

Dear Willard School Parents,

As the month of March ushers in the renewed energy of spring, it is also the time of year when the Willard School community takes action to help others in need.

The annual Willard School Food Drive begins on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, and runs through Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. The annual food drive provides much needed donations to the Open Table in Concord.

The Open Table is a weekly community supper and pantry program, with more than 20 years service to the Concord community. The Open Table relies heavily upon the Willard Food Drive each spring, as this is a time of year when the abundance of donations typically decline.

Every year, the Willard 5<sup>th</sup> grade students take a leadership role in running the food drive, while families and students from all grade levels at Willard School take part in learning about the power of generosity and the experience of community service through giving to the food drive each day.

You may send your donations of non-perishable food items and/or personal hygiene products in to the school with your children, beginning on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Students will go into each of the classrooms to collect food donations every morning.

The food will be delivered to the Open Table on Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, so be sure to get your donations in before that date.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!

Julee Vitello  
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*For more information about Open Table, go to [www.opentable.org](http://www.opentable.org)*