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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We have an exciting event coming in March. Our faculty, in conjunction with PTA, has begun planning our Second Annual Empty Bowls Festival, an international grassroots effort to fight hunger through raising awareness and gathering donations. On March 8, from 6:00pm-8:00pm, you will be invited to participate in this event to help raise donations for Island Harvest, one of Long Island's largest hunger relief organizations.

This very special community event will involve all of our children. Our fourth graders will make clay bowls, while all other grades will create posters, thank you notes, and other artwork to support this project. Local restaurants will be invited to donate soups and stews. Parents, children, and community members can join us for a light soup dinner while making donations to Island Harvest. Please visit <http://www.emptybowls.com/> and <http://www.islandharvest.org> to learn more.

At this point in time, we are ready to reach out to our local merchants to make donations. Along with the support of our PTA, we are seeking volunteers to contact local restaurants and merchants to donate soups or stews to be served at the dinner. Volunteers will be supplied with a letter of introduction explaining the event and how the merchants can help. In order to reach out to as many merchants as possible, while avoiding duplication, we are requesting that you complete the form below and send it in to your child's teacher by **Thursday, January 19**. Once we receive and review the forms, we will send you the introductory letters.

We appreciate any help you can give us.

Sincerely,

Alison Clark and the Empty Bowls Project Committee

Parent's Name _____ Child's Teacher _____

Phone Number _____

Merchants you would like to contact _____

Are you willing to contact a merchant that we might suggest? Yes No