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Dear Parents:

We are pleased to offer the **BACKPACK Program** to \_\_\_\_\_ County. Feeding America, Kentucky's Heartland Food Bank has formed a partnership with a non-profit member agency and area schools to provide children with a variety of non-perishable food items such as fruit cups, granola bars, milk, cereal and canned meals. Personal hygiene products such as toothpaste, shampoo and soap may also be included.

The **BACKPACK Program** is voluntary and is offered at no cost to participants. Children referred to the program will receive a variety of items in their backpacks on Thursday or Friday afternoons. Please complete the attached permission slip and have your child return it to his or her teacher. The school, sponsoring agency and volunteers implementing the program, will keep your child's name confidential.

Sincerely,

*Pam Alicna*  
Feeding America, Kentucky's Heartland  
Children & Senior Programs Coordinator



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### BACKPACK PROGRAM PERMISSION SLIP

I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, a student at \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the **BACKPACK Program**. I understand that the program is voluntary and offered at no cost or obligation. **I also understand, that the bags may include products containing peanuts, wheat, milk or other common food allergens and that it is my responsibility to ensure the items are appropriate for my child to consume.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or legal guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date