

## Middle School ‘Empty Bowls, Full Hearts’ Fundraiser May 1

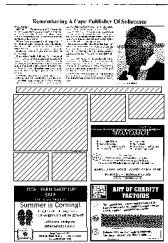
CHATHAM – On Wednesday, May 1, from 5 to 6:30 pm, Monomoy Regional Middle School will host its second annual “Empty Bowls, Full Hearts” fundraiser to raise money for and awareness of hunger issues on Cape Cod.

For many families, monthly income is used for fixed expenses, such as mortgage or rent payments, insurance, and utilities. What little additional income remains is often not enough to purchase food. Last year, MRMS opened the Monomoy Market to meet the needs of hungry students and their families. This year, the market has flourished thanks to the support of the Masonic Angel Foundation. Recently, the Monomoy Megalodons, a role model leadership club, began preparing 50 bagged lunches each month for the St. Joseph’s Homeless Shelter in Hyannis. Students decorate the lunch bags with colorful drawings and inspirational messages. All proceeds from next week’s event will continue to support these efforts.

The project is under the direction of middle school art teacher Jeremiah Nickerson and the unifying arts department. Nickerson received a grant from Cape Cod Five Foundation to purchase the materials for the 200-plus bowls students crafted for the event. All different ways of making bowls and a variety of handbuilding techniques were taught to students.

“Ceramics is a combination of art and science,” Nickerson said. “Having the students learn what it takes to build the bowls and participate in this event makes a very meaningful community connection for students.”

There will be four different soups, including a vegetarian option, as well as fresh rolls and butter. Band and chorus students will provide music. Participants are asked to give a free will donation. Doors open in the cafeteria at 5 p.m.





Monomoy Regional Middle School students display soup bowls they created for the May 1 fundraiser.

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