



Bremerton Backpack Brigade

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Feeding Hungry Kids on the Weekends for 10 years!



If you haven't already heard, the Kitsap Great Give fundraising for the Brigade was a stellar success! On behalf of the Board of Directors and all the volunteers and friends of the Brigade, who worked tirelessly to spread the word about who we are and what we do, and help us ask for our community's support, we want to offer a HUGE Thank You to everyone. Can you believe it, the final totals are still being calculated because donations are still coming in! In the end, I believe the Brigade will have received close to \$9000. That's just flat out incredible Your support and faith in our stewardship of your dollars is incredible! Our community is 1incredible! You are incredible!! **Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!** Together we are making a difference.

There's only about seven weeks left in the school year, but lots of work to do and fun to have. Check the schedule on the last page. There's a couple of schedule changes and notices about all the "special events". You wouldn't want to miss anything.

Manette Saloon and Bremerton Backpack Brigade

Invite you to a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

At the Manette Saloon on May 13th, 4-7 pm
~ 2113 East 11th St. ~

Come celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of the Brigade feeding hungry children in our community. Help honor the work of retiring founders Ann Horn and Myra Battin.

\$15 admission includes spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, and bread.

Buy \$1 raffle tickets for great prizes!
Bring the whole family

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Buy tickets now or cash, card & checks at the door

Saturday, May 13th, is an event you just don't want to miss. The Brigade, in conjunction with the Manette Saloon, will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner **FUN**d raiser. Cofounders Ann Horn and myself, Myra Battin, will be retiring from the work of the Brigade at the end of this school year. We have stories to share, and we want to grab all the hugs we can from the friends we've made over these last ten years. Come have a yummy Spaghetti dinner (made and donated by the Manette Saloon owner, Becky Taylor) have fun with friends, and maybe win a fabulous prize with one of your \$1 raffle tickets. All the while you'll be helping to make this day memorable with your presence and your own stories!



Saturday, May 20th Bremerton's 75th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade



We had so much fun last year, the Brigade decided we'd like to participate again this year. You are all invited to walk the parade route with us, pushing a decorated grocery cart, or walking beside one. The more the merrier. This year, we're even gonna have a decorated pickup truck leading our merry band. The parade is an important way to raise awareness of who the Brigade is and what we do, and have a lot of fun doing it. Deck yourselves out in all your Red, White and Blue finery, including tutu's and bobby head bands and come show our community what a wonderful team of dedicated volunteers and supporters the Brigade has. Let us know in person or via email if you'd like to join us. We will likely meet at the staging area about 9am and be done by 1pm. More detail as they become available.

Fred Meyer food drive on Saturday, June 3rd. Even though it's still a month away, it's time to start looking for volunteers to facilitate that food drive. You'll notice on the schedule; we have two food drives scheduled for that day. The food drive at Grocery Outlet is being facilitated by a scout troop, but the one at Fred Meyer is on us. Between people taking shifts at the store handing shopping lists to customers as they enter, we need drivers to bring the donations to the pantry, and we need a few people at the pantry to assist in weighing, sorting and putting the donated food away. That means up to 40 people to pull off a Fred Meyer food drive!



Can we count on you to be the missing piece we need to put this food drive together ? (And bring family and friends, even relatives if you'd like) Volunteers usually claim a two-hour shift, but you can stay as long as you'd like. There will be a signup sheet in the pantry, or you can let me know by emailing me at bremertonbackpackbrigade@gmail.com

Just because there's this little space available, here's some random pictures, old and new, teams and businesses, clubs and individuals, volunteers young and experienced, and best of all, now all a big, growing, happy, busy, dedicated family! For all you do, the many ways you serve, Thank You!





It's not surprising that so many of our dedicated volunteers, working faithfully for the Brigade, often have other places and organizations they also selflessly give of their time. Nonprofits have a special lure to us all. Those organizations draw out the best in all of us, they allow us to see wondrous possibilities, even in the midst of the struggle with the realities of need. Thank you for making the Brigade one of your priorities, we are grateful for the many ways you strive to make the world a better place, and thankful the Brigade is one of those places.

BBB Schedule through the end of the school year

- May 3rd -- Prep Day at the pantry -- 9:30am
- May 5th -- Pack and Deliver at the pantry. -- 9:30am
- May 6th -- Grocery Outlet food drive, facilitated by a Scout Troop 9am – 4pm**
- May 10th – Prep Day at the pantry --9:30am
- May 10th – BBB Board Meeting via Zoom -- 5:30pm
- May 12th - Pack and Deliver at the pantry -- 9:30am
- May 13th-- FUNd Raiser and Celebration at the Manette Saloon 4pm – 7pm**
- May 17th -- Prep Day at the pantry -- 9:30am
- May 19th -- Pack and Deliver at the pantry -- 9:30am
- May 20th -- Armed Forces Day Parade 10am – 1 pm**
- May 24th -- Prep Day at the pantry -- 9:30am
- *May 24th -- (*Thursday*) Pack and Deliver at the pantry (Friday is a nonstudent day) -- 9:30am**
- May 31st -- Prep Day at the pantry -- 9:30am
- June 2nd -- Pack and Deliver or delivery -- 9:30am
- June 3rd- Grocery Outlet Food Drive, facilitated by Kitsap Credit Union 9am - 4pm**
- June 3rd – Fred Meyer Food Drive, facilitated by Brigade Volunteers 9am - 4pm**
- June 7th & June 9th -- NO Prep or Delivery**
- June 7th -- BBB Board Meeting via Zoom -- 5:30pm
- June 10th – Saturday, End of the school year, Box Pack Out at the pantry 9am – Noon**

BBB Board meetings are open to everyone. If you would like to attend, please contact our Board Secretary, Brooke Holst at:

brooke.holst@bremertonschools.org for an email link to join the meeting.

All have voice, members have vote.

Summer Break begins as soon as the last box is taped shut!