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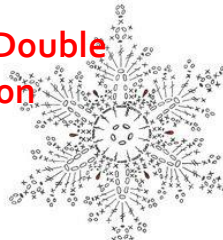
Cans You Say?

Why were there so many cans in the middle school library? It might just be possible that there were more cans than books after the last food drive hosted by the Kountze Middle School STUCO members. Every year Mrs. Estep brings students and staff together in order to raise nonperishable food donations for the local food bank. This year we were off to a good start, but one teacher wanted to up the ante. Coach Barrington decided that he was going to provide an incentive that could help raise "way more cans" than in previous years. Coach told the students that if they raised over 1000 cans during this year's

food drive, he would sleep overnight on top of the press box before Christmas break. Just for the record, last year we took in approximately 340 cans and by no means is that a bad total. To place a lofty goal of over 1000 items was making a huge increase over prior years and a bold statement for our commitment to help those less fortunate. At first, 1000 cans seemed impossible, but as the final days of the contest drew closer, community members delivered. We are proud to announce that the goal of 1000 cans was not just reached, but shattered. There was over a 1000 item increase over last school year's total donations with a final tally of 1385 goods being donated by students' families. Mrs. Estep is very excited and proud of what her students put forth in this year's canned food drive. We, as a campus, are also very proud and thankful for staff members that stepped up and committed to a great cause. Lastly, we are tickled the 1000 can mark was reached and that Coach Barrington is going to "rough it" on top of the Mighty

Kountze Lions' press box. To be honest, there is no telling who might be out there that night supporting a good cause. On behalf of the Kountze Middle School Family, we thank everyone who made this food drive a genuine success.

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Christmas Comes Early, Again!

The Kountze Middle School was once again rewarded with a \$500 grant for use in STEM classes and programs at KMS. Exxon Mobil has

partnered with Tri-Con Inc and Exxpress Mart, in order to help improve the core knowledge and performance of science and math programs throughout the country. Science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or "STEM" as it is referred to now days, can encompass a wide range of classes and lessons in most of our classrooms. Last year we invested in 10 Kindle Fire tablets that have been used in science and math lesson for the past year. The tablets were a good investment, as they can continue to be used to help improve student's understanding of science and technology. To be honest, they make fantastic calculators as well. This year we want look at adding additional quality electronics that will endure the test of time and keep students engaged. It is important to invest in products or programs that will help students better understand that science and math are incorporated in today's business world and America's higher education institutions. Again, we want to thank the sponsors of the Educational Alliance and Dana Dougharty for presenting us with the official check. We look forward to adding educational assets to our programs and are very grateful for the contributions made by community businesses. Here at Kountze Middle School, we really are, "Learning for Life".



REMINDER: *Our School Campus Will Be Closed for The Holiday Season From December 23- January 8.*

Classes will resume on January 9th, so as they say, "See You Next Year".

We want to wish the community a happy holidays and we look forward to a fantastic second half of the school year. We hope everyone gets the opportunity to eat plenty and enjoy their time with family.

Please be safe and have a Very Merry Christmas!

Peace and Love,

The KMS Family



**Merry
Christmas**