



c/o Northern Blair Backpack Programs  
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Blue Devil Backpack Program is teaming up with the staff and teachers of Myers Elementary School to offer a supply of nutritious meals and snacks for children in need over their weekends and extended breaks, free of charge. Bags are distributed by their teacher on the last school day before the weekend or break. Any child in need enrolled in Myers Elementary School is able to receive these weekly bags of food.

If you believe your child could benefit from this program, we encourage you to sign them up by filling this form out and returning it to Kelly Foust, your school social worker. If you have more than one child in need, please fill out one form for each child. This information is kept confidential between Myers Elementary and if needed, the Program Directors of the Blue Devil Backpack Program.

Once your child is signed up, they will receive a bag of food each week throughout the school year. It is NOT to be opened until your child is home. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to check the food to insure we have not included foods which your child may be allergic to or have an adverse reaction to. Though dates on some items may be past, they are distributed according to the guidelines of the FDA and the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank and are safe for consumption for six months (more in some cases) beyond that date. If you have concerns, you need not give that food item to your child.

Additional forms can be obtained on line at [www.northernblairbackpacks.org](http://www.northernblairbackpacks.org). If you wish to stop receiving this food, please fill out an Opt Out Form.

Questions or concerns? Please contact Kelly Foust at 742-2280 ext. 5143 ([ksfoust@blwd.k12.pa.us](mailto:ksfoust@blwd.k12.pa.us)) or email us, the Blue Devil Backpack Program Directors, at [NBbackpacks4kids@gmail.com](mailto:NBbackpacks4kids@gmail.com).

We look forward to helping your child by providing food that can help them stay healthy and have a successful school year.

Sincerely,

Jendy and Amy



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## Blue Devil Backpack Program Opt In Form

Please sign my child up for the Blue Devil Backpack Program. I understand my child will soon start receiving a bag of food at the end of each week for his/her use over the weekend or school holiday.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

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

Special Dietary Considerations: \_\_\_\_\_

We will attempt to accommodate these needs to the best of our ability but it is your responsibility to check the backpack's contents before allowing your child to consume the food.

My signature below indicates that I have read and understand the following:

- I understand that some food items my child receives may contain possible allergen ingredients and I am aware of these risks and assume full responsibility for insuring my child's food is checked by a parent/guardian before consumption. I will not hold the Blue Devil Backpack Program liable for any adverse reaction to the food my child consumes.
- I agree I will report any adverse reaction to the Program as soon as possible.
- By signing this form, I agree to allow my child to participate in the Blue Devil Backpack Program, a feeding program in partnership with the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank and Myers Elementary. I agree to assume any and all risks associated with my child's participation in the Blue Devil Backpack Program, including any adverse reaction my child may have from consuming the food provided.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Your telephone and/or email will only be used to notify you of any changes or additional opportunities through this Program.*