



A Noteworthy Endeavor

Perkins School music teacher Maria Walton has come up with a great way to benefit the Newark Food Closet.

Ask those attending the 12 music concerts in the school district each year to bring one or more non-perishable food item with them that will be given to the Food Closet.

With the approval of the other music teachers including Cindy Briggs, Kelley School instrumental music teacher and K-12 Music Department Leader, Walton began the first in a series this year of collections for the Food Closet at the November 7th concert salute to veterans at Newark High School.

“There are over 700 kids in our district that are involved in music and if their families, friends and relatives attend their concerts and bring a food item to donate with them, that will really help the Newark Food Closet,” Walton said. “The Food Closet always gets a lot of donations during the holiday season, but then it drops off drastically in winter and spring. I am hoping that people will bring food items to all of our concerts.

“Once the word gets out, I am hoping people will associate going to a concert with making a donation to the Food Closet,” she continued. “I have flyers made up for the music teachers to send home with the kids along with their concert information letters. I would like to get the word out about this to as many people in the area as possible since not all who attend the concerts have a son or daughter in school and may not know of our mission.

The Newark Food Closet currently serves over 1,200 families from Newark, Port Gibson and East Palmyra.



Walton will be collecting food at each of the following concerts this school year:

- 6th Grade Band/Chorus Concert, 7 p.m. November 30th, Middle School Auditorium
- 7th and 8th Grade Band/Chorus Holiday Concert, 7:30 p.m., December 6th, Middle School Auditorium
- Kelley School Band and Choir Holiday Concert, 7 p.m., December 14th, Kelley School Auditorium
- High School Band/Choir Holiday Concert, 7:30 p.m., December 18th, High School Auditorium
- Grades 4-12 Cavalcade of Bands, 7 p.m., March 13th, High School Gymnasium
- Grades 4-12 Choral Concert, 7 p.m. March 20th, High School Auditorium
- Spring Band Concert, 7:30 p.m. April 23rd, High School Auditorium
- Kelley School Concert featuring Beginning Band/Continuing, 4th Grade and 5th Grade Choruses, 7 p.m. May 31st in the Kelley School Auditorium
- High School Band Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m. June 4th, High School Auditorium
- 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Band Concert, 7 p.m., June 5th Middle School Auditorium
- High School Choral Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m. June 6th, High School Auditorium
- 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Chorus Concert, 7 p.m. June 7th, Middle School Auditorium

