

Martin School Association
September 21, 2011

Fifth Grade Soup Kitchen Program

Dear Parents/Guardians of 5th Grade students,

Once again, the 5th grade students at Martin School have been invited to participate in the Soup Kitchen program that is held at the First Baptist Church here in North Attleboro. This has been a very popular 5th grade program where the children volunteer their time serving a meal to those in need. Past participation in this program has been overwhelming. It is very eye opening to our students and helps to reinforce the belief that our students are committed to reaching beyond the comfort of their own classrooms and homes.

Each month, from October through June, on the second Wednesday of the month, **8 students and one parent volunteer will be randomly selected** to serve at the Soup Kitchen. They will meet the Soup Kitchen coordinator in the Nurse's Office at dismissal time. A small snack will be provided to the children and we will discuss what their responsibilities will entail while at the program. We will also have a discussion on different reasons why people utilize the Soup Kitchen, which gives them a greater understanding of the difficulties many people in our wider community face on a daily basis.

Due to the fact that space is very limited at the First Baptist Church, the program director has limited the number of participants to **8 students and 1 parent volunteer per month**. Each month, 8 students who have indicated that they want to participate, will be *randomly chosen*. For the first five months, names will be drawn by classroom. After each class has gone, all remaining students whose name has not be drawn, will be chosen randomly until the program ends in June. Students will be notified approximately 1 week before the Soup Kitchen date. The parent volunteer that has been randomly selected will also be notified as the names are drawn. Please remember that **any parent that volunteers MUST have a CORI form on file** at the Superintendent's office. The students will be transported from Martin School to the First Baptist Church by the coordinator and the parent volunteer. Your child **must be picked up at the church no later than 4:45 PM**. The church is located at 75 Park Street. (The big white church on the N. Attleboro Common).

Please complete and return the form on the next page as soon as possible so that we can begin scheduling the students.

Martin School plays a vital role in ensuring the success of the Soup Kitchen Program. The patrons count on our participation and truly enjoy the enthusiasm that our students bring. We are very grateful for your interest in this program.

Please call us with any questions. Thank You!

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