



Dear Maynard Public Schools Families:

We are happy to invite PK - 5th grade students and their families to participate in the Backpack Program. This program is sponsored through the Maynard Food Pantry, and aims to offer food assistance to the families of our students in the hope of supporting learning in our schools. If you choose to enroll your child, he/she will receive a weekly drawstring backpack with a supply of nutritious, non-perishable foods for the children to enjoy over the weekends and extended breaks. Items would include such things as granola bars, breakfast cereals, soups, fruit, pasta, snacks, and more.

The backpacks and food are at **no cost** to your family. Students participating in the program will receive a backpack delivered to their classroom to bring home on Friday afternoons. If your family could benefit from this program, please complete the permission slip below, and return to your child's teacher or the school's main office. Please know the school, staff, and volunteers implementing the program will keep your child's name confidential, and backpacks are delivered discreetly.

Please note:

- ★ *If you have multiple students, EACH child is invited to receive a backpack. Please fill out a form for EACH child.*
- ★ *If you have signed up for a weekly backpack, and your child is NOT bringing a backpack home weekly, please contact your child's classroom teacher.*
- ★ *You may sign up OR cancel at any time during the school year. If you choose to cancel the weekly delivery for your student, please notify your child's teacher in writing.*
- ★ **Food items may NOT be allergy free.**
- ★ *Questions/concerns about the Backpack Program may be directed via email to Kerry Bernard at kerrymvb@gmail.com.*

I would like my child to participate in the Maynard Backpack Program. I understand my child will soon start receiving a backpack of food items at the end of each school week.

Child's Name: _____

GRADE: _____ TEACHER: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____