



**The first bag will
go home on 9/19!**

August 2024

Dear Grand Ledge Parent/Guardian,

If your student needs additional food at home, the Grand Ledge Blessings in a Backpack program is here.

For over a decade, this program has provided bags of food for weekend meals at no cost to hundreds of students in the Grand Ledge area. For students attending school in-person, a bag of nourishing, kid-friendly food will be placed discretely in their backpack or locker at the end of each week during the school year (except during school breaks). Examples of some of the food items distributed are: macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables, soup, oatmeal, granola bars, fruit cups, and beef ravioli.

If you would like your student to participate in the program, please fill out and sign the form on the reverse side of this letter. Have your student *return it to their school office by Wednesday, September 11th, 2024*, to receive their first bag on September 19th. If you miss this deadline, you can still sign up for the program at any time during the school year. After you send in the completed form, your student will be eligible for the program.

We do not include peanut products in the bags, but we cannot guarantee that the food we use has been processed in a peanut-free facility. It is your responsibility to check the bags when they come home for any ingredients or foods that your student should not consume.

If you register your student for the program, he/she will remain anonymous to the program volunteers. Your student will be identified with a coded alpha-number from a list provided by the school secretary to the *Blessings in a Backpack* coordinator. Please tell your student(s) to expect their first bag to be distributed on Thursday, September 19th.

SEE FORM ON REVERSE SIDE FOR SIGN-UP INFORMATION!

For further information, contact Erin Zulewski, Co-Chair at
517-303-9087 or biabgl@outlook.com
blessingsinabackpackgl.org

RETURN BY Wednesday,
September 11th!

BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK GRAND LEDGE PERMISSION FORM

By signing below, I give permission for my student to participate in the *Blessings in a Backpack* program during the 2024-25 school year. This will allow my student to receive supplemental food for weekend meals (except during school breaks.) Please fill out the following information:

Student's First and Last Name _____

Teacher's Name _____

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS BAG

CHECK BOX IF YOUR STUDENT HAS GLUTEN INTOLERANCE, DAIRY OR ANY OTHER FOOD SENSITIVITY. THESE STUDENTS WILL ONLY RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Chicken or tuna

Applesauce

Raisins

Gluten free pasta

Canned vegetables

Instant brown rice

Gluten free cereal (corn or rice chex)

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