



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Backpacks for Friday (BFF) is a program designed to help children and their families who may not have resources to acquire adequate food. The program is a partnership between your school district and Southeast Missouri Food Bank.

BFF will provide nutritious, non-perishable, no-prep food to your child each Friday afternoon of the school year. The pack of food should not be opened until your child is home.

Your child has been invited to participate in this program. If you think it will benefit your family, please fill out the attached forms and return them to your child's school as soon as possible. Once we add your family to the program, your child will begin receiving packs of food on Fridays. Food is discreetly distributed before children leave their school building. Food is provided by Southeast Missouri Food Bank and the program is made possible by the school district and friends of the community.

Throughout the year, we hope you will tell us how the program is working for you and benefitting you child and family. We will ask you to complete a brief survey at the end of the school year to help us evaluate food choices and the effectiveness of the program. If there is any other feedback you want to share, please contact the BFF coordinator at your school or feel free to call me at the food bank.

We look forward to a great, healthy school year!

Laveta Williams
Programs Coordinator/BFF Program Manager

**Please be aware that when the food bank received donations from manufacturers or distributors, items may be near or past their "Use By," "Best By," or "Quality Assurance" date. These dates refer to the last date the product is likely to be at peak flavor and quality; it does not mean the food is unsafe to consume at after that date. In general, these items are still of acceptable quality up to one year from this date. For the purpose of Backpacks for Friday, we may use food up to 6 months pas this date.*

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