

## Blue Devil Backpack Program

*The Blue Devil Backpack Program is a community support program operating through the Northern Blair Backpack Programs. With full support and collaboration from principals Dr. Harpster, Dr. Wagner, and Mr. Schreier, we will be offering a weekend supply of nutritious food to children in need in Bellwood's Elementary, Middle, and High Schools.*

*The Backpack Program is a nationwide program, part of the Feeding America network since 1995. It was designed to meet the needs of hungry children at times when other resources are not available, such as the weekends and holidays.*

*It is our hope that these resources will support the health, behavior, and achievement of every student that participates. The success in this program in other areas has shown positive changes in attendance, behaviors, and grades.*

*The Blue Devil backpack program is accomplished through community financial support, dedicated volunteers and the partnership with Myers Elementary School and the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, Harrisburg, PA.*



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"To provide weekend nourishment to students in need"

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## Our Focus:

Children can have dedicated teachers, new books, and the latest technology, but without proper nutrition, they won't be able to focus on the day's lessons.

The Blue Devil Backpack Program puts our kids at the front of the line for receiving the food they need while not in school, food that equips them to come to school Monday morning physically and mentally prepared to learn.



## How it Works:

### What We Do?

Distribute free meals to children in need for weekends during the school year that may include breakfasts, lunches, dinners, drinks, and snacks.

### How Children are Selected?

School personnel may recommend a child for the program. Parents can also enroll by contacting the school social worker, Kelly Foust via email at [kstfoust@blwd.k12.pa.us](mailto:kstfoust@blwd.k12.pa.us) or by calling (814)742-2280 x-5143. Parents must opt-in to the program for their child(ren) to receive the food. Electronic Opt-in forms are available on our website at [www.northernblairbackpacks.org](http://www.northernblairbackpacks.org).

### Who is Eligible?

The program is intended to help those children who have difficulty accessing food outside of school. Eligibility is not income based.

### Who Packs the Bags?

The program is 100% ran by volunteers. The names of all children enrolled in the program are kept confidential to all volunteers of the program.

### Where Does the Program Operate?

The Blue Devil Backpack Program is currently being provided to Bellwood Antis students. Food is delivered, packed, and distributed to the students at the Myers Elementary school and the Bellwood Antis Middle School and High School weekly.

### How is the Program Supported?

The program is supported through monetary donations and targeted food donations.

## Support our Cause

Approximately \$3.00 feeds 1 student for a weekend, \$100 for the whole school year, through this program.

### How can you help?

- Financial Donation
- Volunteer

I am interested in volunteering to help with this program, which could include fundraising, ordering food, receiving shipments, packing the bags, and distributing the bags to classrooms.

Enclosed is my gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to nourish students in the Blue Devil Backpack Program.

The Blue Devil Backpack Program is administered through the Northern Blair Backpack Programs, a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the highest extent allowed by law.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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and in the memo put:  
"Blue Devil Backpack Program"**

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**Thank you for your support!**