

Dear Families,

We are excited to share news of **Viking Vittles**, a program that offers weekend meal support to Early Childhood and Sunrise students. This program is made possible by Family Pathways in North Branch and the generosity of community organizations. The goal of the program is to support the development of students and families by providing food to replace meals children may have received had school been in session.

There are no criteria to qualify for this program. If you want to participate, please fill out the form below so we have a meal bag ready for your child. If you choose not to participate in the future, just let us know and we will no longer send the food home.

On the last school day of the week, students will receive a pass to pick up a food bag at the end of the day as they head off to the bus or to the cafeteria for parent pick up. A bag of nonperishable food items will be placed in the student's backpack and they will be encouraged to leave it there until they arrive at home. The contents of the bag will provide enough food to replace meals the children may have received at school (e.g. two breakfast options, two lunch options, two snack options).

We are grateful for this generous offering from our community in support of students and families. Please don't hesitate to let us know if you have any questions.

If you would like your student(s) to participate in Viking Vittles, you must complete the permission form below and return it to school. Students will not receive meals until we've heard from you. We hope to expand this program to other North Branch Area schools after the first of the year. If you have additional children you want to register now, you may do so by contacting me at the phone number or e-mail below.

Sincerely,

Lori Zimmerman, Ed.D
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Student's Name(s): _____ **Parent/Guardian Name:** _____

Grade: _____ **Classroom Teacher(s):** _____

I give permission for my child/children to participate in the Viking Vittles Program that provides additional foods and snacks for my child/children over the weekend during the **2019-20** school year and release the original donor and North Branch Area Public Schools from any liability resulting from the condition and/or distribution of the food. I am aware that meal bags may include products containing peanuts and other possible allergens. I agree to assume any and all risks associated with my child's participation in this program, including any adverse reaction my child may have to foods consumed.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____