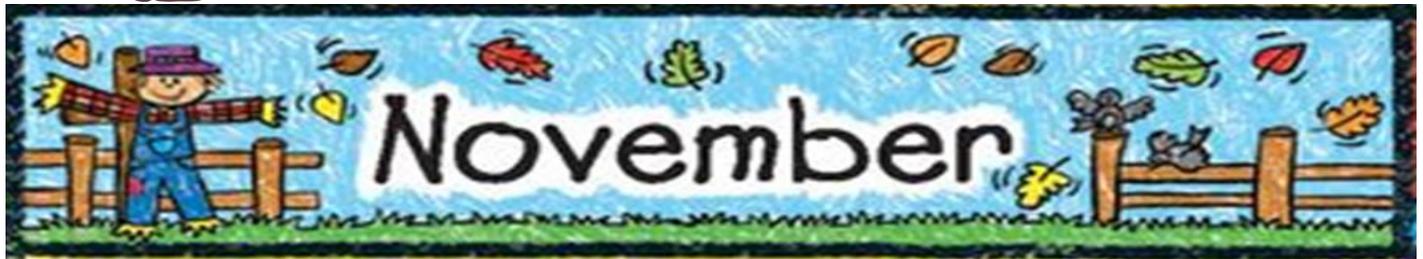




# **Bremerton Backpack Brigade**

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Holy Cats! Talk about Thanksgiving! We have so much to be thankful for. The Brigade is incredibly, overwhelmingly, flat out(ly), and hands down, thankful for the volunteers coming to help at the pantry every week. We're over the moon thankful for the unfailing support of so many organizations in our community, the help we receive from businesses, clubs, churches (just to name a few) is extraordinary. We are thankful for, and absolutely releveling in, the luxury of the abundant space our new pantry offers. At a recent School Board meeting, our Board of Directors expressed our deepest gratitude to the Bremerton School District and Superintendent Aaron Leavell, for the consistent, generous support the district has provided the Brigade for the nearly 10 years of the Brigade existence. The Brigade is humbly thankful for the many ways this community cares for our children .

The number of families who have enrolled in the Brigade's weekend feeding program has grown rapidly over the first few months of this school year. Without the support through time, talent and treasure, offered from so many individuals and organizations in our community, it would be difficult, maybe impossible, for the Brigade to be able to send home more than 1100 pounds of food each week, to over 100 struggling families. The Brigade is thankful for such a generous community.

If you ever doubt the good effect your volunteering and/or your donations make in the lives the children the Brigade serves, put that doubt to rest. Children with full, well fed tummies, arrive at school Monday mornings, ready to learn. Those kids will miss less school due to illness, and they will do better academically, with less behavior issues. Those same children, having received the education they deserve, can go on to determine the trajectory of their own lives, Their future is unlimited. The Brigade is thankful for all the support we receive, but I believe the families we serve are even more thankful. On their behalf, the Brigade says "Thank You!"

## **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

*Because of COVID and it's variants, for the safety of our volunteers, and loved ones, and to protect the children we serve, the following procedures are now part of our routine when volunteers arrive at the pantry: Vaccination cards will be checked (one time). Volunteers fill out a contact tracing form (one time). We'll take your temp (touchless), ask the usual questions about possible exposure or symptoms, etc, and you'll sign in (everytime). All this "taking care of business" hasn't slowed the Brigade volunteers down one bit. You guys are truly amazing!!!! Thank You!*

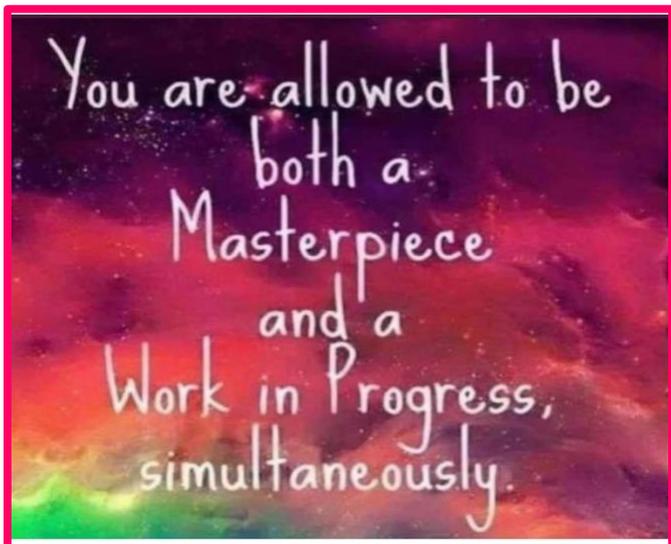
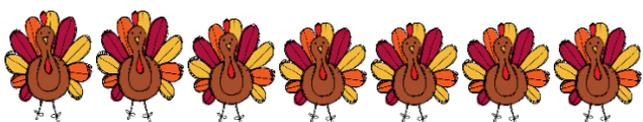
## October Volunteer Schedule

Oct 27<sup>th</sup> Wed 10am Vegi Prep  
 Wed 10am Backpack Collection  
 Oct 28<sup>th</sup> **Thurs** 9:30am 5<sup>th</sup> Week Packing  
**Thurs** 10 am Backpack Delivery  
*(Friday Oct 29<sup>th</sup> is a non student day)*

## November Volunteer Schedule

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> **Tues** 10am Vegi Prep  
**Tues** 10am Backpack Collection  
 Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> **Wed** 9:30am - 1<sup>st</sup> Week Packing  
**Wed** 10am Backpack Delivery  
*(Conferences Thurs and Fri non student days)*  
 Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Wed 10am Vegi Prep  
 Wed 10am Backpack Collection  
 Nov 12<sup>th</sup> Fri 9:30am 2<sup>nd</sup> Week Packing  
 Fri 10am Backpack Delivery  
 Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Wed 10am Vegi Prep  
 Nov 19<sup>th</sup> Fri 9:30am 3<sup>rd</sup> Week Packing  
 Fri 10am Backpack Delivery  
 Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> **Tues** 10am Vegi Prep  
**Tues** 10am Backpack Collection  
 Nov 24<sup>th</sup> **Wed** 9:30am 4<sup>th</sup> Week Packing  
**Wed** 10am Backpack Delivery  
*(Thanksgiving-- no school Thurs & Fri)*

Check days and dates before you come in, lots of "non student" days in November.



## A few Volunteers in Action



Our volunteers are the best! They unselfishly give their time and love every week and because of that generosity of spirit, hundreds of children in our community are benefitting.

If you're planning any online shopping in the next few weeks, here's an easy way to help the Brigade feed hungry kids. Sign up with AmazonSmile, letting them know your favorite nonprofit is the Bremerton Backpack Brigade, and Amazon will donate a small percentage the total of any purchase you make to the Brigade. *At no cost to you!*



(shhhh....don't look now, but the holidays are coming!)