

Backpack Food Program SHAC Committee Initiative 2015-2016

Purpose:

To assist families by providing children with nutritious and easy to prepare food items for the weekend.

Process:

The SHAC committee members, including parents, community, and school staff decided to initiate a pilot Backpack food program beginning in March for a few selected families at both the Primary and Elementary campuses.

- Teachers will identify students with the greatest need
- Parent will be contacted for permission to participate.
- Selected students will receive a backpack each Friday to take home. They will return the backpacks on Monday morning to be redistributed.

Partnerships:

Members of the committee have contacted area businesses to be a drop off point. Those already in partnership with the SHAC committee include City Hall, My Credit Union, Mineola Memorial Library, Naturally nails. The Pilot Club has volunteered to help with the organization of the food and to fill backpacks.

Evaluation:

- The number of students participating in the program
- The participation of the community in providing resources