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Backpack Society is excited to partner with Sedalia Elementary to provide students, their families, and school staff with food for weekends and during school breaks.



FAMILY & STAFF PROGRAM



VOLUNTEERING

Happy hearts and bright futures start with full bellies. Our mission is to remove food insecurity as an obstacle for children so they can grow, learn, and thrive.

NEED HELP?

Family/Staff Program:

- Register here: <https://www.backpacksociety.org/familyprogram>
- Your family will receive a box of groceries to help you through the weekend.
- This program requires you to pick up at Backpack Society (213 W County Line Road, 80129)
- Your information is kept confidential and is not shared with the school.

QUESTIONS/WANT TO HELP?

Please email us at info@backpacksociety.org or visit www.backpacksociety.org



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Backpack Society Community Partners





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Backpack Society se complace en asociarse con Primaria Sedalia para proporcionar a los estudiantes, sus familias y el personal de la escuela con comida para los fines de semana y durante las vacaciones escolares.



CAJAS FAMILIARES Y DE PERSONAL



TRABAJAR COMO VOLUNTARIO

Los corazones felices y los futuros brillantes comienzan con el estómago lleno. Nuestra misión es eliminar la inseguridad alimentaria como obstáculo para los niños. para que puedan crecer, aprender y prosperar.

Programa de familia / personal:

Registrar aquí: <https://www.backpacksociety.org/familyprogram>

- Su familia recibirá una caja de víveres para ayudarlo durante el fin de semana.
- Este programa requiere que lo recojas en Backpack Society.
- Su información se mantiene confidencial y no se comparte con la escuela.

¿PREGUNTAS? / ¿QUIERES AYUDAR?

Envíenos un correo electrónico a info@backpacksociety.org o visitor www.backpacksociety.org



Síguenos en las redes sociales: #backpacksocietyco



Socios de la comunidad de Backpack Society





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Sedalia Elementary is increasing our reading activity from Jan 10 - Feb 28 and competing to win Learning Ally's national Great Reading Games to gain recognition and prizes for our school! Reading is power!

We are so excited to share a resource with you that our school has purchased to support your child at school and at home. We want to ensure that your child is a happy, confident learner in our school and has access to all of the material we are reading.

Our school now has a membership to Learning Ally, a national nonprofit that provides access to human-read audiobooks through a reading app. They have novels from our assigned reading lists and those popular novels that other students are reading, as well as textbooks. By reading what other students are reading, we will be able to give your child the confidence they need to be an active learner in our classroom.

When students read with Learning Ally, it takes away the effort of decoding so your child can mentally focus on the meaning of what they are reading, this is often called ear reading, and it's a powerful way to stay on top of reading assignments and help students enjoy books. Don't worry, learning to read is still really important and we are working on those skills as well.

One of the best things about Learning Ally is all the books have human voices. It's like you have an extra voice helping your child with homework, and I have an extra reader to share more books with students in my classroom. Human voice helps to model what reading should sound like; it pronounces words correctly and helps to build your child's vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency in reading.

We'll be adding books to your child's Learning Ally bookshelf and they'll use the app at school. You can download the free app on your personal computer, phone, or tablet and log in with your child's credentials to add the books they want to read. We hope you take advantage of this wonderful resource we are providing to your child.

Readers are Learners. Readers are Leaders.

Dear Douglas County Families,

During the annual testing window of March 28- April 29, 2022, the Douglas County School District will be required to administer the following state-mandated assessments.

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Students enrolled in eDCSD remote learning who plan to participate in the state testing will need to do so via their assigned, neighborhood school during the times designated by the school. You can view the testing schedule at your school by visiting their website. If you have specific questions about testing schedules or procedures, please contact your school directly.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS GRADES 3,4,5,6,7, & 8	MATH GRADES 3,4,5,6,7, & 8	SCIENCE GRADES 5, 8 & 11	SOCIAL STUDIES NO TEST THIS SPRING	PSAT GRADES 9 & 10	SAT GRADE 11

- 3rd Grade - CMAS English Language Arts and Math
- 4th Grade - CMAS English Language Arts and Math
- 5th Grade - CMAS English Language Arts, Math and Science
- 6th Grade - CMAS English Language Arts and Math
- 7th Grade - CMAS English Language Arts and Math
- 8th Grade - CMAS English Language Arts, Math and Science
- 9th Grade - PSAT 9
- 10th Grade - PSAT 10
- 11th Grade - SAT 11
- 11th Grade - CMAS Science

Note: CMAS Social Studies/grade 4 and 7 are not expected to be administered in 2022

Parents/guardians may excuse their students from testing if they wish to do so by following this [process](#).

Thank you for your partnership in helping students succeed.

Sincerely,

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SMART TAGS – Bus Pass

Every student that rides the bus must have a Smart Tag. Below is information on how to get a Smart Tag or to replace one.

1 SMART tag bus pass information

- Students who are eligible for transportation are required to scan their SMART tag bus pass on and off the bus each time they ride. Eligibility information can be found at the [DCSD bus route information page](#)
- If you do not have a bus pass and are eligible for transportation services, passes can be requested at engaged.dcsdk12.org under the "Manage Transportation" link. If you do not see a link under your student's profile or need to request a replacement card reach out to us via [Let's Talk](#)
- **DO NOT PUNCH HOLES IN THE BUS PASS.** You can place the bus pass in a clear plastic sleeve attached to a lanyard if needed. If a card is damaged or lost, a replacement bus pass can be requested at engaged.dcsdk12.org.
- Only students that are eligible for transportation can ride the bus. We are unable to accommodate one day bus passes for students to ride home with other students on the bus
- Students who receive specialized transportation services do not need to request a SMART tag bus pass. Your student's card will be distributed to their bus driver directly
- Bus passes for general education students will be distributed to students by their bus driver after an application has been submitted at engaged.dcsdk12.org. Students may ride in the interim while waiting for their bus pass
- Transportation fees are approved by the Board of Education. Rides are \$1.00 each way per student. These charges will be billed on a quarterly basis to your student's MySchoolBucks account. Students who receive specialized transportation services or qualify for the free or reduced lunch program will have their fees waived

If you have questions or concerns, we welcome the opportunity to address them via the Let's Talk feedback tool.



[Click here for Bus Pass Questions](#)

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Reminder: Late start/Delayed Schedule

When the district calls for a 90 minute delayed schedule, Sedalia Elementary starts at 10:35 am. We will start to let students in at 10:30 am. Students are not allowed in the building earlier as we will not have supervision for them.

If your student is riding the bus, the bus pick up time is 90 minutes from the scheduled pick up time. Example: If your daily bus schedule time is at 8:30 am, your delayed schedule pick up time is at 10:00 am.



Sedalia Elementary Amazon Wish List – Sedalia Elementary PTO has set up a wish list of needs at Sedalia. If you would like to contribute, click below:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1AQ36MT31N626?ref=wl_share

Send this link to friends and family!

Our school district seeks committee members for the newly formed Mill Bond Exploratory Committee.

The charge of the Mill Bond Exploratory Committee (MBEC) would be to explore the needs of the district, both ongoing operational and capital needs, and to assess the feasibility of a successful Mill Levy Override (MLO) and/or Bond issue on the November 2022 ballot. Board of education President Mike Peterson reiterated that the MBEC would be advisory in nature. Any decision regarding a potential Bond and/or MLO would be the decision of the Board of Education.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please fill out an application at the following [link](#). Applications are due by February 4, 2022.

