

What is the Healthy KidsPack Program (KPP)?

The KidsPack Program aims to end hunger for area children in Southwest Montana by picking up where valuable state-funded programs leave off. Through the KidsPack Program nutritionally balanced, kid-friendly foods are packed and distributed to school children every Friday during the school year.

What would the KidsPack Program cost my school?

The Healthy KidsPack program works with each school to determine funding opportunities and build relationships with community partners, foundations, and individual donors. We strive to ensure that all children in Southwest Montana have enough food for a healthy and active lifestyle and will determine the associated costs to your school with you.

Who is eligible for this program?

All elementary students in your school are eligible with the intention of reaching those who struggle getting enough to eat on the weekends.

How do we choose which kids to send home with KidsPack?

We offer the option to have parents opt in or opt out of the program. We provide documents and letters to support either option allowing you to customize it based on your school's specific information.

If we signed on how would we receive KidsPack?

KidsPack comes to you as individually prepared bags that are ready for each child to take home on Friday. We usually deliver totes of KidsPack on Friday morning (or the last morning of school before a break) to a designated person or location so they are ready for distribution by your trusted staff and/or volunteers to hand out before the final bell on Friday.

How would we distribute KidsPack?

This is entirely up to you; we can offer insight as to how it has worked at other schools.

What type of staff, time or paperwork might be involved?

At the start of each new school year we will develop an agreement that includes what you can expect from us and what we ask you to accomplish. We ask that you designate someone in your community or at your school to be a local community ambassador who completes weekly reporting (about 10 minutes), helps coordinate weekly KidsPack distribution, communicates with us regarding program logistics, and is knowledgeable about the program so that he or she can help us reach out to those needing assistance in your distinct community.

How do we get started?

If this seems like something that would provide a valuable addition to your community and are interested in participating, please get in touch with Lyra the KidsPack Program Coordinator by phone 406-587-4225 or email lyra@gallatinvalleyfoodbank.org.