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# RAVEN PACKS NEWS

*Making an ImPACKt by addressing food-insecurity in the Ravenna School District and community*

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## SCHOOLDAY SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS & TEACHERS

Raven Packs recently delivered second semester classroom snack packs to Ravenna School District kindergarten-5th grade classrooms. The Raven Packs Classroom Snack Packs program began in response to teacher requests for snack items to benefit students who do not have snacks to bring from home. Once aware of this need, Raven Packs began packing and distributing large bags of individually packaged snacks to teachers to provide snack options for students while at school. These classroom snack packs are delivered to elementary classrooms around the district twice each school year. In January, Raven Packs volunteers delivered over 200 snack items to each elementary classroom to help support students and teachers in the Ravenna School District. It costs approximately \$75 per school year to supply one elementary classroom with classroom snack packs, and Raven Packs has distributed over 100 snack packs so far this school year! If you want to contribute to the snack pack initiative, leave us a note with your donation and we'll make sure your funds go to supporting Ravenna students in this way.



Pictured: Raven Packs volunteers Meleah Sawastuk, Kendall Chalkwater, Laura Wunderle & Andrea Morgan







Pictured: Raven Packs Board members Rebecca Schneider, Heather Kelly & Laura Wunderle

## NEW BOARD MEMBER: HEATHER KELLY

Raven Packs has a new Board member! Heather Kelly is a longtime Raven Packs volunteer who regularly invests her time and energy into the daily operations of Raven Packs - helping with food pickups, assisting with bag labeling and menu prep for packing days, and jumping in on other ongoing and behind-the-scenes details of Raven Packs' operations. A lifelong Ravenna resident, RHS graduate and current RSD parent, Heather also brings to the Board nonprofit experience and a passion for building into the Ravenna community. Next time you see Heather at a packing day, make sure to congratulate her. We're excited to have her on the team as we look ahead to the great things Raven Packs is planning for the years ahead.

## SPRING FUNDRAISING

Mark your calendars for May 17th, and be on the lookout for more information about the upcoming Raven Packs spring fundraiser at West Main Street Winery. Want to join our fundraising team? Send us an email at [k5ravenpacks@gmail.com](mailto:k5ravenpacks@gmail.com) and we'll add you to the committee!

## PLASTIC COLLECTION IS BACK!

After a brief hiatus in December/January, Raven Packs is back to collecting soft plastics for the Trex recycling bench program. Plastic collection bins can be found at each of the RSD school buildings, or just bring your bags and other soft plastics (see graphic →) with you to our next packing day.

## STAY IN THE KNOW

Curious what else we're up to? Check out the Raven Packs website at [www.ravenpacks.com](http://www.ravenpacks.com) to keep up to date on Raven Packs events and happenings.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 3/2 Packing Day
- 3/16 Packing Day
- 3/30 Packing Day
- 4/13 Packing Day
- 4/27 Packing Day (evening pack!)
- 5/4 Packing Day
- 5/17 Winery fundraiser
- 5/18 Packing Day

\*Scan the QR code below to sign up through our SignUpGenius link.



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