



# Bremerton Backpack Brigade

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It's just not fair that summer days fly by so fast!! I hope you were able to take advantage of sunshine and time, to just relax or maybe very busy doing whatever makes you happy. Although I'm excited about "getting busy" thi school year, I'm personally finding it a little difficult to let go of that more laid back routine of summer days. Just poke me in the ribs, if you see me staring out the window to long.

The new school year is almost upon us. August 31<sup>st</sup> is the start date for the kids, and Sept 16<sup>th</sup> is the official start date for packing and delivering backpacks (we'll have a "soft opening" Friday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, if we have any enrollment forms by then). Check out the schedule of prep, pack and delivery, to see where you might like to help.

Last school year, the Brigade served the highest number of children and families ever! That meant we sent home more food than ever and utilized more volunteer hours than ever! We expect that upward trend to continue in this school year and that means your help inside, **and outside**, the pantry is more vital than ever. We would really like to add a few dedicated volunteer positions this year, like volunteer coordinator, event planner, marketing director and grant writer, to the mix. If one of these activities sounds like something you'd like to know more about, please let us know. We'd love to talk with you about it.

In addition to this newsletter, you'll find a volunteer application attached to your email. If you haven't already done so, please fill it out and email/scan it to us, or bring it with you when you come to the pantry. This is a new step in volunteering for the Brigade. It will help us find out what you are interested in helping with and form a data base to ask for help when we need it. Mask's are not required by the school district on campus this school year, but are encouraged in our pantry. We still require all volunteers, in the pantry, to be fully vaccinated.

If you have a specific rhythm you'd be available to help, (once a month, every week, special teams, or when you can) let us know that on that volunteer app as well. Once you've committed to a recurring time, please let us know when life gets in the way of your being able to join us at your selected time. If you get a whim to join the frey at any other time,  please call to let us know, so if it happens we are "over booked" with your fellow volunteers, (what a delicious dilemma!) we can let you know and you won't come all the way to the pantry only to feel "not needed."

We're so grateful for all of you. Your enthusiasm, your ideas, your willingness to always show us a new way of looking at familiar tasks. Each one of you contributes to making the Brigade stronger, wiser and better able to keep serving families who need that little extra help to make ends meet. Thank you!!!



## Volunteer Schedule

- Sept 9<sup>th</sup> Friday - Pack & Delivery - 9:30
- Sept 14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday-Vegi Prep & Backpack sort 9:30
- Sept 16<sup>th</sup> Friday - Pack & Delivery - 9:30
- Sept 19<sup>th</sup> **Monday** - pick up food at Coram Deo **10am**
- Sept 21<sup>st</sup> Wednesday-Vegi Prep & Backpack sort 9:30
- Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> Friday - Pack & Delivery - 9:30
- Sept 28<sup>th</sup> Wednesday-Vegi Prep & Backpack sort 9:30
- Sept 30<sup>th</sup> Friday - Pack & Delivery - 9:30

Delivery drivers please call from the school parking lot between 10 & 11  
Myra 360.471.9588/Sherrill 360.471.6000



**On AmazonSmile, choose the Brigade as your favorite nonprofit, and help the Brigade feed hungry kids in our community**

## Summer time in Brigade Land



Birthdays



Gratitude



Food Donations



Board Meetings



Bingo Fund Raiser



Collecting School Supplies



Giving Away School Supplies



Volunteer Training



Food Donations



Dollar Donations



A Food Drive



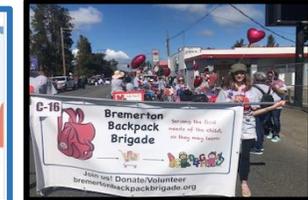
Food Drives



More Food Drives



Emergency food Boxes



A Parade



More Food Donations

**It's been a wonderful Summer! Now the crew at the Brigade is ready to get busy, packing and delivering backpacks of food for children in need. Come join us and make a difference!!**