

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade PBL: FOOD DRIVE!

Steam at Tope learners wanted a way to seek, celebrate, and create good in our community so that entities impacted by the pandemic could feel supported and acknowledged.

We had many great guest speakers who told us about the great things happening in our community to help people with food insecurity:

- United Way (*by the way, we encourage everyone to donate at [www.unitedwaymesacounty.org/](http://www.unitedwaymesacounty.org/)*)
- Ms. Lamb and the Tope Hunger Heroes
- The Food bank of the Rockies
- Dan Sharpe with D51 nutrition services
- Migrant Education Program

We were inspired and wanted to help!

## Did you know?

According to the 2018–2020 Mesa County Community Health Needs Assessment:

- We had 482 homeless people living in Mesa County.
- 1 in 5 of those homeless in Mesa County are younger than 18.
- 1 in 3 are female
- 1 in 10 are veterans
- about 1 in 5 children in Mesa County live in poverty

## Be a part of our solution!

We want to make food bags and deliver them to organizations helping the homeless, including The House who help homeless teens.

We will be collecting food next week, **April 26–30**. Send food in with your student, drop it off at school, or bring it to our STEAM night! The more food we get, the more food bags we can make!

We will take anything but would like foods that are easy for homeless eat. Specifically we would like:

- Individually wrapped granola/ energy bars such as KIND bars
- Individually wrapped snack crackers
- Fruit cups
- Mac & Cheese cups
- Pull top/ twist off canned soups
- Ramen noodles
- Individually wrapped jerky/ meat sticks
- Individual bags of trail mix/ nuts

