



RAVEN PACKS NEWS

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

A Quarterly Newsletter Publication

SPECIAL DELIVERY: COMING SOON!

Along with the arrival of fall and the impending winter season come longer breaks and holiday weekends for families with school-age children. At Raven Packs, we know these extended weekends and breaks can be an added burden for families battling food insecurity. Raven Packs intentionally packs weekend food bags with menus that take into account the length of the weekend/break for which they are packed. Heading into December, be on the lookout for some of our special projects to accompany these traditional packings - for example: loaves of bread for students before winter break, and our annual graham cracker gingerbread house kits to encourage families to spend some extra time together during this busy season!

How can you get involved with these fun and impactful initiatives? Boxes of graham crackers and small individually wrapped candy canes are still needed to complete Raven Packs graham cracker house kits. Donations are needed by November 18th to allow time for kit assembly before they are sent home. Send us an email or put a note with your Venmo donation if you'd like to help with purchasing supplies for this project. This year, kits for Ravenna School District students will be going home inside their Holiday Fun Packs, a new community-wide initiative developed by Ravenna School District staff and in partnership with Raven Packs and Buckeye Residential, aimed at adding a little extra joy to students' winter break and holiday season. You can support this initiative at www.holidayfunpacks.com by purchasing items for the 435 fun packs that will be sent home with Ravenna students this December. Spread the word on social media, and let's help make this project a success for Ravenna students and families!

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STUDENTS MAKING AN ImPACKt



We've had lots of special guests at packing events this fall! Ravenna High School students in Mr. Wunderle's honors civics course (above) made quick work of packing nearly 500 weekend food bags in early October, learning about the work of Raven Packs and the impact the program has on the students and families in their own community.

At our first evening pack of the school year, Ravenna students (below) showed up to support their classmates and community by packing Raven Packs in record time, to be sent home with students the following day.

Ravenna student volunteers: thank you for making an imPACKt with your time and energy!



BOARD OPENING

Join us! Raven Packs is looking to fill an immediate opening on the Board of Directors. If you are interested in helping to fulfill the Raven Packs mission and to shape Raven Packs' community impact in the coming years, please submit a letter of interest including relevant qualifications, skills, and experience to k5ravenpacks@gmail.com no later than January 15, 2023.

CLASS OF '81/WEST MAIN CHALLENGE

Raven Packs Board member Lenny Sorboro has been persistently working toward the goal of fundraising \$4300 to support Raven Packs students at West Main Elementary. And, he's now over halfway there! West Main and RHS class of '81 alumni, if you want to help Lenny accomplish this challenge, use the donate button on our Facebook page or send your donation to our PO Box with a note to let us know you're supporting Lenny's fundraiser.

STAY IN THE KNOW



Curious what else we're up to? Check out the Raven Packs website at www.ravenpacks.com to keep up to date on Raven Packs events and happenings.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

11/10 Packing Day
 11/22 Packing Day
 12/1 Packing Day
 12/15 Packing Day
 1/5 Packing Day
 1/19 Packing Day (evening pack!)
 2/2 Packing Day
 2/15 Packing Day

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