



# St Pius X School

## "A Feinsein Leadership School"

"Helping to better the lives of others is the greatest of all achievements."

Mr. Alan Shawn Feinstein

### Annual Feinsein Food Drives

The St. Pius X School Feinsein Jr. Scholars conducted food drives during the months of October and December.

The first drive, "World Series Cereal Drive", held during the week of the MLB World Series Championship, students donated boxes of cereal

to benefit the Johnnycake Center of Westerly. A total of 117 boxes were transported to the center by school parent Keith Tremblay.

Our second drive was a Thanksgiving food drive. Some items collected included cans

of soup, tuna, and vegetables, as well as boxes of pasta, rice, and cereal. The Johnnycake Center of Westerly was again the recipient of the food. Mr. Tremblay and Mr. Lenny Dudley, our Feinsein Jr. Scholar parents, brought the items to the center. Thank you!

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"As a Feinsein Leadership School, we are committed to teaching our students to be caring to one another."



## Classroom Feinsein Projects

**Pre-K 3** — On October 29th, the class went to The Elms, in their Halloween costumes, for a Fall performance. The residents really enjoyed seeing the children! Then in November, the class made a get-well card and offered special prayers for a classmate who had surgery.

**Pre-K 4**— During October, the class visited the residents of The Elms to do a project. They returned another day to share their Halloween costumes and sing songs. In November, the class made cards of thanks for their families. In December, the class returned to the Elms to sing Christmas songs and share good cheer for the residents.

**Grade K**— For the month of October, the class created autumn scarecrow cards for the parish shut-ins. For the same parishioners, in November, the children made Thanksgiving cards. Decorated paper Christmas trees were brought to the shut-ins during December.

**Grade 1**— For their October Good Deed, the first graders collected blankets and towels for the Westerly Animal Shelter. During November, the class collected gently used hats, mittens, and scarves for the Johnnycake Center. For the month of December, the students decorated and wrote Christmas cards for a local nursing home.

**Grade 2**— Throughout the month of October, the students collected items which they donated to the Westerly Animal Shelter. For the month of November, the class prayed for the poor, the sick, the homeless, and service members, especially those far from home. The second graders are currently collecting money for the organization "Pennies for Peace."

**Grade 3**—The children made greeting cards for the nursing home residents of the Westerly Health Center and delivered them on their first visit on October 27th. This is an annual activity as part of the Building Bridges program which bridges the generation gap with the young and the elderly. The students returned to the Health Center in November. This time they brought cornucopias to share with the residents and together they made a turkey project. For their December visit, the students made angel ornaments for the residents. The students and residents sang Christmas carols. The third graders also helped the first grade class make angel ornaments.

**Grade 4**— For November, the students made cards for the residents of the Westerly Health Center. They also wrote them notes of cheer and encouragement. During December, the class designed bookmarks for their

friends at the Westerly Adult Day Care Center. Then they created Christmas cards for the patients at the Westerly Health Center.

**Grade 5**—Beginning in September and throughout October, the class constructed a quilt from the school for Father Ray's anniversary present. All members pitched in using tracing, measuring, cutting, pinning, or sewing skills. For November, the class gave up their free time to volunteer to help Mr. Fiore collate and staple the school newspaper ensuring its timely delivery! In December, the fifth grade class volunteered to help the third graders make Christmas gifts for their families.

**Grade 7**— During the month of October, the seventh graders worked together with Miss Cindy's Pre-K 4 class on their Religion "seeds" projects.

**Grade 8**—During October, the students made an enormous get-well card for Mrs. Forcier, who is recovering from a fall. The students decorated the card with flowers and get-well messages. The students also began a penny collecting campaign to raise money for W.A.R.M. This activity continued throughout November and December.

## School Wide Feinsein Good Deed Projects

For Veteran's Day this year, the students sent letters and pictures of thanks to military service members through the "Serve" program.

During Spirit Week, on "Fun Day", the Feinsein Jr. Scholars raised \$159.00 for the W.A.R.M. Shelter by donating

a dollar to wear a crazy hat or crazy socks.

On "Community Day", the Feinsein Jr. Scholars collected new hats, socks, and gloves for the Big Brothers and Big Sisters Foundation.

The middle school students ended Spirit Week with a dance

at the church hall. To be admitted to the dance, the students contributed canned goods. The canned goods, which filled five grocery bags, were donated to St. Pius X Church for their monthly food drive.

## Perennial Patch

Our Feinsein Good Deeds program kicked off in September. We do several projects that continue throughout the year.

**Can Pull Tabs**—these are collected for the Ronald McDon-

ald House.

**Cancelled or new stamps**—collected for the Franciscan Missions in Wisconsin. These stamps are sold to help missionaries stamp out poverty by providing food, clothing,

and housing for the poor.

**General Mills Box Tops**—these box tops help us earn new equipment for our school.

Thanks to all Feinsein Jr. Scholars and their families for their help collecting these items!

