and working hands-on with the students, said Lord Nelson's Vice-Principal, Amy Karlinsky.

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