

Franklin Regional Backpacks to Go Program



The Backpacks to Go Program was developed in response to ongoing needs of FR students with no weekend access to the school breakfast and/or lunch program. It is sponsored by our Franklin Regional community, including Rotary, area businesses, PTO, teachers, families, and area friends. Coordinated by school counselors, enrolled students will be provided a backpack filled with easy-to-prepare meals and snacks twice a month for use on the weekends.

Here's how the Backpacks to Go Program works:

Children enrolled in the program, by parent request, will take home a backpack with food in a safe, easy, and discreet manner on the designated Fridays. Some of the child-friendly foods may include: peanut butter, jelly, applesauce, pudding, cereal, granola bars, macaroni and cheese, soup, fruit snacks, tuna, and instant oatmeal.

The students will return the backpacks on Monday morning to be re-filled for the next designated Friday. By meeting basic needs of our children, we hope each child will be better able to focus on learning.

Enroll Your Child in the Backpacks to Go Program at any time in the year:

EVERY child is eligible. There are no financial requirements. To enroll, a parent should contact their child's FR counselor at 724-327-5456.

Elementary school students (K- 5th grades):

Julie Fikejs x6006;
Doug Kelly x6136;
Patrice Klimchock x3250;
Laura Wurzell x3244

Middle school students:

Marissa Fenwick (8th grade) x2006, Jill Huffman (6th grade) x2008, Brian Coiner (7th grade) x2007

High school students:

Counseling Center secretary x5006

How Can You Support the Backpack to Go Program to help our children?

~**Donate to the Backpack program food drives:** Our goal is to collect meals and snacks that a child *can prepare themselves*, if necessary. Specific food donations are accepted at any time in the school offices. See your school's website under the PTO tab for the list of needed donations and details.

~**Donate a Gift Card:** The Backpack's facilitators will purchase the meals and snacks with gift cards from local grocery stores such as Shop & Save, Giant Eagle, Ferri's Shur Save, Aldi's, or Walmart. Gift cards can be dropped off at any of our school offices.

~**Make a tax deductible monetary contribution:** 100% of money donations go to feeding kids. Checks should be made payable to '[Backpacks Program](#)' and are tax deductible. They can be delivered to any of the school offices at any time during the school year. It takes \$30 per month per child in the program.

Any questions, please feel free to contact one of our program facilitators at frbptg@gmail.com