

Registration Application  
New Bloomfield Elementary School  
2016 - 2017 School Year

Perry County Backpack Program  
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***"Fighting Childhood Hunger One Backpack at a Time"***

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

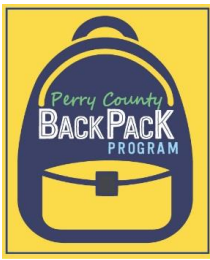
We are pleased to announce that we will once again be offering the Backpack Program during the 2016-2017 school year. The Backpack Program is facilitated through the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank and is designed to meet the hunger needs of children over the weekends when school resources are not available. Each year, the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank serves more than 4,300 children through the Backpack Program by providing them with a bag of nutritious food to be eaten over the weekend. We are excited for the opportunity to continue supporting our community through this program and encourage you to take the time to decide if this program is right for you.

Specific information about the Backpack Program at your school can be found below. Additionally, a registration form and answers to frequently asked questions are attached for your convenience. If you are interested in participating in the Backpack Program, please fill out the attached form and return it to your school office by the enrollment deadline in order to be included in the first distribution.

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**BackPack Program Information for New Bloomfield Elementary**

- Enrollment Deadline:** Monday, September 20
- Program Start Date:** Friday, September 30
- Weekly Distribution Day:** Every Friday school is in session



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## **BackPack Program Frequently Asked Questions**

### Who Qualifies?

This program is open to any Perry County **elementary student** enrolled at a participating school. Most assistance programs require families to document hardship before they are accepted. However, the Backpack Program has no income requirements and no family is ever turned away. The goal of the program is to meet a child's nutritional needs regardless of their circumstances or level of hardship. All you have to do is register!

### How Does It Work?

Once a child enrolls in the program, they will receive a welcome letter that provides specific information about their school's distribution. Please note that if you have more than one child enrolled in the program, each child will be given their own bag. Once enrolled, your child will receive a bag every Friday that school is in session. Although this is a "BackPack Program", children will not actually be receiving backpacks. Previous experience with the program has shown that when backpacks are sent home, families often forget to return them after the weekend. This limits the ability to pack the distribution for the following weekend. Therefore, to ensure each child consistently receives weekly distributions, items will be packed in grocery bags and sent home with students. It is likely that the larger distribution sent home for Christmas break will be packed in backpacks which your child may keep as a gift.

### What Kind of Food Can I Expect?

Although food items vary week to week, students will generally receive enough food to cover 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, and several snacks. Food items are non-perishable and kid-friendly and we strive to offer a varied menu each week. When possible, bags are supplemented with fresh fruits and vegetables as "add-on" items to the regular menu.

### Does It Cost Anything?

This program is provided completely free of charge thanks to the generous support of private donors, grant programs, and established partnerships with the Perry County Food Bank and the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank.

### How Do I Enroll?

Enrollment is handled through your child's elementary school. Although it is recommended that you enroll at the beginning of the school year, the Backpack Program maintains open enrollment and families can enroll at any time. If you are interested in participating in the Backpack Program, please fill out the attached form and return it to your school office. For more information, please contact your school office or email questions to pcbbackpack@gmail.com.

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**\* ONLY ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS PROGRAM \***

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Parent/Guardian Contact Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**\* This year all bags will be sent home with your child \***

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By signing this form I agree to allow my child to participate in BackPack, a program of the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, Perry County Food Bank, and West Perry School District. I understand that, for children with food allergies, BackPack Program items may contain possible allergen-containing ingredients. Parents and guardians concerned with food allergies need to be aware of this risk. The Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, Perry County Food Bank, and West Perry School District will not assume any liability for adverse reactions to foods consumed. By signing this form I agree to assume any and all risks associated with my child's participation in the BackPack Program including any adverse reaction my child may have to foods consumed.

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Parent/Guardian's Signature

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Date

