

Anderson County Backpack Buddies

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Dear Family,

The Anderson County Backpack Buddies program provides a food backpack program for students. Volunteers pack and transport the bags of food to the FRC office on Thursdays. The Family Resource personnel will deliver the bags to the children to take home for the weekend on Thursdays or Fridays. The food will be placed in the student's own backpack unless they do not have one or there is not enough space in his/ her backpack. If a student brings home a backpack other than their own, it will need to be returned on Monday so that it can be ready for the following Friday.

The bag of food typically contains 11-14 of the following items: Spaghetti noodles with a can of meat sauce, tuna with a box of tuna helper, a plastic jar of peanut butter, a can of vegetables, Ramen Noodles, applesauce or peaches, raisins, cereal or oatmeal, shelf-stable milk, fruit juice, a can of pasta with meat sauce, granola bar, or cheese crackers. The food should feed one child for the weekend. On long weekends, we try to put in more items.

If you would like for your child to participate in this program, please sign below and return this paper to your school's Family Resource office. Please know that your name and your child's name will be kept confidential. Only the FRC staff/classroom teacher will know that your child is receiving a backpack.

_____ No, I am not interested. _____ Yes, I am interested. (Please fill out the information below.)

(Parent/guardian signature required) _____

Phone #: _____

Names of children to pick up a backpack:

I have students at the following schools: (Please circle all appropriate schools)

ECC EBW Saffell Turner AMS ACHS

Please list any food allergies which anyone in your family may have:

Do you have a microwave at your home? _____ Yes _____ No

*****This program will begin after all Free/Reduced Lunch Applications have been processed.**