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***Volunteers & Donors Needed***



***A new school year has begun ... Please sign-up to volunteer and/or donate NOW!***

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-- then select the month, the weeks, and the positions you are available to volunteer, and check out. We need volunteers to help us stage, pack, and deliver backpacks each and every week!

If you are in a Sunday School class or small group, or want a volunteer activity for your youth group, it's easy to sign the whole group up by indicating the number in your volunteer team. If you have trouble signing up please email [bwhatl@comcast.net](mailto:bwhatl@comcast.net).

And with rising food costs we have all experienced, as well as the addition of new students to support at Milford Elementary School, please consider donating to Back Pack Blessings. Just click on the link below!

THANK YOU ... we could not support the children without YOU!!!



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***Important Dates***

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- Aug 1            1st Day of School
- Aug 24 - 25    1st Week BPB
- Sep 25 - 29    Fall Break-No BPB
- Nov 20 - 24    Thanksgiving Week
- Dec 20 - Jan 3 Christmas Break



***Fighting Food Insecurity***

**As Back Pack Blessings enters our 13th year, we want to thank you for helping us fight *food insecurity* -- right here in Cobb County.**

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**According to the USDA, 10.5% of households in the US in 2020 were food insecure. This means that over 34 million people did not have enough to eat on a regular basis.**

**Food insecurity is a serious problem in Georgia, as well, with 10.7% of households being impacted. Even worse, 1 in 7 children in Georgia faces hunger. That's over 375,000 children who don't have enough to eat on a regular basis.**

**There are a number of things that can be done to address food insecurity in America. Individuals can help by volunteering their time or donating to charitable causes that support food insecure families. That is exactly what Back Pack Blessings is working toward -- providing backpacks filled with food and nourishing the spirits of elementary school students in need. Not surprisingly, students participating in Back Pack Blessings have demonstrated better test scores, improved health, enhanced behavior and increased attendance!**

**Together, we can help to make sure that all children have enough to eat, so that they can reach their full potential. Every little bit helps.**

**Thank YOU for volunteering and donating to make a difference in the lives of children who are struggling with hunger.**

***See [www.backpackblessings.org/about](http://www.backpackblessings.org/about) to learn how Back Pack Blessings has led in the fight on food insecurity.***

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**TO VOLUNTEER**

Click on button below or go to:  
[www.backpackblessings.org/volunteer](http://www.backpackblessings.org/volunteer)

**Volunteer Sign-Up**

**TO SERVE AS CREW LEAD**

Email: [tony.palermo@me.com](mailto:tony.palermo@me.com)

**TO SEND US A SUGGESTION OR NEWS ITEM**

Email: [backpackblessingsmb@gmail.com](mailto:backpackblessingsmb@gmail.com)

**TO DONATE**

Click on the link or send check to address below

**Donate Now**

**\$375 Supports 1 Child for 1 Year**

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**Donations Go 100% To Support The Children**

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