

"Is it real?" A young learner from Forest Hill Public School asked his teacher that question when she offered him a clementine. With her reassurance, he enjoyed that orange with the juice dripping down his arms and his shirt front – an experience he will not forget.

Approximately 18 months ago, a dedicated team at Forest Hill Public School began providing fruit and crackers to students. They knew that even one child who could not identify fresh fruit was a crisis. They passionately worked with the community and recognized funded nutrition programs to raise money in order to serve food to fill hungry tummies.

The school spends about \$200.00 per day to offer food to all students. That's \$1000.00 a week for about 40 weeks a year. There are about 500 children at Forest Hill Public School.

We need help to keep fresh fruit and protein available to fill the hungry tummies of children at Forest Hill.

You can join the team of staff and community members who are working diligently to continue providing enough funds for these snacks.

On **Thursday April 21, 2016** a fundraiser called "**Even More Green Eggs and Ham**" will be held to benefit the Forest Hill Public School Snack Program. We are expecting about 200 attendees. And we are asking you to join us.

The fundraiser will be held at The Tannery in downtown Kitchener, from 6:00 until 8:00. The Silent Auction style evening will see local businesses coming together to offer up prizes and auction items to generate ticket sales and bids. The idea that an attendee can bid on a variety of items – including dinners from local restaurants and spa visits – the proceeds of which will go toward helping feed hungry learners – is one that we feel is powerful. (Cash or cheques will be accepted for the silent auction.)

Making the evening even more special will be our guest Helen Choi. Helen has an amazing life story.

Just a few years ago, Helen was reliant on the food bank and was couch surfing with her baby girl. A combination of student loans, grants and welfare assistance gave Choi the second chance she needed. Now, she's a communications and fundraising consultant. "Even at times when I felt stuck and hopeless, I found hope in the simple things," she said. "I remain thankful for every little help I got. You get help and you give back – that's what makes life meaningful."

Tickets for the fundraiser are \$50.00 and are available on line at **www.foreshillsnacks.ca**. If you are not able to join us at the Tannery, but are interested in feeding the hungry students at Forest Hill Public School, monetary donations can also be made at **www.foreshillsnacks.ca**.

We are excited and passionate about this event. And are very hopeful that you can join us.

Enthusiastically,
The Green Eggs and Ham Team