

ASFMS Admins Thank Students For Food Drive HELP!

Students from Feinstein Middle School were rewarded with some surprise guests for collecting more than 8,000 food items during the school's food drive.

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Four administrators at Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School surprised students Thursday with special performances during the school's three holiday music department assemblies.

Beginning in November, the ASFMS Student Council in conjunction with the Feinstein Good Deeds program, sponsored a food drive for the Coventry Community Food Bank. This year, students collected 8,306 food items to benefit local families in need.

To reward students for their good deeds, Principal Arthur Lisi, Behavior Specialist Kim Sturdahl and Assistant Principals Jennifer Roy and Joseph Pirraglia waited until the end of each assembly before coming on stage as The Beatles, complete with wigs, suits, guitars and tambourines to perform the 1965 hit, Help! (And yes, the Feinstein Fab Four did in fact play their instruments AND sing to the delight of their audiences.)

Lisi explained that in addition to the food drive, students also held a Penny Wars collection and donated clothes, cash and toys for the school's Adopt-A-Family project. He said the reason for choosing Help! for the performance is pretty straightforward.

"As a Feinstein Leadership School, we have a commitment to helping those less fortunate than us thus the food drive, adopt-a-family, clothing drive, etc.," he said. "'We Help People' is what we do, and it is important that we teach that in our school."

"I'm so impressed with how much love and sense of giving there is in this school," said Roy. "These kids really rise to the occasion every single time. They never let us down."