

WINTER 2022

# RAVEN PACKS NEWS

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

A Quarterly Newsletter Publication

## WEATHERING WINTER TOGETHER

This winter has brought about significant at-home time for students in the Ravenna School District. Between winter break, snow days, and remote learning, students have found themselves away from school more than usual in recent months. Although they have their perks, days at home can be a burden for food-insecure children, who may not have the resources to access healthy meal and snack options when unexpectedly away from school. Raven Packs has been working with the Ravenna School District and other program partners to ensure that meal and snack options are accessible throughout this year's unpredictable winter.

Prior to winter break, Raven Packs sent home loaves of bread and family-fun gingerbread house kits with students. When Ravenna School District moved to remote instruction in January, Raven Packs continued supporting students by partnering with the school district to have food bags delivered to students by the district transportation team. As harsh weather continues to bring about calamity days for students, Raven Packs volunteers have risen to the occasion to adjust packing plans and program logistics to keep students well-supplied with nourishment while away from school.

Raven Packs is truly a community-wide initiative. Support from individuals, organizations, and partners in the community is what has made this winter's packings, distributions, and short-notice adjustments possible. We're thankful for the support - both tangible and in mission - of so many in our Ravenna community. From all of us at Raven Packs - thank you!





## PLASTIC COLLECTION CONTINUES

Raven Packs continues to partner with the Ravenna Lions Club to collect soft plastics for the TREX bench program. Thanks to phenomenal community support, we have already reached our initial goal! Raven Packs will soon receive our first bench, to be placed right here in our Ravenna Community.

Plastic collection will continue for the foreseeable future, as we work toward our next bench and support other local program collections as well. **Have plastic to donate?** There are collection bins inside all Ravenna School District schools, or bring your stash to one of our packing events and we'll take it off your hands. Additionally, the Ravenna Lions hold a collection at the Ravenna United Methodist Church on the first Saturday of each month, 10:00-noon.

## CONTACT INFO NEEDED



We're updating our communication databases and we want to stay in touch with you! If you haven't yet filled out our 1-minute communication & volunteer survey, use the QR code at the bottom of the page to get us your most-current communication details and volunteer preferences.

## A LITTLE SUNSHINE

Raven Packs' ongoing partnership with Sunshine Cupcakes is a super-sweet way to support Ravenna's food-insecure children and a spectacular local business. Raven Packs 4-packs are available for purchase for \$8 at Sunshine Cupcakes (221 S. Prospect St. Ravenna) with \$4 going directly to support Raven Packs. While you're there, remember to Round Up your total for Raven Packs too!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 2/16 Packing Day
- 3/3 Packing Day
- 3/17 Packing Day
- 4/7 Packing Day
- 4/21 Packing Day
- 5/5 Packing Day
- 5/19 Packing Day
- Spring fundraising events coming soon!

\*Volunteers can register to help pack through the Sign-Up Genius link, available on our Facebook page.

## BY THE NUMBERS

6,503 Raven Packs packed and distributed to students so far this school year

97 Raven Packs classroom snack packs distributed to K-5th grade classrooms this school year

