



Bowls, bowls and more bowls _ in myriad designs, shapes and colors _ are being being made for the March 30th Empty Bowls soup, bread buffet and silent art and craft auction that will be held in the Newark High School cafeteria from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m..

Some of the bowls are being attractively showcased in a lighted display case in the back hallway of NHS not far from the art rooms.

NHS art teacher Courtney Dentel is overseeing the ambitious fundraising event again this year. Her Studio in Crafts students made the artsy 3-d letters in the case that spell “Be humBOWL. Be kind” inspired by various topographical maps and art. Students chose the letter style and made them by creating several layers, each smaller than the other to create the raised, 3-d effect, Dentel said.

BOWLS OF KINDNESS

The display case exhibition is one of many vehicles being used to trumpet the project that lots of students, staff and others participate in by creating ceramic bowls.

“Empty Bowls” is a grassroots movement that various organizations, including schools, have been involved in since 1990 to help raise money each year to support food banks and soup kitchens throughout the nation in an effort to fight hunger. Since 2010, three “Empty Bowls” soup, bread buffet and silent art and craft auction events at NHS raised more than \$16,000 for the local food closet.

For a modest, \$10 monetary donation, the bowls are selected by people attending the simple soup and bread dinner with the hope that each will serve as a reminder that others may not be able to afford to put food on their table and in their own bowls.



In preparation for the event this year:

- NHS Pottery and Advanced Pottery students will create about 200 of the bowls on a wheel or by hand building.
- Other high school art classes _ Studio in Art, Studio in Crafts, and some advanced art classes _ will make about 110 bowls.
- Some of Lisa Stringer and Amanda Kessler’s Newark Middle School art students will make about 100 bowls.
- NHS computer graphics students have designed tee shirts, event programs, posters and tickets for the “Empty Bowls” event. Lincoln and Perkins School students are making placemats.
- The NHS Art Club will make about 20 bowls, create some silent art auction pieces and will help Amy O’Connor, who teaches art at Kelley School, and Dawn Schwind who teaches art at Perkins and Lincoln Schools, host family bowl painting nights. One was held March 2nd and another will be held March 8th in the NHS cafeteria from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m..
- Dentel will also host a bowl-painting party for faculty and staff during the Wellness Day March 16th.



In preparation for the last two “Empty Bowls” events, many community members and business owners graciously donated money and a variety of supplies like bottled water, Styrofoam bowls, paper coffee cups, coffee, tea, sugar, creamer, plastic spoons, napkins and more for the culminating event. Dentel is hoping there will be a similar, generous outpouring this year.

Local artists and craft makers are also being encouraged to donate their creations to the silent art and craft auction, with all proceeds benefiting the Newark Food Closet.

Tickets for the “Empty Bowls” event will be \$10 per person and will be available for sale until March 17th by contacting Dentel at Courtney.dentel@newarkcsd.org

Anyone who would like more information on the event should visit the Newark Art Department Facebook page and read about the event at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/EMPTY-BOWLS-Newark-Art-Department/335314601127?ref=hl>