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Parkview Middle School Staff & Festival Foods Give Back at Thanksgiving

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While 2020 has been nothing normal and ordinary, Parkview Middle School Staff of the Ashwaubenon School District isn't letting this fact ruin the annual tradition they look forward to each year at this time. This is the 9th year that the Parkview staff is working together with Rob Vought, Bakery Manager of Festival Foods East, to put together, donate and deliver 10 Thanksgiving meals to 10 Parkview families.

The funds to purchase the Thanksgiving meals are collected from the Parkview Middle School Staff through a combination of Casual for a Cause week where staff give a minimum donation to wear jeans for a week, discounts granted by Rob Vought of Festival Foods East and donations received from families and local businesses. Over the years, we have collected donations of \$5 upwards of \$1000. The funds are also utilized to support Parkview students at Christmas with gifts purchased from the lists received as part of the Nativity Giving Tree.

In year's past, one of the special aspects of the Thanksgiving Meals is the inclusion of a variety of people, including students. This year looks a little different due to students currently being in a remote learning setting. Yet, staff are still pitching in by wrapping and decorating the boxes the meals are delivered in, baking the desserts including Pumpkin Bread and Snicker Doodle cookies under the direction of Dawn Ratz, Parkview's Family & Consumer Ed Teacher, and assisting with the deliveries of the meals. It is another part of the annual tradition for the deliveries to be completed by Hucek, Michael Heim, the school's new Associate Principal this year, the school's social worker, and the school counselors along with any other staff who are available.

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