Wapping Fourth Grades Coordinate Successful Food Drive

SOUTH WINDSOR — Fourth grade students at Wapping Elementary School have a reason to be proud of themselves. This year's food drive collected 845 items — a 16.5 percent increase over last year.

Last year, only one class took part in the food drive, but this year, teacher Darin Plummer said they decided to include all three fourth grades — the classes of Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Noble, and Mrs. Plummer.

With the help of a grant, the children were taught team building, brainstorming and cooperative work skills. The students broke into groups to handle everything from advertising the event to bringing in food and boxes.

"Every fourth grader owned a part of this project and they were empowered," said Plummer.

The collected items benefit the South Windsor Food Bank.

Pasta Party! (above, L-R) Sydnie, Christina, Moriah and Emily finish sorting pasta items into boxes. (Below) Dharra and Brianna, both Mrs. Noble's students, carry a box of salad dressing out to a waiting car.

A Little Bit of Teamwork. (Above) Samantha and Lauren carry a box of food outside to a waiting car. (Below) David, Kevin and Nick fill up a box with soup.

Too Heavy to Carry! Meghan, Stephanie, Arielle and Lauren, all students in Mrs. Noble's class, push a cart full of boxes that were too heavy to carry. By the way, it was Clash Day!

Lots of Food. (Above) Over 830 items were collected by the students at Wapping Elementary School. (Below, left) Mrs. Plummer's class. (Below, right) Mrs. Noble's class.