## St. Pius X School Receives a Feinsein Grant

This December, Mr. Feinsein recognized St. Pius X School for our ongoing participation as a Feinsein Leadership School. The school received a gift from Mr. Feinsein of \$5000.00 for our dedication to his program and the needy in our community. The intention of the grant is to establish a relief fund at our school for sudden needs within the community. Mr. Feinsein hopes that students and/or others in the community will add to this fund in the future. Mr. Fiore explained that t

the fund will be used as tuition and lunch assistance for needy families.

In December, Mr. Feinsein visited our Feinsein Jr. Scholars here at St. Pius X School.

He gave an enthusiastic, motivational speech to encourage the students to do their good deeds. This is our eleventh year of participation in the program.



## Random Acts of Kindness

The halls of our school are filled with Feinstein Jr. Scholars who were "caught being good." Among the students are:

**Chase Collins**, Pre-K 3, Cheered up a friend who missed her mom, by reading her a story.

**Michael Mancini**, grade 2, picked up paper towels from the floor.

**Victoria Toriello**, grade 2, picked up a classmate's paper that had fallen off his desk.

**Caleb Lupinacci**, **Evan Marley**, **Connor Sheldon** and **Jaycee Valdez**, grade 2, cleaned up the paper towels from the boys' room floor.

**Peter Fiore**, grade 4, shared his supplies with a fellow classmate.

**John Mancini**, grade 5, helped a student to better understand an assignment.

**Zoe Johnson**, Pre-K 3, helped a friend who was having trouble putting a puzzle back together.

**Will Hamburger**, Pre-K 4, helped to gently wake a friend and put away the friend's rest items.

**David Bilotto** and **Rachael Anhalt**, grade 2, picked up paper towels off the floor.

**Morgan DeSarro**, grade K, helped a classmate unbutton her coat.

**Emma Trombino**, grade 1, gave a book to a friend who wanted it instead of taking it for herself.

**Caitlin Curran**, grade 1, helped a friend clean up after morning recess.

**Jessica McClain**, grade 2, gave her "silly band" bracelet to a classmate who was sad because her new "silly band"

had broken.

**Emily Vocatura**, grade 2, offered to help a classmate clean her desk when time was short.

**Matthew Lennon**, grade 5, brought in a package of ping-pong balls for the class mini-table.

**Ryan King**, grade 8, Took down the chairs in the morning without being asked.

**Mariah King**, grade 5, brought in supplies for the class to make their own "weeples" during free time. She also instructed the class on how to stitch eyes onto their craft.

**Anna-Maria D'Ambra**, grade 5, shared her colored clay with the rest of the class.

**Jessica Kampfer**, grade 6, helped clean up the girls' room.

**Sarah Phillips**, grade 8, made a goodbye card for the retiring bus monitor and had all the St. Pius X students who rode the bus sign it.

**Ian Brennan**, grade 8, always puts up the remaining chairs at the end of the day.

**Marcus Morrone**, grade 3, pushed in chairs for the Librarian without being asked.

**Alessio Scanapieco**, Pre-K 4, let a friend go before him to the bathroom.

**Mason Fiore**, grade 1, picked up a classmate's jacket when it fell to the floor.

**Elizabeth Miner**, grade 1, helped a fellow student pick up art materials that had fallen out of his art box.

**Julia Mastrandrea**, grade 1, helped a friend clean up.

**Humphrey Amedeo**, **Lauren Anhalt**, and **Sarah LaBrosse**, grade 4, always

are willing to help fellow students get ready for the day by helping them unpack or sharing supplies.

**Mya Lupinacci**, grade K, was caught picking up pieces of scrap paper after a class art project.

**Molly Presley**, grade 1, helped a classmate pick up the pencils he dropped.

**Michael Esposito**, grade 1, tied another student's shoe.

**Emily Jalbert**, grade 1, pushed in a classmate's chair.

**Abigail Jorgensen**, grade 1, got a fork for a friend during the class Christmas party.

**Lydia Sousa**, Pre-K 4, was helpful at rest time putting sleep items away.

**Joey Confessore**, grade 2, picked up his classmate's jacket that had fallen onto the floor.

**Christine Sisco**, grade 2, picked up papers that had fallen off Mrs. Nelson's desk.

All the Feinstein Jr. Scholars of our school can always be seen being helpful, compassionate, and giving. We applaud you for your kindness.

**The St. Pius X  
School Feinstein Jr.  
Scholars have completed over 2750  
good deeds!**

Alan Shawn Feinstein is the founder of the Feinstein Foundation, a charitable organization dedicated to helping the needy and empowering students of all ages to help better their communities. The Feinstein annual campaign against hunger has become the most successful grass roots effort to fight hunger of all times. 40,000 plus Rhode Island Jr. Scholars and their teachers spearhead this campaign each spring.