

September 2019

Dear University Park Families:

We are honored to invite your family to join our program, **“Backpacks for Kids”** for the 2019-2020 school year. The “Backpacks for Kids” committee members will send home one or two reusable tote bags with your child every Thursday full of kid-friendly, easy to prepare, nutritious food to help your children get through the weekend with enough food to lead a healthy and active lifestyle. Through our partnerships with Food Bank of the Rockies, We Don’t Waste, South High School Food Bank, Oroweat Outlet Bakery, The Stigma.org and many other local grocery stores, the University Park PTA and the “Backpacks for Kids” program provide: fresh fruit, fresh bread, and canned or boxed food that require a minimum amount of preparation. The contents of the bags will vary each week but will always include healthy food items to give your children a nutritious boost. The program is available to any University Park family who wishes to participate. **There is no cost to your family.**

This year, we anticipate starting food distribution to families on **September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. The reusable tote bags are provided by University Park PTA instead of backpacks. Each bag will be labeled with your child’s last name and home-room number. **It is your responsibility to return the bags every week to the University Park Front Office, or your child’s teacher, by WEDNESDAY at the latest.** The bags will be filled and delivered to your child’s classroom every Thursday.

If you were a participant last year and do not wish to participate in this year’s “Backpacks for Kids” Program, please indicate below and return this form to the University Park front office. Otherwise, we will continue to provide food to your child/children each week.

\_\_\_\_\_ I participated last year and do not wish to be included in the **“Backpacks for Kids” Program**. Please remove my name from the participant list.

My child has severe allergies to, an intolerance to, or dietary restrictions on the following foods, so please don’t send:

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My families’ 3 favorite non-perishable foods are: (examples: pasta, tuna, mac & cheese, canned chicken, peanut butter, cereal, rice, beans, lentils, soup, ramen, potatoes, etc.)

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Your name

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Your child/children’s name(s) & room number

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Your signature

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Date

**Please return this form to UPark Psychologist, Alicia Vega, or the UPark front office.**