



# Port Wentworth Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Port Wentworth Elementary is fortunate to have a "Backpack Buddies" program. The program provides nutritious food to families in need during the school year. Backpack Buddies is supported by local churches and businesses.

Participants of backpack buddies will receive a bag of food on Friday afternoons. The program is confidential; no information will be shared outside of key school personnel. The number of families we can support **is limited**. Many of our students who received Backpack Buddies returned to PWES this year. However, we do have a few additional slots open for our students. We will need permission for your child to participate in the program. If your child participated in the program last year, PWES will need a new permission form for the 2015-2016 school year. Each student must have this permission form in order to receive Backpack Buddies.

How do we determine who will be selected for Backpack Buddies?

- Teachers provide information to the school counselor. A teacher may know a child would benefit from extra nutritional assistance over the weekend.
- Students who were previously enrolled in Backpack Buddies
- Parent Request

What happens if all spots are full?

- Students are placed on a "first come, first serve" waiting list. If a participating student withdraws from PWES, his/her slot is given to the next person on the waiting list.

If my child withdraws from PWES and we return during the school year, will my child automatically be placed in the Backpack Buddies program?

- No. The child will be placed on the waiting list.

Please return the bottom portion to your student's homeroom teacher. Our first distribution day is scheduled for Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Stacey Lawson, Counselor

I would like for my child to be a recipient in the Backpack Buddies program.

I am not interested in my child participating in the Backpack Buddies program.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_