

## Franklin Regional BACKPACKS TO GO PROGRAM



**We are pleased to announce that the Franklin Regional Backpacks to Go Program is available for grades K through 12!**

**The Backpacks to Go Program** is sponsored by our Franklin Regional community which includes our PTO, teachers, students and their families, and area friends. Coordinated by school counselors, enrolled students will be provided a backpack filled with easy-to-prepare meals and snacks for weekends. This program was developed in response to ongoing student needs with no weekend access to the school breakfast and/or lunch program.

### **Here's how the Backpacks to Go Program works:**

Children enrolled in the program, by parent request, will take home a backpack filled with food in a safe, easy, and discreet manner on the designated Fridays. The food items and may be used for breakfast, lunch and dinner for Saturday and Sunday. Some of the child-friendly foods may include: peanut butter and jelly, applesauce, pudding, cereal, sandwich crackers, granola bars, macaroni and cheese, soup, fruit snacks, instant oatmeal, and canned pasta.

The students will return the backpacks on Monday morning to be re-filled for the next designated Friday. We will be offering the Backpacks to Go on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of each month** with adjustments made for holidays. 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. All that is needed is for a parent to contact an FR counselor to enroll their child at 724-327-5456.

#### **Elementary school students (K- 5<sup>th</sup> grades):**

Doug Kelly (Newlonsburg) x4125;  
Patrice Klimchock (Heritage) x7006; Paris Long (Heritage) x 7005;  
Julie Fikejs (Sloan) x3250; Laura Wurzell (Sloan) x 3244

#### **Middle school students:**

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

#### **High school students:**

Kim Courtnage-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 the 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, or Walmart.

~**Make a tax deductible monetary contribution:** 100% of money donations go to feeding kids. Checks should be made payable to [Backpack Program](#) and are tax deductible. They can be delivered to any of the school offices at any time during the school year. It takes \$25 - \$30 per month per child in the program. We are projecting to help 70 kids this year from grades k through 12.

~**Sign up to receive text messages from the Backpacks Program about opportunities to help throughout the year:** We will use a text service called Cel.ly. To add your cell # to the list please text @backpackinfo to 23559

Any questions, please feel free to contact one of our program facilitators:

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