

Small kids with big hearts!

The kids of Battle River School Division may be small, but they have great big hearts.

Throughout this week students across the division have been raising funds and bringing in supplies to help their northern neighbours from the Fort McMurray area.

We will update this list regularly, but here's what's happening now:



CW Sears School, Tofield: (above) this K to 4 school has organized a collection trailer and is accepting donations of items specified in the evacuation centres' "most needed" lists until May 13. Their gym is lined with boxes of donated items. The Grade 1D class will be selling Rice Krispie Squares this week as well and a pizza day has added to the total as well.

Tofield School students (right) raised \$1741 through a freezie sale on those very hot day last week and are also organizing a cookie dough fundraiser. Tofield School students raised money through a freezie sale on a very hot day last week and are also organizing a cookie dough fundraiser in conjunction with **Bashaw School**. Watch for more details!

Round Hill School is collecting monetary donations to create Kids Care Packages, with special items like books, lip balm, hair accessories, small toys and snacks. Donation dollars will be accepted until Wednesday, May 18, then the school will purchase all the items to put the care packages together.



Ecole Charlie Killam School, Camrose: the grade 5 to 8 students have organized a collection drive and are accepting diapers, baby wipes, bottled water, and other items on the evacuation centres' "most needed" list. The school has already sent 480 bottles of water.

Central High Sedgewick Public School students delivered three trailers full of donations to the Camrose Welcome Centre today, along with \$4000 cash for the Red Cross. The items were collected over a two-day journey with stops in communities throughout Flagstaff County.

Chester Ronning School, Camrose: will host a Lemonade and Popcorn fundraiser on Friday, May 13. Each student is asked to bring a donation (cash or a food bank item) and in return will receive a treat. The Grade 2 class, who had the idea, will be organizing and distributing the treats.

Ecole Camrose Composite High School students, with support from the Camrose City Police, will be taking time out of their grad week activities to host a lunchtime BBQ on Wednesday, May 11, from 11:45 to 12:20. The cafeteria will close for lunch that day, to encourage students to buy from the BBQ. A high school class is also organizing a twoonie drive.

Grade 2 students from Killam Public School, who oversee the school's bottle recycling program, have given \$500 of their year's proceeds. In addition, Grade 6 students have challenged every grade in the school to bring \$5 per person by Friday, May 13 for a school donation to the Red Cross. Staff are contributing their year's Jean Day donations as well.

Young Moms in the Learning Together Outreach School were planning a garage sale of outgrown baby clothes to raise money for their upcoming graduation ceremony. Instead, they gathered all their items into boxes and sent them to support families in need. They're currently gathering more items to send as well. For these young women, who are working to finish high school while raising children, being able to help others is particularly meaningful.

Camrose Welcome Centre - A Fort McMurray family reception / registration centre has been established in Camrose
For families who will be staying in the local area, this is a great place to check in and find out all the various services and supports that are being made available. It is located at the Camrose Aquatic Centre. For more information check the City of Camrose website <http://www.camrose.ca/>

There is also a collection site in the curling rink for families to pick up items they urgently need. Many local sports teams are inviting Fort McMurray kids to attend practices or games and local restaurants such as the Norsemen Inn are offering assistance with meals. Visit **Camrose resources for Fort McMurray** facebook page to find out more.

All BRSD schools are welcoming new students – that's 16 east central Alberta communities ready to serve evacuees.
Plus, Staples Camrose has agreed to support new students in getting the school supplies they need.

Have items to add?

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