

Dear Newton Parents,

One of the main goals of the International Baccalaureate Program involves supporting our community. As our children become involved in community service projects, we as parents also have the opportunity to assist as well.

During a meeting with Principal O'Tremba I became aware of an increasing need for food for our students. Our population receiving free or reduced lunch is growing each year and many of these children may not be eating much or anything during the weekends. Shortly after my meeting with Principal O'Tremba I read an article regarding a "Backpack program" and something totally clicked. The "Backpack program" provides weekend breakfast foods for school children. It is called the "Backpack program" because other students will not see the students receiving food. It is a discreet program with the sole purpose of keeping children from going hungry on the weekends. It can grow to include milk or juice but for now I would like to start with the basics and build from there.

We have non-perishable food our students can pick-up on Fridays, right after school from 2:43 – 3:00 pm and take home for the weekend.

There are two ways you can help our Newton families. You can donate food – granola bars, breakfast bars, cereal, Pop Tarts, etc... Please take the food to the front office where it will then be taken to the mini-theatre. The second way to help is by assisting me on Fridays from 2:35 pm until 3:00 pm when the kids can come and pick up the food. The time commitment will be short but rewarding.

If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me at TMOOSEHARIMON@msn.com or call me at 303-806-0244.

**Sincerely,
Tammy L. Harimon**