

2009 Holiday Backpack Drive

The 10th annual Holiday Backpack Drive is underway! During the 2008-2009 school year, over 2,000 homeless and foster youth students were identified in our district. The economic downturn has also hit our families hard with 79% of all students qualifying for free or reduced cost meals at school.

You can make a difference in these students lives by making a donation to Project DREAM to provide much needed backpacks and supplies for our students. The backpacks meet an immediate need for students and their families, as well as reinforcing the importance of education. Children are selected by school staff based on the family need. All elementary aged students within a family or residence will receive a filled backpack. All donated items should be new and in good condition.

How can you help?

Fill a new backpack with the supplies below and label the backpack with a 3x5 index card that says the gender and approximate grade level of the intended student (i.e. 2nd/3rd grade girl, 6th grade boy...).

- \$25 gift cards to Target, WalMart, Payless Shoe Source for shoes for students.
- New books from the preschool – 8th grade level (we'll need 300 books total)
- New school uniforms – Navy, black or Khaki pants, white, navy blue or light blue collared shirts.
- Donate funds and we'll do the shopping for you! Make Checks payable to Project DREAM and mail to Kate Bishop-Hazarian/Family and Community Involvement – 3222 Winona Way, North Highlands, CA 95660.



Requested Backpack Items:

Navy blue, hooded sweatshirts, socks, books, toothbrushes/toothpaste, candy, small toys, coloring books, folders, pencils and pens, flash cards, small umbrellas, markers and crayons, basketballs, footballs, soccer balls

For girls: hair ties, headbands

For older students: binders, calculators pocket dictionaries



Backpacks are due by Friday, December 4th at the Twin Rivers USD Police Department office at 1333 Grand Avenue, Sacramento 95838. This office is directly across from Grant High School.

Questions?

Call Kate Bishop-Hazarian at (916)

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