

## LEXINGTON BACKPACK BUDDY PROGRAM 2023-24



Dear Lexington Parent and/or Guardian,

This is a letter to inform you of the Backpack Buddy program being continued at our school with food donations from Altrusa International Longview-Kelso. If you need help in this way please contact our Lexington school office at 360-501-1450 after filling out the form on the back of this letter. This is not an entitlement program - children are recommended by Lexington staff. This program has been running in many parts of the United States for over 26 years. Our Lexington Community simply wants to help where food security may be needed.

### **About the program:**

The purpose of Backpack Buddy Program is to provide nourishment on weekends when school is not in session and students do not have the free/reduced lunch program.

**IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY FOOD or BEVERAGE ALLERGIES or SENSITIVITIES WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE BACKPACK BUDDY FOOD PROGRAM FOR YOUR STUDENT.**

### **How it works:**

The Altrusans will deliver food bags on the day the school staff has asked for it to be delivered. The Backpack Buddy food bags will be sent home on Fridays or the last day of the school week.

### **Confidentiality:**

The enrollment form will be kept confidential. If you have any questions about the confidentiality of the program, please contact the school.

If you feel your child would benefit from the Backpack Buddy Program, please fill out the enrollment form on the back of this letter as soon as possible. Have your child return the form to the Office.