



BACKPACK BUDDIES OF MAPLE VALLEY

Dear Parents or Guardians,

We are pleased to announce that we will continue to offer the Backpack Buddies Program throughout the Tahoma School District. Backpack Buddies of Maple Valley is a program designed to provide nutrition supplementation over the weekend. Participating students will receive an unmarked bag of nutritious food that may include; pasta, fruit juice, oatmeal, snack crackers, granola bars, and fresh fruit. Bags will be delivered to students' school counselors every Friday (or the last school day of the week). Each school counselor will then arrange for your student to pick up during an appropriate time. The names of all recipients will be kept confidential and only shared with those directly getting bags to your child.

This year we have three options for you to sign up for the program.

- 1.) Go online to www.backpackbuddiesofmaplevalley.org/get-support/ and fill out a form.
- 2.) Email us at backpackbuddiesmv@gmail.com with the information below.
- 3.) Mail us the information below to Backpack Buddies at 20920 253rd Ave SE, Maple Valley, WA 98038.
- 4.) Return this paper copy to your school counselor.

This program will run September 24th until June 10th, 2022 (and our summer program will then begin). If at any point your child no longer is in need of our program, we ask that you email us directly at backpackbuddiesmv@gmail.com to cancel.

For email and mail participants please include the following for each student:

Student's first and last name _____

Student's school _____

Parent's first and last name _____

Parent's phone number _____

Parent's email _____

By signing up for this program I give permission for my child/children to participate in the Backpack Buddies Program. I understand my child will receive a bag of food from school on the last day of the week, typically on Fridays. I also give permission for the school counselor to share my child's name with his/her teacher(s) and staff assisting with the food distribution.

In addition, I agree to hold and save harmless Backpack Buddies of Maple Valley and the Tahoma School District, its School Board and Employees, and assigns for any claims, suits or damages, (including but not limited to defense and indemnification) which might result from my participating in the above-described event.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Warmly,
Mindy Gamble
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