

Food4Kidz Back Pack Program



Did you know?

Did you know that everything that is provided for the Back Pack Program is carefully selected to meet our program standards?

This means that all items are checked for their date and we follow specific guidelines for the food groups to items to coincide with each of the nutrition groups.

Did you know that we had 223 total students enrolled in the 2014/2015 program?

Every student in the program is enrolled through a referral process with the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry and the school principal or guidance counselor.

Did you know that this program uses a majority of purchased food items in the bags each week?

We purchase food items directly from Piggly Wiggly grocery store in Oshkosh multiple times throughout the year to help supplement our food items in the bags. These food items cost an average of \$1.59/lb. and they are the main cost of the program. These items ensure nutrition and more substance to the food items received each week.

Did you know that fresh fruit and vegetable items were provided in the food bags throughout the 2014/15 school year? This amount will increase for the 2015/16 school year.

15 weeks over the course of the school year we provided students with a fresh apple, banana, clementines, oranges, or carrot sticks. That is almost half of the school year that they received a fresh fruit or vegetable item in their bags. The other food groups represented in the bags each week are grains, proteins, dairy (occasionally, it is too hard with perishable items), vegetables, and fruit. We were able to provide 2 weeks during the year that students received shelf-stable (no refrigeration needed) milk in their bags!

Did you know that this program is run primarily by volunteers?

This program is able to operate through the help of a group of women from All Saints Lutheran Church here in Oshkosh. They come in each week to pack the bags in the afternoon on Thursdays so the bags are ready to be delivered on Friday morning. We have 2 drivers who volunteer their time to deliver the bags to the schools each Friday and we have several regular volunteers that help organize the items and count out everything needed for each week's bag. Without their help this program would not be possible!